

BPA Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020 8:00pm
Recorded by Elizabeth Malatesta

Director's Notes - Mr. Mossa

Curricular program - Focus this marking period:

Festival of the Arts and CJMEA concert festival (will receive feedback from adjudicators as well as other bands visiting) - BRHS is hosting. Date is 3/19. Symphonic and Wind Ensemble will be performing. Concert Band students will be spectators.

BRHS Musical - some students will be needed to perform in the instrument pit.

Marching Band - show theme has already been picked and planning is underway.

Winter program: - 1st show was 2 weekends ago in Hillsborough (MAIN show). A good positive performance. Stood up well with other groups having more material so we have room to improve. Just got uniforms.

Winter percussion has their 1st trip this weekend (MAPS show) - in Old Bridge (Sat) and another one Sunday. This year - From the Depths of Winter. Had a parent meeting this past Saturday.

Both Monday and Tuesday Jazz Bands participated in the show at Edison HS. Tuesday Band started the show and Monday Band performed two thirds through. The Tuesday Band mainly consists of the younger members. Over half are in the 9th grade and this was a great opportunity for them to see high school jazz ensembles competing.

Next festival - BRHS is hosting a Jazz Festival as well as prelims. Home show in February is more of a clinic and Prelims are more of a competition. Will have 8 visiting groups at the prelims which will be starting at 5pm.

Scheduling for next school year - students are instructed to sign up for Symphonic band if they want to continue in band and to inform their guidance counselor. For Wind Ensemble - all students will need to audition. If the student is accepted, Wind Ensemble will automatically replace the Symphonic Band selection in the schedule.

Marching Band Camp will be held from 8/17 - 8/28 & 8/31. There will be a 10% reduction in practicing time for the season compared to last to alleviate the students' committed hours.

Fundraisers

Cheesecake Fundraiser- raised \$2414 (budgeted \$2200)

Clothing Drive - raised \$2100 (budgeted \$2000)

Other Items

Jan 16th - Indoor percussion and Winter Guard show

- Patty Walsh is chairing the event and will need about 12 volunteers 1st shift and 15 volunteers 2nd and 3rd shift
- We've received a good deal on trophies - reused old trophies - \$70 total
- John Mailhot will be volunteering his time as our announcer
- We are good with food donations
- Students will also be volunteering and have been provided a signup sheet to volunteer.
- Walkthrough is tomorrow afternoon
- Ordered more wristlets for visiting guards and bands
- Steve Stubbe and Dan Sullivan have committed to help outside with directing traffic/parking
- Will be using a QR code for our program to move to a paperless method but will print some to distribute if need be

On the BRHS Band website, there is a new section heading called "How Can I Help" with all the volunteering/signup opportunities available.

Feb 28th - Al Chez will be guest performing (was the lead trumpet for David Letterman)

- Will need volunteers to help the visiting bands enter and exit

March 3rd - NJ State jazz prelims - we will need help with hot food and snack concessions

March 19th - BRHS will be hosting the CJMEA region concert band during the day

March 29th - MAIN winter guard show. No percussion will be performing this time.

The BPA Membership is still open for families to join.