

BPA Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020 7:30pm
Recorded by Elizabeth Malatesta

September meeting minutes are still pending approval.

Director's update - Dr. Bourgault

We've had two days of hybrid teaching so far and are in the process of working to see how to divide up the staff's responsibilities with each cohort. We are unable to play any wind instruments indoors. String and percussion are allowed.

Winter programs

- Planning to run but unsure about performances.
- Concerts are postponed indefinitely but we still intend to have some type of program.
- Will be planning ahead for the coming months and hopefully it will be something similar like implementing the safety protocols with Marching Band

Marching Band

- Parent group was very vocal on needs and concerns for our students.
- Administration fully supports our program and our concerns. When we voiced our concerns with limitations, they were fortunately remediated
- Currently the directors are filling the gaps where parent volunteers used to be.
- First football game was successful in many ways. We are wearing masks and socially distancing the whole time and are capable of operating in this new format..

Spirit wear

- We've selected a t-shirt design so hope we can get the apparel store up and running.
- We've received many compliments on the hats given out last week.

Volunteering and Fundraising

- We are only allowed to have two parent volunteers per event which are already filled with parents helping with the truck and Marching Band equipment
- Need to increase enrollment in our BPA memberships
- Currently starting up restaurant drives.
 - Chipotle is set for 10/24. Can order online and provide a special code in order for us to receive credit
 - Buffalo Wild Wings and Panera Night are being planned. Looking into Auntie Anne fundraising too.

- Clothing Drive - still in the works. Hopefully we can have one in November since there still seems to be a community need for those who missed the BRHS PTO clothing drive this past weekend.
- Craft Fair - has traditionally been held the first weekend of December.
 - We are looking to see if it should be held virtually or are we allowed to hold it outside.
 - Shanthy Ghosh-Roy is chairing this event and we'll need a committee to brainstorm and run this event
- Currently welcoming any other ideas
 - Patty Albella suggested a car wash for the spring. Another organization just completed one in a church parking lot where the church donated the car wash equipment.
 - Patty Walsh contacted Duck Donuts who can create customized donuts with our BRHS colors. We can pick up the donut orders and deliver or hand them out. Half dozen costs \$8 but we can charge \$10 or a dozen for \$15 and charge \$20.
 - Also can consider a membership drive. If you sign up a particular week, you can receive a free football ticket

Upcoming Events

- Senior Night on 10/16
 - Senior Marching Band members will be recognized at Halftime
 - We'll have refreshments while socially distancing somewhere on Basilone field
- We have another home football game on 10/30 which we can possibly link this to a membership drive.
- Football tickets will be for sale for each home game through the BPA. No tickets will be for sale at the door or other venues.
- Marching band shoe orders have arrived. Will need to send payment via the website store or write a check or give cash tonight after practice.
- Susan Saums is chairing Spirit Wear and will be placing the orders for the band shirt with the new show design.
- Fall Banquet - contemplating pre-package meals (possibly use Jersey Mike's) at the last board meeting. Will need to find a place where they can stay socially distanced and can possibly combine this with the friends and family show that is currently being planned.

BPA monthly meetings are held once a month on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

- These are being held virtually on Zoom for now