

Bridgewater-Raritan High School
Band Parents Association
General Monthly Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2017

In Attendance:

Members: Patti Abella, Nancy Garvey, AnnaRené Jeremiah, Jyothi Nair, Swati Nemlekar, Sarala Reddy, Anna Rooney, Lei Shi, Chris Staffin, Steven Stubbe, Dan Sullivan, Susan Terracciano **Director:** T. Bourgault

Welcome & Board Introductions:

S. Stubbe welcomed the band and guard parents with Introductions of the Board Members with opening comments: "Get involved!" "Get the inside view of what's going on with your children – being in the band will connect you with your kids."

Dr. Tom Bourgault, Director, welcomed the parents and presented the following key points:

- Great first few days of school - Looking forward to an exciting year; the students are energized and alert and well-engaged. Welcome to the kids & parents!
- The First 2017 Show, "11:59" Performance at USBands Competition at Edison HS, was held Friday, Sept. 9; BRHS Band came in 2nd Place, Group 4 Open
- Calendaring:
 - BRHS Back to School Nights, Sept 27-28
 - Home Football Game Friday, Sept. 15
 - Home Football Game, Marching Band & Guard Recruiting Night, Friday, Sept. 22 – Welcome 8th Graders!
 - USBands Piscataway Show, Piscataway HS, Saturday, Sept. 23
 - John Basilone Parade, Raritan, Sunday, Sept. 24; out contribution to Raritan
 - Return to band room 3-4PM
 - BOA Regional Competition, University of Delaware – Same-Day Trip on Sat., Oct 7
 - Cost/student \$69 Due 9/12
 - Students will be bussed on Motor Coaches
 - Prelims & Finals w evening performance
 - Senior Night, Friday, Oct. 13

GENERAL BPA: Previous (June) Meeting Minutes Approval: Motion to Approve: A. Maihot 2nd Motion: M. DeHart

FINANCE REPORT: An brief overview of outgoing expenses included (but not limited to):

- BOA Competition to U. Delaware Buses
- Music Arrangement Fees
- Guard Flags/Props

RECRUITING: Recruiting 2021 Freshman Class Rep – Freshman Parents !: If interested, contact Sr. Class Rep: Susan Terracciano

- Responsibilities include:
 - Assist - Senior Recognition Night - recognize Seniors at the Football Game
 - Preparation for end of year Banquet which recognizes all the band members
 - Picture board
 - Seating charts
 - Programs
 - Fundraising

DONATION THANKS!

BIG Thanks to Runyon and Rooney Families for their help in the concept, creation and maintenance of our new Hydration Station & “SPA” where the kids drink and relax in chairs during rehearsals. THANK YOU for your time and talents!

A \$500 Gift Card from Stop & Shop – orchestrated by Anna Rooney, to be used for any programs the Band Supports.

SAFETY – It is extremely important and critically requested that you do not park your car or drive through the band room circle to pick up your child in front of the band room door. Keep the main circle entry clear.

Please pick up your child promptly after games, competitions and rehearsals upon notification from your child.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Please complete your Band Program Membership Application and submit the requested \$20/family. We are aiming for 100% participation and working on some incentive plans with your children to get the Membership forms in.

Where do your dollars go to? Membership \$\$ pays for extra clinicians, Awards, Special events for kids and many items that are not within the District budget. The membership fee goes 100% to your children across all Band Programs.

PROJECT 8th GRADE RECRUITMENT FOR BRHS BAND PROGRAM

One way to recruit more children from the younger grades inviting the current 8th graders to come to the HS to meet with the Directors and their peers, get some instruction and rehears with the HS Band, march over to field with the band, and play with them on Basilone Field – perform during half time to perform on the field with the Marching Band & Guard, and enjoy snacks and comradery together with the band and the visiting team.

COLOR GUARD/WINTER GUARD: New Guard Liaison, Swathi introduced herself and spoke of the high comradery within the Guard. The Guard activities were reviewed and the Guard Liaison reiterated that the recruitment night is also for the Guard.

2 Winter Guard Events - Craft Show - Jazz Show

BAKERS & SNACKERS: Introductions – emails are already blasting out to the group that has signed-up to be part of the committee. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Lei Shi, Committee Chair.

B&S FAQs:

NUT FREE!! Protect the Uniforms! NO powdered items, or colored food or snack items allowed.

Home Games – fresh baked items – fresh fruit grapes for 3rd Quarter of the Football game

Away Games - waters and packaged goods

Home-based competitions on site in BRW hosted – tradition to have a hot meal – good food fundraisers as well.

Signups will be posted and blasted – watch your email!

PIT:

- Activities Tuesday, Friday nights and/or Sat Competitions.
- Mr. Joe Rooney did a great job of painting a picture of what the "PIT" & "Pit Crew" is! J. Mailhot is the Pit head who gets the schedule for the week and communicates and organizes the plan for the weeks' events.

SPIRIT WEAR:

- Spirit wear forms are available for all, have been distributed and are available in the band room. Final orders are due 9/12. Several extras may be available first come first serve and news will be communicated via email.
- Embroidery items will be made available too including windbreaker jackets; Fleece Jacket 0 PJ pants, etc.
- Concert Bands and personalized for each band to be designed

FUNDRAISERS:

- Shop-Rite Gift Cards – Band Program earn 5% /dollar
- Family Fun Dinners: held at a restaurant who donates \$\$ back to the band program Families

OPEN POSITIONS RECRUITING:

- Lead Fundraising Chairperson
- Jazz Dinner Chairperson
- Fall Banquet – Co-Chairs
- Public Relations Chairperson/co-Chairs
- Barnes & Noble Book & Performance Opportunity Chairperson
 - Kids perform – performance opportunity
 - Proceeds come to the band
 - Fun social evening for kids and families

UNIFORM CARE FAQs:

- Do not cut the fabric
- Jazz Band Tuxes are not washable and have to be dry cleaned
- Provide your own shirt tie and cumber bun
- Optional Cleaners who provide a discounted rate for BRHS Members:
 - Lynn's Cleaners, Raritan
 - Blue Star Cleaners, Martinsville

CURRENT ONGOING FUNDRAISER: PREMIERE DESIGN JEWELRY 30% of Proceeds to Benefit the Band Programs!!!

This evening kicked off the month-long online fundraiser with 20% of proceeds as cash back to the band and 10% in jewelry for raffle or prizes. AnnaRene' Jeremiah welcomed our designated Premiere Design Jewelry rep, Gina Guerreri, who shared a beautiful display of affordable costume jewelry. . FaceBook will be used as a platform to communicate the word of this fundraiser.

Online links: <http://online.pubhtml5.com/ggcg/aadl/#p=1>

<http://online.pubhtml5.com/ggcg/zukh/#p=>

Clothing Drive – Cancelled

Motion to adjourn this meeting: Lei Shi 2nd Motion: Julie Amerman

Motion to Approve: A. Maihot 2nd Motion: M. DeHart

Minutes Prepared by: AnnaRene' Jeremiah, Recording Secretary 18SEP2017