# Bridgewater-Raritan High School Band Parents Association General Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2017

## In Attendance:

Board Members: Patti Abella, Nancy Garvey, AnnaRené Jeremiah, Jyothi Nair, Swati Nemlekar, Sarala Reddy, Anna Rooney, Lei Shi, Chris Staffin, Steven Stubbe, Susan Terracciano

Director: T. Bourgault

Anna Rooney Welcome & Board Introductions:

Motion to approve the Sept minutes – Gina Second Mary DeHart

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

BOA Regional UDEL - Congrats to all! Low scores were not reflective of the performance at UD on Sat. Oct. 7

Not to be discouraged by the results of the performance because according to Dr. Bourgault it's the best performance this year.

## **Ongoing/Upcoming Events:**

Welcoming 8th graders to 13OCT2017 Football Game & continue to invite to home games.

Recruiting efforts continue for Color Guard Director.

There is a push to have percussion and guard events occur at the middle school.

Mr. Mossa explained the difference between USBands and BOA.

Jazz band auditions coming up before Thanksgiving.

Recruiting attempts – directors going to the middle school to become more familiar with the kids – recruiting tactic

Consistent contact

Nov 16 Jazz performance – concert in the rounds

Financial Report – please refer to the spreadsheet presented for updates

Upcoming Fall Band Competition Event Ticket Sales: See Steven Stubbe – responsible for ticket sales for the 3 upcoming shows

\$35 -Yamaha

\$28 Rutgers

\$24 Old Bridge - NJ Regional

CLASS of 2021 Freshman Rep

JAZZ PRELIM - Steve Anna Chairs

Membership 51% - pending 49%

#### PROJECT 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECRUITMENT FOR BRHS BAND PROGRAM

One way to recruit more children from the younger grades inviting the current 8<sup>th</sup> 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: Larissa provided an update

Swathi reported on the winterguard homeshow Jan 20 @ Middle School

A home show is a competition held here. Exhibition for us.

Last year 22 WG groups came to BRHS

March 10 - Winter Guard Show

#### **BAKERS & SNACKERS:**

Looking for snacks for this Friday's home game - & Senior night!

If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please contact Lei Shi, Committee Chair.

Thanks to Nancy Garvey for the Hot coco provided by

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

Home Games – fresh baked items – fresh fruit grapes for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## 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

# **Upcoming Event/Activities:**

- Family Dinner night at CPK Monday, Oct 16
- Fall Banquet Oct 28 same evening Rutgers Competition
- Wed., Nov. 15 travel to E Brunswick HS goes to exchange concert

• Halloween treat bags will be given to the kids on 31OCT.

Looking for donations from every family

Nut free bags will be provided for those children with allergies

Bags will be packaged during their rehearsals that evening...

Panthers Athletic Year Book is available for purchase for \$5.00

We are taking orders because they have a limited supply

We will submit an order of 20 booklets

• Big Thanks! Thanks for photographer who is offering professional shoots for Band Families at no charge. In lieu of charge, he is asking for you to make a donation to the BRHS Band Parent Association

Motion to adjourn this meeting: Lei Shi 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Julie Amerman

Motion to Approve: A. Maihot 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: M. DeHart

Minutes Prepared by: AnnaRene' Jeremiah, Recording Secretary 10OCT2017