

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL
BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION
General Band Parent Association Meeting
February 13, 2017

Director in Attendance: Tom Bourgault, Nick Mossa

Director's Update:

1. The Jazz Season is well underway with already having attended 2 festivals with accomplished mentions and High Silver awards Monday Band (2) and Tuesday Band (1)
 - a. The Jazz Prelim Festival will be hosted by us at BRHS on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 with 11 area bands participating
2. The BRHS Directors are looking for ways to grow the organization and help it flourish by inspiring younger students and making sure the future is vibrant for the kids. We are looking to promote awareness. The Directors have made visits to the Middle School to help promote the HS program to the 9th Graders. Looking to identify Senior Students who would be successful in sharing as an "Music Ambassador" to share all the elements of the program to the younger musicians within the district.
3. The Directors identified an action item for the BPA to communicate to the parents in more detail about what the BPA does so that they may better understand the function, the roles, and how they can play a part, and want to volunteer. A breakdown of what the benefit of being an involved parent would be helpful.
4. Dr. Bourgault commented how thankful both Directors are for the time, talent and support given by all the BPA and the reliance they have on our organization. They "can count on this organization!".
5. Action Item: A recommendation to hold a "Meet and Greet" for the 8th graders.
6. Action Item: Send out a Summer mailing (has worked in past years).
7. Action Item: Engage BRTV to help promote.

Jan. Minutes were approved by: Mary DeHart, Chris Amerman

Guard Update:

1. The Winter Guard Home Show was held on Jan 20; Guard Show was a success but slightly smaller than usual. There was a plethora of food so thanks to all those who donated and continue to help. Noted, we will try to be conscious of how much food we have and how many people are going to show. Worked better than previous year 50/50. Anne Romano organized excess food donations to a local food bank.
2. The next Home Show is scheduled for March 10.
3. The Guard has been very active with fundraising:
 1. Gertrude Hawke – The Guard kicked off the sales and is having a successful drive and has ordered additional 10 boxes. Sold 20 boxes with great success. The concept of awarding prizes for the fastest selling / highest sales is being discussed.
 2. The Guard also initiated a very successful "Valentine Plush" Fundraiser – sold all 75 small stuffed animals @ \$3/each.

BPA Membership Update:

The current status for Membership is at 59% of Band Family participants. The drive held at the recent Concert was helpful in enrolling 5 new families.

Treasurer's Update:

1. Treasurers Report was presented including itemization of Budget (provided as attachment)

BPA Fundraising Update:

1. Harvey – Collections total \$1,120. Money was collected during the recent concert. Monies donated to-date will be delivered to the Harvey contact and collections will continue for a final check to be delivered end of year. Plans are underway to promote and to circulate the Harvey donation buckets at the upcoming March 21 Fine Arts Festival.
2. “Got Sneakers” – a great way to collect money by collecting sneakers throughout the BR District. Initiated by Anna Rooney, drop boxes will be designed and placed in the entrances of all BR Schools for 1-month period for donations. A Blast has been submitted to be sent next week. BPA will receive \$1/pair.
3. CJMEA Intermediate Region Rehearsal, March 3, 2018 (9-1PM: BPA to provide and manage concessions (led by A. Romano).
4. There are several additional concepts for fundraising recommended, Yoga (details forthcoming as space is limited), Mr. Subs in Bound Brook where student musicians are welcome to perform in solo or group acts during the event), and TGI Fridays, for March Family Dinner.

Next Meeting Scheduled for March 13, 2018