

**BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL
BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

General BPA Meeting March 13, 2018

Director in Attendance: Tom Bourgault, Nick Mossa

Director's Update:

Some substantial events coming up to include;

- Jazz Fest at BR March 15
- Concert Band Festival
- Guard Show March 10
- Fine Arts Festival (postponed to April)

Dr. Bourgault on behalf of both Directors, made a point to say, and that he is grateful to have the support of the Band Parents BPA in general. He mentioned his reliability on the organization and wanted to extend a special thanks to all.

The Directors will continue to focus will ensure the future is vibrant for the kids by:

- Promoting the 9th Graders
- Inviting the current 8th graders to learn more about the program
- Schedule an 8th grade parent Meet & Greet
- Resurrect the Summer Mailing announcement which helped in previous years

Discussion included BPA communicating to the families about the benefits of the BPA, the functions, the activities and benefits to the kids and to the community, etc.

A breakdown of what the benefit of being an involved parent would be helpful.

Resources to utilize:

- BRTV (ARJ to liaise)
- Laura Craig
- Rep of the BPA as spokesperson
- Kids speak – Seniors as a spokesperson
- Rep at Middle School Band Concert about the Band Programs
- Senior Student to be an Ambassador for the upcoming 9th graders to review all elements of programs

Officer Reports

Recording Secretary: A. Jeremiah: Jan. Minutes approved by: Mary DeHart & Chris Amerman

Treasurers Dan Sullivan Jyothi Nair

- The March 10 Winter Guard Show was a success – slightly smaller than usual.
- Earned \$2K
- There was an appropriate amount of food

- Best efforts to communicate what the prizes were
 - o Worked better than previous year 50/50

Itemization of Budget (provided as attachment)

Guard Update:

- Guard continues with fundraising activities
- A new design for Guard t-shirt is anticipated
- Guard Competition Trip to Dayton, May3-6, 2018

Spirit-Wear – no updates

Harvey Collection: will continue to collect funds but send a check for the amount current earned.

Got Sneakers Fundraiser: A. Rooney created and positioned collection boxes for donations in all District Schools to collect through March/April.

Upcoming May Fundraiser: Mr. Subs. Bound Brook; band students will have the opportunity to perform throughout the night (3PM – 9PM).

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.

Nominating Committee:

1. Susan Terracciano led the nominating committee to present the 2018-2019 slate at the April BPA Meeting, and then to be voted upon at the May General BPA Meeting.

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. There are several 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.

Misc:

1. The concept of removing the co-Presidents and having 1 President on the Board was discussed.
2. BPA By-Laws will be revised (A. Jeremiah), and circulated to the Board prior to May meeting, and approved at the June meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled for May 9, 2018