

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



General BPA Meeting May 8, 2018

Board Officers in Attendance: Anna Rooney, Patty Abella, Steven Stubbe, AnnaRené Jeremiah, Nancy Garvey, Dan Sullivan, Jyothi Nair

Members at Large in Attendance: R. Kumar, S. Nemlekar, S. Reddy, C. Staffin, S. Terracianno, S. Triveti

Director in Attendance: Mr. Nick Mossa

Minutes: AnnaRené Jeremiah, Recording Secretary

- **Director's Update:**

Mr. Mossa announced an upcoming event on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 where the Marching Band will perform a 3-minute show to kick off the 1PM JETS-BILLS Game at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, NJ.

All students and parents will be enlisted to help sell tickets (200 total)

Mr. Mossa confirmed the opener music was completed and the first preview rehearsal session will be held 1 week from tonight, on May 15. He added we are in good shape for the Fall.

- The Jazz Bands closed the season with much success.
- The current objective is to prepare for the Spring Band Concert, May 24, where the Wind Ensemble is planning to hold a Trombone Concerto at the Spring Concert, welcoming a professional trombonist, and colleague of Dr. Bourgault from Rutgers University. The piece was originally commissioned for Joe Alessi, a classical trombonist who is currently Principal Trombone of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Another feature for the Spring concert is that Mr. Mossa will invite members of choir and band to sing a piece originally for acapella, to sing along while the Wind Ensemble performs. Mr. Mossa added that we will promote the band program as a whole at this concert and will mention the Meet & Greet welcoming all new & current band families attend to learn more.
- **Winter Guard-Related**
Mika sends thanks for all funds and help planning from the BPA. A very successful team builder was held in Wildwood, NJ and the guard will participate again in future years.

BPA Welcomed Members: The April General Meeting Minutes were accepted by Mary DeHart and Sarala Reddy

The 2018-19 Slate for Executive Board Positions was presented to Members for Voting (Quorum) & was accepted. Congratulations to:

Anna Rooney, co-President
AnnaRené Jeremiah, co-President
Steven Stubbe, Vice President
John Mailhot, Corresponding Secretary
Alison Sentie, Recording Secretary

Rupali Kumar – Co-Treasurer
Sherlynn Liang – Co-Treasurer

- Financial Update: report distributed
- Family Night Fun Dinners
 - April 18; Panera, Bridgewater; minimal participation due to the state E.coli scare of romaine lettuce.
 - May 10 – Mr. Subs, Bound Brook 3PM – 8PM with Kid’s choice performance featuring 8th grader percussionist ensemble & sax ensemble. Thanks for excellent support by the Middle School Directors.
- Upcoming Activities:
 - May 15: Marching Band Preview Rehearsal
 - May 18: Battle of the Bands
 - May 24: Spring Band Concert
 - May 28: Memorial Day Parade Monday 11 am
 - May 30: BRHS Band Banquet; Bridgewater Manor 6:30PM
 - May 31: Marching Band Preview Rehearsal
- Harvey Fundraiser: A total of ~ \$1,500 was collected; in future, it would be recommended to buy supplies with additional monies rather than presenting cash.
- Action: It was suggested that the BPA promote corporate gift donations more.
- Action: Booster Ads are due on May 18.
- Action: All Band paperwork is due on June 11.
- Action: May 23 Band Banquet Preparation: Helpers contact Sue Terracianno. Please consider helping to put the center pieces together and plan seating arrangements.
- Action: Need pictures for Band Banquet Slideshow – need graduating seniors.
- June 05: New Band Parent Meet & Greet will be presented & led by the 2018-19 co-Presidents & Board.

The objective of this event is to provide a brief overview of the Band Parent Association and introduce new HS band parents to the music program. We will have a Q&A to answer questions and present another session during or around the time of the August band camp. The Middle School Directors are acting as our liaisons to promote and share our information and flyer to the families.
- BRHS BPA Website: The website is under construction to eliminate redundancy and include enhancements. More details forthcoming.
- Several parents commented that communication from the BPA is lacking and requested the need for improved and more frequent communications as about what’s happening in the band program as there is a general unawareness of activities. Recommendations for improvements will be highly considered by the new Board and much focus will be dedicated to increasing the communications overall and attracting and educating all parents as to the purpose and benefits of the BPA.

Meeting Adjourned by: John Mailhot & Anne Romano

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Tuesday, June 12, 2018