

Bridgewater Raritan Band Parents' Association

Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

Motion to approve meeting minutes from previous meeting: Approved (Ann Mailhot/Lisa Rotondi)

Note that all previous minutes (2017-present) are on the BRHSBAND.ORG Website

Director Update – Mr. Mossa / Dr. Bourgault

Curricular Bands and events, and co-curricular (Jazz, Winter Percussion, Winter Guard) – Concert in the round during the day 11/15 and Exchange concert at night 7PM on 11/15. All attendees that are not students must notify Mr. Mossa by 11/14 to comply with attendance requirements.

Exchange concert with East Brunswick is continuing, they are joining us at BRHS this year. There will be dinner before the concert.

Marching Band season is completed, the Jets went very well, and was a lot of fun. Very positive season.

Winter Guard/Winter Percussion: Lots of plans, including Dayton trip in April, looking for funding and itineraries, both packets will be released by end of the week on their respective Ensemble pages and hard copies will be available in the band room. There is a calendar on the band website that has performances and practices as they are known and will continue to be updated.

Jazz Band: Auditions are ongoing, two bands. Rehearsals will start after Thanksgiving. David Demsey will be doing a reading session.

CJMEA reading rehearsal: December 15th

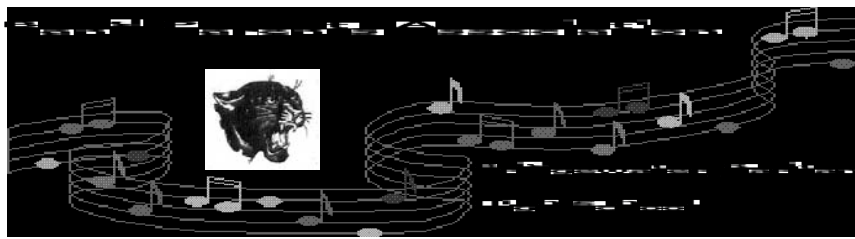
Mega-band night: December 17th (Monday) will be all curricular program all getting together, so they can see the scope of the 9-12 experience and they can mingle and perform together. This will be primarily a curricular event but BPA may be providing a snack.

Ms. Laura Craig is in attendance and extends her gratitude to the Directors and the BPA.

Treasurer Update

Have had several fundraisers: Cheesecakes was very successful, made over \$2000, with 30 kids participating. CPK approximately \$130 for one night, AmazonSmile was \$50 over two months, please remember to use AMAZONSMILE.Com (not an option on the app). Jets game was not intended to be a fundraiser. Pictures over \$1000, SpiritWear (open until November 18th, deliver by Nov 30th), over \$600, and clothing drive was \$1127 fundraiser.

Craft Fair:



December 1st: URGENT need to work on as it is prior to the next meeting. Currently have 35 vendors signed up (check in hand). Lots of interest, next step is getting it out to the public to bring in the audience. Current list of crafters is provided by Ann Mailhot. Lots of décor, different and new vendors, also lots of jewelry.

ASK from BPA is to publicize, publicize, publicize. Need to get it on school e-blast(s), as well as many other outlets and opportunities as possible. Craft Fair Signs should also be placed on lawns if possible, we do recycle them and need them back as soon as possible after the fair.

Concessions will be there, and the kids will be utilized as volunteers, as well as Pit Crew to help crafters unload cars, etc. We will have people circulating with menus and bring the food to the crafters. Also need clean-up and teardown volunteers. Also need volunteers for bake sale. Bake sale has no restrictions – whole pies are good, no allergen restrictions (but labeling is requested), but it is an opportunity. Does not have to be done in single servings, all baking is welcome.

Three main areas: Concessions, moving things (beginning and end of day) and bake sale

Bringing back student performers, and all students are encouraged to form ensembles, trios, quartets, etc. to perform. Also inviting 8th graders to perform. If they need VOLUNTEER HOURS we can sign letters, and any performer is eligible for a free slice of pizza or hot dog.

Tables will be set up FRIDAY night, TBD if this will be done by custodians. Friday night will be setup for extension cords, etc. Working also on signage to ensure all crafters can be found easily.

Also trying to get the craft fair on BRTV.

Patti Abella will be requesting a donation of bagels from Wegmans.

Membership forms?

New Fundraisers! All are optional.

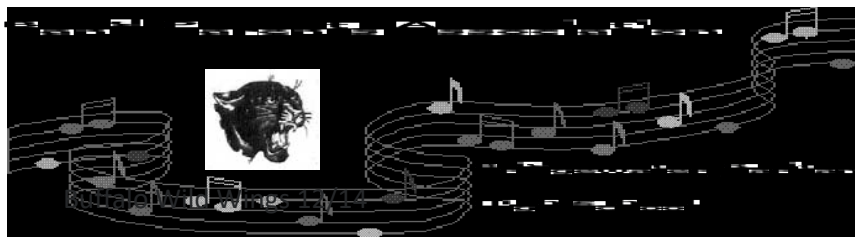
SCRIP Gift Cards!! Over 700 vendors: Gift card/reloadable card fundraising where the cards are paid for in cash or check, and the person gets the full face value, but the organization gets 4% of the total face value back. This is an ongoing, orders will be placed every Friday. You can also do the fundraising online, and you can reload online as well. Discuss selling at Craft Fair?

Questions about online and about consignment for the gift cards. Potential to purchase the most common gift cards and sell them at events. Discussed ways to apply the money and figure out the cash applications (individual, etc.?) Must use the BPA code online for BPA to get credit.

Please put on your calendar, reminders will be emailed and posted on FB

Panera Bread – 11/30

Houlihans 12/5



Chipotle (near BW Mall) 1/5/2019

New Events:

Jazz Band Auditions 11/12 -11/19 – **open to all grades**

Concert in the round – 11/15 – RSVP was e-blasted, sign in office (Concert Band, Symphonic, & Wind Ensemble)

Exchange concert with East Brunswick HS– 11/15, 7pm

David Demsey reading rehearsal jazz bands 11/19

Winter Percussion preview rehearsal – last week of November - **open to all grades**

Winter Guard preview rehearsal – last week of November – **open to all**

Craft Fair – Dec. 1st Performance opportunity **for Freshman - Senior Students**-sign-up sheet coming

UPCOMING:

- a. CJMEA Reading rehearsal – Dec 15 with OPA
- b. Mega Band – **Dec 17th**
- c. **Winter Band Concert – Jan 17th**
- d. **MAIN Winter Guard Home Show** at BRMS – Jan 19th

Barnes & Noble is not happening before 2019, potential to try having it in February or in June, still under discussion.

Motion to Adjourn (Cheryl) and seconded by Kate