



**Bridgewater-Raritan High School – Band Parents Association
General Meeting – May 14, 2019 7:45 PM**

1. Welcome – Steve Stubbe
2. Membership Update – No update for May, there are 81 families represented (tonight there is a quorum present)
3. Approval of April minutes – Approval by Clarie Tighe, Cheryl DeFalco seconded
4. Director Update – Dr. Bourgault / Mr. Mossa
 - a. Doc B: Final events coming up. Spring Concert on 30th, standard format, next year the calendar will be similar events and auditions schedule. The Wind Ensemble audition results have been posted. Big thank you for the Gala turnout of volunteers, it was an extremely successful event that was not previously scheduled and was staffed last minute. Extremely good feedback from attendees and directors. Even though this may not be repeated next year it was very much appreciated. However, there will be other events that we will reprise in 2019/2020 school year.
 - b. Mr. Mossa: Marching Band Preview Rehearsals are ongoing, announcing new Guard director by the end of the school year. Mr. Mossa will be at the Middle School for a short Q&A (15 minutes before Spring Concert) on Thursday May 16th. Band Banquet is on the 28th. Memorial Day Parade (27th) is also coming up, and is posted on the band website and Google Classroom. There is no school on the 28th. Deadline Day for Marching Band is June 10th, QR code for form provided. Permission slips will be provided to all members that sign up. There are weekly nonmandatory Guard and Percussion rehearsals during the summer and biweekly additional rehearsals. There are no wind rehearsals, but it is expected that music will be practiced and memorized. Show is titled “Oddity” - Humans fear what they don’t know and don’t understand. Music is based on Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring. Sign up forms and boosters for the Banquet are due this Friday. Reminders have been provided at class. Mr. Yi needs *non Marching Band* pictures for Seniors for the slideshow. Some were taken at the Gala, but additional ones are needed.
5. Financial Update: Will be provided in detail at the June 11th meeting. For 2019/2020 is net positive (fundraising to expenses) for the 2018/2019 school year. The Directors have a list of requests that can be covered with some of the surplus. An email will be sent out with the proposed budget prior to the June 11th meeting to facilitate question development and a streamlined voting process.

PROGRAM UPDATES & EVENTS

1. Marching Band Preview Rehearsals, Leadership Meetings ongoing
2. Band Banquet at Maggiano’s
 - a. Forms and boosters due this Friday!
 - b. Send in your photos for the slide show and photo boards
 - c. Seniors: send in 2 photos that are music related
3. Marching Band Memorial Day Parade – Email will be sent asking for chaperones
4. Spring Concert – boutonniere update: Patty Walsh provided update: Scotts Florist can do boutonnieres for \$5 each. Confirmed with Orchestra parent that this is similar pricing. There are 37 seniors for the Spring Concert. The BPA at large is in favor of covering the approximately \$185. Disbursement form was provided and will be filled out with receipt attached.

FUNDRAISERS OLD AND NEW

1. Jersey Mike’s – 5/13 to 5/19 ! – **Flyer needed. Please tell your friends and family**
2. Barnes & Noble - \$78
3. Alex & Ani –
4. Matching Grant for the Volunteer Hours from Jennifer Yi: \$1280 (Note that we are a 501(c)(3) organization)



5. NJBA State Gala - \$1462.00 (Net, after expenses)
6. Clothing Drive June 2nd (Upcoming)

Question from Chris Amerman: will the Cheesecake fundraiser be done during the 2019/2020 year, it was very profitable, Chris can start the process if there is no objections (none from the floor).

VOTE FOR 2019-2020 Executive Board Slate

Discussion: Currently no Recording Secretary nominated, no one from the floor. At the time of the vote confirming the Freshman Class Representative, the Recording Secretary can be also voted on at that time.

John Mailhot and Christina Amerman – Co-Presidents
Cheryl DeFalco – Vice President
Patty Walsh – Corresponding Secretary
Open – Recording Secretary
Rupali Kumar and Clarie Tighe – Co-Treasurers

A Vote was called for: One vote per household, majority is required. Unanimous acceptance of the slate as proposed by the nominating committee. Vote tallied by Ann Mailhot of the Nominating Committee. Slate approved for 2019/2020 school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/27 – Memorial Day Parade
5/28 – Band Banquet
5/30 – Spring Band Concert
6/2 – **Clothing Drive Fundraiser, BRHS Solar Lot – Please support as it is a significant event and requires volunteer support. Suggestion to have flyers available along with tax forms. Previous hours were from 8:30Am to noon, and the truck came at approximately 3PM.**
6/5 – Marching Band Leadership Interviews
6/10 – Marching Band Signup Deadline
6/11 – Band Parent Meeting 7:45p.m.
NEXT YEAR: DECEMBER 7th CRAFT FAIR: Mark your calendars!!!

Discussion of early recruitment: Mr. Mossa will be at the Middle School prior to the Spring Concert this Thursday for the Q&A session. Discussion of having other events for parents and students that expose them earlier for recruitment purposes, even back to the 5th and 6th grade, but especially for the Middle School as well. However, recommendations for having parents available for the Q&A session and having the kids coming earlier and be able to participate and/or sit with the band. Recommended to have this as a topic at an upcoming meeting as the directors are no longer present and we need their perspective. Feedback that there are differing perspectives from parents at the younger level as well. Discussion that the future of the music program depends on the younger kids, and that the new principal at the Middle School may support differently. John Mailhot will bring the discussion to Mr. Mossa.
Motion to adjourn by John Mailhot, seconded by Patti Abella.

Next BPA General Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 7:45PM
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