

Minutes of the Band Boosters Meeting #3 – July 26, 2005

With about 25 people attending, Deborah Luna called the meeting to order. She introduced herself, Mr. Faires and Ms. Tomberlin and the Band Booster board members and went over the meeting ground rules.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented and discussed. The minutes passed with no corrections.
2. Budget and financial report were presented and discussed; motion was made and seconded and budget was passed.
3. Fundraisers were discussed at length:
 - Fruit sale will take place for three weeks in October; orders will be due by November 18th, with delivery during the first week of December.
 - Band merchandise – will be selling band booster items such as t-shirts, seat cushions, ball caps, magnets, fleece blankets, insulated coffee mugs... Will need to get approval to set up table during football games. All fundraising items that do not specifically have “Band Boosters” on them will have to be approved by the Leadership committee prior to our selling them. Will also sell during orientations...
 - Concessions – Athletic boosters turned down our proposal to share in the selling and profits of concessions with no counter offer.
 - Poinsettias – Boosters will sell poinsettias at Christmas to decorate auditorium for band concerts, list in program “purchased in memory or in honor of”, for profit.
 - The bands will sell discount cards during the spring, cards to be good for one year.
 - 50/50 drawing – Need to check into the possibility of doing the 50/50 raffle, if no other organization has claimed it, we will be able to use it for additional funds during the home football games.
 - Suggestions for other fund raising were made, such as: Hosting school dances, Selling school color fleece scarves and chokers on consignment, selling candy (Mr. Dixon stated that it might be a breach of contract with the school’s candy vendors to sell candy on school grounds.)
 - Tommie Farley stated that the student leadership in the band may also have it’s own fundraiser—like a carwash.

4. Uniforms – Tommie Farley updated us on the two uniform fittings that we have had to date, still a few who have not been fitted. Still need to fit most of the color guard. Marching shoes ARE NOT paid for from band fees, that is extra. Tommie will call everyone to verify sizes. Also in need of booster and pit crew sizes for shirts. The students' name and instrument will be embroidered on their hoodies, not their polo's.

Booster and Pit crew polo's will cost between \$23 and \$26. Pit crew will be required to purchase shirt and will be required to help get instruments and students on and off the field.

Gloves will not be worn this first year since we will not have full uniform.

Guard shoes will cost less to purchase through Lebo's.

Questions were raised about the band fees and uniform costs: total fee is \$175 including the cost of this year's uniform.

Shoe fitting will be on 8/23/05, from 6 until 9 in the high school band room.

5. Chaperones are needed for the Wingate game on 8/27/05.
6. Instrument update by Mr. Faires – Received most of the marching instruments, some of the concert instruments have not come in yet. Have not received concert music yet, either.
7. Buses/Transportation – Wanda Helms gave update. Volunteers are needed to take bus drivers to bus garage on Friday afternoons to pick up buses and to bring drivers back on Monday mornings. Also need drivers for the buses who will not charge the band to drive since we are just starting out.

On 9/9/05 and 10/22/05, no buses are available.

Need to rent a trailer for away games and competitions. The smaller trailers rent for \$18/day and larger trailers rent for \$24/day.

8. School/Fight song – Mr. Faires. Students played the new fight song at Arts camp today.

Art Camp Update from Mr. Faires – The students are having a blast writing music, playing music and composing their own music. They will play for parents and guests on Friday afternoon. Will also write word to the school alma mater this week.

Band Camp update – dates August 8 through 11th, marching camp.

August 8th and 9th for rookies from 8 am till 12 noon.

August 10th and 11th for upper classmen, from 8 am till 12 noon.

August 8th through 11th, drum line from 1 till 3 pm.

August 8th students will have camp at the middle school while staff moves into the high school. August 9th and later camp will be at the high school.

If a heat advisory is given on any day, camp will be taken indoors. The high school band room is about 25 yards long so practice can be inside.

All students need to bring water bottles every day!

Full Camp August 15th through 19th. 9 am till 9 pm

Bring lunch or have lunch brought to student at noon.

Break will be from 3:30 till 6 pm – students go home – will need rides.

August 5th, 8 am till 12 noon, leadership camp in middle school band room.

Student leadership will learn to teach marching, be motivators and be a right hand to the directors.

August 19th, the last day of camp, 6:00 pm Pot Luck. Parents are invited to bring food (enough for your family plus one) to share and then watch the show that the students have learned during camp. Band Boosters will provide the paper products and drinks and desserts. Students will perform in band shirt and khaki shorts (dress code length.)

First performances will be on August 26th at home football game and August 27th at Wingate football game.

The band will not march in the Matthews Alive parade this year.

Mr. Faires toured the band room last week. The band room is very nice and has lots of room. Mr. Faires has the largest office in the school.

9. Coffee Talk – Open Forum

Mr. Faires will provide the students will an updated schedule of events with call time and performance times.

Mr. Faires again described the uniform and hat that are on order.

Next booster meeting will be August 16, 2005 in the high school band room.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Currie.