

# TJ BAND BOOSTER MEETING

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November 17, 2020 / 6:30 PM / Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## ATTENDEES

Steve Ballard, Lisa Barker, Anais Beauvais, Aditi Chandrashekar, Ely Chen, Claire, Julie Cox, Susan Essman, Katharine Hansen, Colin Harbison, Ricardo Huaman, Janaki, Val Kreider, XJ Li, Qiqi Lu, Jennifer McDannell, Mrs. Mcgonagall, Melanie, Helen Miller, Dianne Payne, Tracy Pierson, Tess Quingperez, Rob, Victoria, Sunil, Karen Walters, Linda Winston, Sun Yoon, Jennifer Zhuang

## AGENDA

### Call to Order and Welcome – Val Kreider

### Approval of Minutes from October 20 Meeting

### Updates from Band Director – Steve Ballard

- Steve shared the fight song and the Semper Fidelis March with the TJ Partnership Fund (TJPF). These recordings can be found in the shared folder.
- May have some other audio recordings by Winter Break. Video editing takes much longer.
- SRO audition results have been posted. Seven students made honorary senior regional positions in Northern Virginia: Aditi Chandrashekar\*, Mira Kim\*, Vance Kreider, Prashanth Kumaran, Evan Ling\*, Vagul Mahadevan, and Ryan Payne. (\*earned all-state eligibility)
- All District – not officially cancelled, but will hold honorary district band auditions
- All State event cancelled. There will be auditions for the honorary group February 26-28.
- All Virginia Jazz honorary auditions will be February 20-22.
- WGI is offering enrollment in an eShowcase. Go to WGI.org for December sign-ups. They can put together a show with videotapes of the students doing solos and ensembles. This will be wrapping up in March.
- Please reach out to Samantha for Color Guard information
- Eric Sabo has been working with Jazz 8<sup>th</sup> period – encourage your students to participate. Eric will be paid as Assistant Director and will have official FCPS badge soon.
- Brandon is putting together master classes for brass which will be open to everyone in the program, not just TJMC. He is trying to support individual events as well and is interested in a virtual recital.
- Shires has provided four different trumpets, four different trombones, and one euphonium for instrument trials. These instruments have been distributed to students.
- The concurrent model is set for the second semester for curricular bands; however, things are still in limbo for the next couple of months. Dr. Bonitatibus has floated the idea of optional Monday rehearsals.
- Steve doubts there will be an assessment concert in March but would like one concert by the end of the school year, preferably in May.

- What would it take to do this outdoors?
- Renting/borrowing tents? Tents would be big enough for Jazz band. What would we need for bigger groups? Could we use space heaters?
- TJMC:
  - Steve and the TJMC staff have put together the schedule for the year in line with what the school has planned for sports and extracurricular activities. Safety is a very important factor. Students will stay on the roster even if they don't come in. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, marching band can use indoor and outdoor facilities. However, this is mostly likely already on hold.
  - Steve will post a calendar before winter break with any pep band opportunities at football games in February. Seniors and section leaders will get first dibs at spots. This will wrap up in March.
  - The TJMC season is disconnected from football and can be virtual or on campus.
  - Could do rehearsals starting in March – maybe a mini band camp followed by a preview performance. Limited “regular” rehearsals April-May, final performance in May.
  - Would do the closer from the “Spring” TJMC show instead of full TJMC show
  - TJMC would be entirely outdoors, may need to be small in case rehearsals have to move indoors
  - Drum Major auditions in June along with prep for 2021 full “Spring” show for fall TJMC show
  - End of June, beginning of July – time off
  - Tentative dates: August 9-13 Home Camp, August 15-22 Jumonville Away Camp
- Link to calendar:
 

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CDQ2RIELxvjYgnRdwXOKCAAdj4I7mXXdu/view?usp=sharing>
- Protective equipment:
  - Fairfax County is providing bell covers for curricular band; does not include shields for flute or bags for instruments. Band Boosters will look up options. Would need a second set for TJMC as there are different instruments and different sizes

### **Updates from Band Council – Anais Beauvais and Aditi Chandrashekar**

- They would like to expand social media presence. In addition to the band Facebook page, they have created an Instagram page to expand their influence
- Want to create visually appealing posts and stories. They are exploring apps for this to reach a broader audience
- Will post “stories” on Facebook and Instagram about fundraising to get more engagement. Can expand these to the TJ community in general.
- They will meet with the rest of the band council to discuss how to reach band members.
- Trumpets continue to do sectionals. Want to expand upon this success and apply to curricular band.
- Idea: virtual lunch hangouts with all band students. Could do break-outs for sections.
- It is important to feel connected and have access to a support system, especially for the freshmen

- Partnerships between ensembles, lunch, 8<sup>th</sup> period, after school – connect younger students with older students – modeled after the vet/rookie system
- Band Boosters will support this in any way we can

### **Opt-In Directory and Volunteer Interest Form – Val Kreider and Helen Miller**

- About 36 families have replied
- Helen is formatting the information in an Excel file
- Would like all Band Booster members and committee chairs to submit their information
- First version to go out around Thanksgiving and another version when we come together as people will be interested in a carpool list.

### **Treasurers' Reports – Qiqi Lu and Jennifer Zhang**

- Please email Qiqi if you need information on payment methods
- Boosters sent \$100 to James Madison High School for the memorial for the band director
- Jennifer summarized the deposits, which included Scrip, license plate, and hand sanitizer purchases and approximately \$1950 in donations

### **Fundraising Updates**

- Please share with friends, families, and on social media
- Fall Fund Drive (in progress) – Lisa Barker
  - Donations must have been made by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month in order to receive the payment by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the current month
  - \$3790 is what is in the account /waiting to come in
  - Can do “Giving Tuesday” on the first Tuesday in December
- Gift Card Program (ongoing) – Michele Hyde
  - Announcement and flyer were in email sent the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Can have gift cards shipped to home
  - Charities are asking for gift cards rather than gifts
  - We do not do this outside of the band community because if a payment fails, we may lose money
- Fruit Sales (through November 29) – Heather Boles
  - There were 81 sales for a total of 129 cases. \$1290 is the profit so far.
- CoZzy Comfy Sheets (through November 21) – Val Kreider
  - 17 sets of sheets and 5 pillowcase sets sold so far. We get more money if we reach 50 sales.
- Tea and Coffee Sales (full school year) – Val Kreider
  - Links and codes are at the bottom of the minutes
  - Tea can be purchased online or in person
  - Online sales only for coffee, but can be picked up in person
- Russian Throws
  - Most of the packages have been lost in the mail, but they will donate some for the band to sell
- Band-inspired Jewelry – Susan Essman
  - Online order form is almost ready to go
  - Will be publicized through webpage and possibly through Charms
  - Orders placed by December 5<sup>th</sup> will be ready in time for Christmas

- Can send a check to Qiqi or pay through a PayPal invoice
- \$3.00 flat shipping rate. Susan will request reimbursement for shipping
- Online Store – Helen Miller and Ely Chen
  - Have plenty of hand sanitizer for sale
  - Qiqi can send invoice through PayPal and Helen can arrange for delivery/pick-up

### Meeting dates for 2020-2021

- Third Tuesdays 6:30 pm - virtual
  - December 15, 2020
  - January 19, 2021
  - February 16, 2021
  - March 16, 2021
  - April 20, 2021
  - May 18, 2021
- If there is a return to school, the meetings will be held in the Principal's Conference Room (PCR)

### NEXT MEETING

- December 15th, 6:30 pm

### Links and Codes

Opt-in Directory and Volunteer Interest Form: <https://tinyurl.com/TJBandsDirectory2020>

CoZzzy Comfy Sheets: [www.CoZzzyComfy.com/online-store](http://www.CoZzzyComfy.com/online-store) online code *TJ Band 1 - 2020*

Citrus Sales: [www.FreshFruitOrder.org/tjcitrus](http://www.FreshFruitOrder.org/tjcitrus)

Gift Card/Shopping Card Program enrollment code: *231LLC678861*

Download the mobile app at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com), or go to GooglePlay or to Apple's App Store.

You may also shop at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

Donations: [www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1251587](http://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1251587)

Amazon Smile: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1819971>

Elden Street Tea Shop: [www.eldenstreettea.com](http://www.eldenstreettea.com) promo code *TJBAND* (online or in person)

Weird Brothers Coffee: Select *Thomas Jefferson High School Band Boosters* from the *Choose Your Charity Organization* dropdown menu at

[https://www.weirdbrothers.com/store/p164/EOTH\\_Charitable\\_Blend.html](https://www.weirdbrothers.com/store/p164/EOTH_Charitable_Blend.html).