

TJ BAND BOOSTER MEETING

December 15, 2020 / 6:30 PM / Virtual Meeting via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Steve Ballard, Lisa Barker, Anais Beauvais, Aditi Chandrashekar, Ely Chen, Claire, Susan Essman, Shirin Golubkova, Katharine Hansen, Val Kreider, Qiqi Lu, Helen Miller, Tracy Pierson, Anne Shin, Meltem Tunasar, Victoria, Karen Walters, Jennifer Zhuang

AGENDA

Call to Order and Welcome – Val Kreider

Approval of November 17 Meeting Minutes

Updates from Band Director – Steve Ballard

- No new information regarding District Band auditions
- Master classes are up and running:
 - Trumpets had an awesome clinic
 - Euphoniums and tubas are set up for this weekend
 - Flutes, clarinets, and oboes are almost set up, but response rate has been low
 - A percussionist is lined up for January 15th
- He encourages students to let Band Council know if some things are working better than others in class if they are not comfortable coming to him directly
- Pep Band:
 - Steve will try to meet up with Mr. Hodges in the activities office to discuss the calendar for pep band. 20-30% more time is reserved than what is actually needed.
 - Enrollment February 1-5
 - No uniforms
- TJMC:
 - Enrollment/re-enrollment in TJMC will happen February 1-5.
 - Steve assumes that anyone who signed up in the summer for TJMC will still be in and will need to let him know if they want to opt out.
 - Re-auditions for TJMC will be in March, as needed.
 - Students to get safely measured for uniforms. Could have virtual measuring day.
 - Steve would like to schedule a TJMC picture
 - Rehearsals are contingent on field time and school use
 - Band Council could organize a study period for students waiting after school for rehearsals to start
 - Will wrap up TJMC in May, before testing begins. Possible Senior Night as part of wrap-up.
 - Band Banquet originally planned for June 3rd
 - Fall TJMC:
 - Can have interest meeting at the end of a spring rehearsal. Could also have parent meeting then with the actual performance as the preview for the fall show.

- Drum Major auditions in May
 - Open rehearsals starting in May
 - Friday rehearsals instead of Mondays once school begins
- Protective equipment:
 - Flute face shields **are** on the list of what FCPS is providing. Would need three more for TJMC members who are not in curricular bands.
 - Parents have looked at vendors for band PPE: Washington Music just has face masks. Music & Arts has reasonable rates.
 - Booster will provide whatever gear that FCPS will not. The school would purchase it and Band Boosters would reimburse school.
 - There are over 100 band lanyards. Lobster clips can be attached so that students can attach masks and protective equipment to be swapped out during play.
- Link to calendar:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CDQ2RIELxvjYgnRdwXOKCAAdj4I7mXXdu/view?usp=sharing>

Updates from Band Council – Anais Beauvais and Aditi Chandrashekar

- Cross-ensemble partnerships:
 - Will be rolled out in the first week in January
 - Students will be grouped by section. For example, SWE clarinets will meet with Symphonic clarinets. Will include students taking gap year.
 - Older students will be paired with younger students
- Instagram page has over 100 followers
 - Promotes fundraising outside of band community
 - Raises awareness
- Lunch meetings to foster community will roll out in January
- Could combine an asynchronous virtual scavenger hunt with themed photo challenges (travel, food, first band concert, etc.)

Treasurers' Reports – Qiqi Lu and Jennifer Zhang

- PayPal invoices incur a fee
- Invoicing has gone smoothly for jewelry and hand sanitizers
- Jennifer reviewed the various income line items
- \$5405 in income, \$1155 in expenses

Communications Updates – Susan Essman and Katharine Hansen

- Students selected for the SRO were celebrated in the This Week @ TJ newsletter
- Band fundraising has also been promoted in the newsletter

Fundraising Updates

- Fall Fund Drive– Lisa Barker
 - Another couple hundred dollars have come in for the Giving Fund
 - Lisa has sent out thank you notes
- Gift Card/Shopping Card Program – Michele Hyde
 - Gift cards are shipped to homes

- There are over 250 brands on the mobile app
- Can order eGift cards, which are only available through the website
- Fruit Sales – Heather Boles
 - 87 family sales, over 10 alumni families
 - 148 cases sold for a profit of \$1480. This would have been \$2400 if truck had brought orders in to the school. The prices included shipping – people were surprised at the cost. Last fall, the profits were almost \$2800.
- CoZzzy Comfy Sheets – Val Kreider
 - 47 sheet sets and 7 pillowcase sets sold
 - \$491 earned
- Band-inspired Jewelry – Susan Essman
 - 7 sales brought in \$278
 - Susan has donated the materials
 - Quality is guaranteed
- License Plate Frames – Geeta Thapa
 - One was sold
- Sachets and Shawls – Shirin Golubkova and Val Kreider
 - Sold the two donated shawls and four double packs of sachets
 - Please check out the Etsy site. The code is good through 12/31.
- Tea and Coffee Sales (full school year) – Val Kreider
 - Checks are sent out every quarter for the tea proceeds. There have been a few orders.

Meeting dates for 2020-2021

- Third Tuesdays 6:30 pm - virtual
 - 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

- January 19th, 6:30 pm

Links and Codes

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

Gift Card/Shopping Card Program enrollment code: 231LLC678861

Download the mobile app at www.raiseright.com, or go to GooglePlay or to Apple's App Store.

You may also shop at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Donations: www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1251587

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

Elden Street Tea Shop: 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.