

KHS Band Booster Club meeting minutes

11/10/21

Attendance: Mike Detweiler, Maegan Rezk, Allyson Whittaker, Dan Couse, Laurie Beth Richter, Myron and Keisha Peoples, Jessica Jones, Jim Machung, Stacy Cardis, Mr. Giebelhaus

Fall Fanfare update:

This was our most successful Fall Fanfare ever, we raised \$19,000 for the band beating our record of \$16,000 from prior years. We had many new parent volunteers and an incredible turn out.

Due to the success of this fundraising we WILL return to individual fundraising for the remainder of the school year.

Transportation Costs: we paid for the Syracuse busses and it is unclear if the District will be able to reimburse us, under their finance rules they may not be able to provide a reimbursement. Mr. Giebelhaus has a meeting scheduled with administration to discuss further and plan for next year. Mike asked if we could pull together numbers from prior years re: transportation costs and Allyson Whittaker agreed to do so and send the information to Mike and Mr. Giebelhaus. At this point Mike plans to attend the next BoE meeting to advocate for an increase in funding to the Music budget. Due to this we will change the next Booster meeting to Wednesday, 12/15.

Sports You: all agreed this was a successful communication tool this year and we should use again next year. Robin Jacobowicz will attend the next meeting to share information about expanded options for the app that are fee based.

Maestros: a round of applause was given for the hard work of this team this season! Jim Machung reported that it was a rebuilding year and was happy to fold in new volunteers with the hope to expand to more parents next year.

Dietz Stadium: Construction on the stadium is scheduled to begin December, 2022. The stadium will NOT be available during the Fall, 2023 season and a new location must be found for Fall Fanfare that year. Discussed some communication difficulties that are ongoing between KCSD and City of Kingston that make the Dietz location difficult to use at times. All agreed that the Cheer Tunnel was a success despite the last minute request not to use any confetti, discussed that we may need to edit that part of the cheer tunnel out of our tradition.

Colorguard: Mike made a motion for \$400 to be spent on needed practice flags. Laurie Richter seconded the motion and it passed. There will be Winter Guard this year. Mr. Giebelhaus reported that this needs to be made an official club with the school so that they may use KCSD funds for bussing to events. At this time they are waiting for BoE approval.

Yearbook: Jessica Jones and Stacy Cardis are heading this effort. A Dropbox and email has been set up for photo submissions. Jessica asked what company we have used in the past? Laurie will check with Brenda Fryling. There is a plan to ask for help from Section leaders towards the end of the process to ensure that each student in the band is in the yearbook multiple times.

Fundraising: Mike announced that Kathleen Detweiler is stepping down effective immediately from being chair of Ways and Means, a new chair is needed for the remainder of this year and next. Laurie Richter is heading up the Poinsettia and Citrus sale. We do not know yet how much we raised from our last Texas Roadhouse night.

Senior Banquet: We will definitely have one this year. Discussed possibility of an outdoor location, date to be set at a future meeting.

G and G's corner: (provided by Mr. Giebelhaus)

Pops Concert date has been changed to December 1st. The first marking period is now done, parents should know that lesson and sectional attendance along with the scale test are all included in a student's final grade.

Work on the band rooms is nearly done, some paneling still needs to be put in. The shelving in the uniform room is done. We are waiting of the delivery of the drumline cabinets. The Directors are getting used to new temperatures in the band room.

There will be a musical production this year and Mr. Garner will head up the pit orchestra, Mr. Giebelhaus will head up the stage crew.

2021 Championship Competition: the staff and directors are very proud of what the kids accomplished in their performance and how far they came from the start of the season. They all agree that the performance at the dome was the best of the season. The directors are taking a look at our placement in NYSFB in Large School 2 as the next closest band to us in size was Webster with 62 students participating. We will continue to focus on putting on a strong show each year. There is some consideration of US Bands which scores differently and places schools in a competition group based solely on the size of the band, not the size of the school.

Meeting was adjourned, next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15th.

Notes respectfully submitted by Colleen Mulready, secretary