

March 17th Boosters Minutes

Directors present: Bob Page, Marybeth Miller, Cheryl Schmuhl, Jennifer Thompson, April Enos, Darcie Condon, Brent Rathgeb, Jeanette Soebbing, JJ Fleming, Karlee Van Kley, Justin Koszarek

Officers present: Jeff Sager, Michelle Burgess, Sharon Long, Jeannie Marco

Executive Meeting

Old Minutes

Motion to accept – Darcie, second – Brent

Treasurer's Report

-Candy Sale \$ being collected/finalized

-Approximately \$24,000 budget balance

-Check Request form – Sharon is asking us to indicate very clearly on each check request which budget line item is coming from to distinguish between separate fundraisers, money collected, etc. Example, check request for \$36/\$5,000 (\$5,000 total budget line)

-Email award names for top sellers to Sharon if not done so already

Dates for next year

-Cookie Dough – proposed 9/28 – 10/12 – check school calendars and report back next month

-Cover 5th grade registration dates at next meeting after elementary meeting later this month

Needed Officers for next year

-VP

-1 Event Coordinator

-Possible treasurer/secretary

Quick Items

-Summer scholarship forms due April 24th

-Honor Band details being finalized. Approx 80 students participating, 15-20 adults. Still need 7-8 volunteers. Bob will draft form and send to ms directors to go home with honor band participants. Need to contact Sodexo to be on site for dinner prep. Jeff S. will place food orders and talk to Jeff K about last year's meal needs.

-Website Status – webmaster now Justin K – email him any dates/biographies you would like on the site

-Next year's membership will remain \$15 w/o sticker. Jeff S will redo membership form and email to directors soon.

-Booster Shoppe function – should we order on as-needed basis or continue to have shirts in-stock?

General Meeting

Director's Reports

Freedom

During the Freedom Open House on May 7th there will be members of the band playing in small ensembles near the 5th grade wing. All students are preparing for a concert @ Heritage Grove MS on May 14th. This will also include the HG 6th grade band. The day before, May 13th, they will be presenting an assembly for the Freedom 4th and 5th graders. An end of the year celebration party is in early planning stages.

Liberty

Small ensembles are being selected to perform background music as families view art work for the Liberty Fine Arts night Monday, May 4th.

All students are preparing for a concert @ Plainfield East HS on Friday, May 8th. This will also include the Kennedy 6th grade band along with Creekside and Eichelberger Elementary. An assembly for the school is tbd. May 6th the Liberty band students will be at Kennedy MS for step-up day. They will have an extra hour or so to meet with Mr. Kleinmaier and to play in a combined band with the 6th graders. May 9th Miss Thompson will breathe a sigh of relief and rest after a very full week_

Richard Ira Jones Middle School

Karlee Van Kley

Justin Koszarek

Since the last booster meeting we had:

- Solo and Ensemble contest
- The 6th Grade concert featured the band and was interspersed with performances from Solo and Ensemble.
- 7th/8th Grade Contest Prep Contest with Jason LaValle and Christopher Dortwegt as guest adjudicators.
- Our 7th/8th Grade band participated in contest at Huffard – they received a pair of II's
- The 8th Grade band will be playing a recruitment piece with PNHS April 2nd.
- On April 30th we are hosting a joint concert with Walker's Grove

River View Elementary

The month of April is fast-approaching and will prove to be a very busy month! Students are eagerly awaiting the Timber Ridge jazz band tour performance on Friday, April 3rd. On Wednesday, April 15th, a jazz quintet from the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic will be performing and educating all 4th/5th grade on the history, instrumentation, and performance aspects of jazz. Visitors that day will include Crystal Lawns 5th grade students, possibly JKF jazz and TR jazz students. April culminates with Fine Arts Night on Tuesday, April 21st in which the band will perform 2-3 selections yet to be determined. _ Shortly thereafter they will perform again at Timber Ridge on May 14th, and once more in a final performance at the end of May at River View to recruit next year's 5th grade class.

Crystal Lawns Elementary

Students are eagerly awaiting Thursday night's performance at Timber Ridge Middle School with all 6th grade bands, and the TRMS jazz band.

Crystal Lawns is also excited that TRMS will be visiting on tour with their jazz band on Friday, April 3rd. Students will be taking a "field trip" 3 miles west on April 15th to River View to hear the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic presentation and performance at 2:00 PM. The band calendar will culminate with an in-school performance on Monday, May 19th to recruit next year's band students. *A small number of students from both CL/RV (combined 13) have registered for summer band.

Timber Ridge

This past month:

60 students participated in IGSMMA Solo & Ensemble @ Drauden Point on Saturday, February 28. Great experience. March 7th the Jazz Band participated in IGSMMA Jazz contest at Oak Prairie Junior High School and earned a Division I rating. March 10th the Concert and Symphonic Band performed a Concert/Clinic at TRMS with Val Page and April Enos serving as adjudicators. Their good comments helped us prepare for contest. March 14th we traveled to Minooka JHS for IGSMMA Organization Contest. Concert Band earned a Division II rating and Symphonic Band earned a Division I.

Coming up:

Our 5th/6th/Jazz concert at 7:00 p.m. on March 19th. Crystal Lawns will be our guests.

April 21 the Jazz band and Combo will perform at the TRMS Literacy Fair

21 students are preparing for Honor Band at PICBF on April 25th. Our Symphonic Band will also perform.

Jeanette Soebbing has been chosen to direct one of the Junior Bands at the ISYM program at U of I this summer. Look for the full story on the District Web site.

General Business

-Jeff Sager anticipates meeting with Susan Blatz and Dr.Garcia

-Jeanette Soebbing will be ISYM director this summer at U of I

7:15 – General Meeting closed – PEHS concert

Motion – Bob Page, second – Brent Rathgeb