



FCHS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008

Kathy Hines called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. back in our Band Room!

Kathy handed out a parent questionnaire to be filled in and returned. It was put together to obtain information about our parents and what they could possibly do to help our Booster program.

Kathy also reminded everyone that we have approximately \$9223 in late band fees. Please understand that it is the timely payment of our fees that keep the program moving smoothly. If you have any questions or issues you would like to tell up about, we would be glad to help you. Feel free to speak to anyone of your Booster Board Members.

Mr. Mashburn said we had a good first day of school. If you look up, you will see there are no ceiling tiles and there won't be. The sound is a letter better with the tiles on the walls. We are also going high tech – we have WiFi. We also have all new doors including a new Drumline garage door that we desperately needed! He also put in a word about the late band fees. If the fees are not available, some band trip/competition decisions may have to be made.

Mr. Trent asked if the field needed to be marked for this Saturday's Band Camp. Mr. Mashburn said that depending on the weather, we may be on either field. It would probably be a good idea to have it ready. Mr. Mashburn has been to the new field and they all inspected it for defects. Some small ones were found and are being looked at by the company. One problem is the lack of an electric outlet on the 50 yard line. The nearest one is on the Zero line and that will require a longer extension cord for the pit. It also hurts the Football players when they need fans/heaters.

Thank you again for the field lining – it has been a true blessing to not to have to worry about it. The kids are learning drill much faster with this new system and having the field ready to go makes the process even faster.

Sondra Gross asked about away games. Mr. Mashburn told us we will be going to all the away football games we can (we miss one when we go to St. Louis). Even though this may cause a financial burden, Mr. Hampton deserves our support since he has been so supportive of us. If an away game is someone else's homecoming, we may scale down who goes. We will be leaving for away games as early as possible due to the school bus availability. When we were in this league before, we were usually late – we will get there when we can. As the times become clearer, when the kids eat will be decided.

The Angel network is up and running. Mr. Mashburn sent an e-mail to students and parents telling them how and when to access it. Be sure to have your students check it often.

Mr. Tucker gave a drumline report. So far things are moving along well. Mr. Shelton is working with the equipment/pit area and there will probably be more instruments travelling with the Drumline.

Dale Shelton spoke about the need for volunteers to push equipment/props onto the field for games and competitions. Please see him after the meeting for details. There will also be a sign up sheet in the front of the room. This is great fun and you get to buy a really cool red shirt!!!

We need committee chairs and members in the following areas. If there is already a chair, they will stay after the meeting to answer any questions you may have. The committees are as follows:

Concessions – Chair – Debbie and Wes Young

Sponsorship – Open

Finance – Chair – Robin Vale

Uniform – Chair – Cinda Holzwart

GBC – Chairs – Daniel Arocho, Rudy Hulsey

Chaperone – Chair – Cathy McKinnon

SMI – Open

Fundraising – Rudy Hulsey

Band Camp – Open

Uniform Report – Cinda. Cinda showed us a sample uniform and named all of its parts. She also explained which pieces stayed at school and which go home for cleaning and care. There is a hand bag available for purchase if you want to keep everything together for those games. There will be an order form coming out shortly – the bag will cost \$35.00 if you wish to purchase one. We need parents for several aspects of uniform help – some in the before game stage, half time and third quarter. Talk to Cinda if you are interested.

Chaperone Report – Cathy. Cathy told us there are 4 away games and 3 competitions where chaperones are needed. Home games are a bit easier, but it is still good to have parents around. Please e-mail her if you are interested in helping. She also need help for the home games in getting coolers of water into the football stands for the kids. They are very heavy. Please help. There is also a job for “last to leave” – this involves being the last one to wait until every student has been picked up or gone home safely after a game or competition. Please help with this.

Concession Report – Wes Young – they will be down at the concession stand on Saturday morning (8/16) at 9:00 cleaning and setting up for the season. They could use some help – sign up up front.

Don't forget that there is an all day Band Camp this Saturday. Make sure your children are ready to be in the sun all day. We need help with volunteers to help with snack, lunch, snack like regular Band Camp. Please sign up front. We will confirm if there is a cost for children for lunch as soon as we can.

Again, thank you for all of your help during our very successful Band Camp. The kids made great progress and are off to a great start.

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Nelson