

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2014
Location: Band Room
Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

Booster President Stephanie Schulz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She asked everyone to sign in.

The minutes from the March 25, 2014, Booster meeting were distributed prior to the meeting via email. The minutes were approved on motion from Tim Kellogg and seconded by Tom Schulz.

FINANCES – Rose Lynch

Recent income:

Roger Dean	\$5,948	(some money goes to Suncoast and JHS Robotics)
JCP Lacrosse Game	1,200	

Our finances are looking good. We have \$20,000 in cash BUT we have \$25,000 in unpaid student balances.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Auditorium Plaques

Put a plaque on the back of an auditorium seat in honor of or in memory of a loved one. This makes a great graduation gift!

Mixed Bags

We are not doing this fundraiser this spring.

Mighty Cold Towels

This is a new fundraiser we will do in May and June - instant cooling towels.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS – Kate Tierney

We have MANY positions that need to be filled. We have also created some new positions and committees, including the Prop Construction Committee!

See the list of open positions attached to these minutes. We will have a big push for volunteers at the May Band Interest meeting and the Spirit Mandatory Parent meeting. We will still do the volunteer incentive program this coming year.

UNIFORMS – Harvey White

Not many students returned uniforms tonight. The next turn in day is May 5 from 5pm to 7:30pm. Uniforms should be returned in a garment bag or dry cleaning bag with the cleaning receipt attached. Be sure to return gauntlets and shakos too. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to anyone who has not returned their uniform by May 5.

BAND BANQUET – Debbie Wiley

The Band Banquet will be held Friday, May 2 at 5:30pm at the Abacoa Golf Club. Please RSVP so we have a count for dinners.

BAND INTEREST MEETING

The Band Interest Meeting for all returning and new band students will be held Monday, May 5 at 7pm. We will have food. Students should bring instruments. We will need volunteers to help sign in parents and students, serve food, and help clean up.

FINALE CONCERT

The last concert of the year will be Thursday, May 15 at 7pm in the auditorium. Please bring in baked goods for the bake sale!

FIRST SPIRIT REHEARSAL/AUDITION

The first Spirit rehearsal/audition is scheduled for Monday, May 19. There is a mandatory new parent meeting that night at 7pm. We will need a couple of students to model marching band and guard uniforms for the new parents.

JHS GRADUATION

All 9th, 10th and 11th grade band students (except color guard) are required to perform at the JHS Graduation on Friday, May 23. Afterwards, the students will go to Fun Depot. We do still need chaperones!

2014-2015 SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT – Mr. Larkin

We have a great staff working on this year's show:

Jack Pursifull - Drill Writer (also writes for Park Vista HS)

Don Barrett - Music Composer (*Family Guy* and *Touched By an Angel*) - has written for Grand National finalists and is very knowledgeable about marching band music. He will be writing mostly original music for us!

Josh Brenneis - Visual; Matt Rusnak, Adriel Rodriguez and Eddy Falcon will also be helping as they can

Shannon Berkstresser (Director), Michael Fairbrother and Manny Miranda - Color Guard

Cisco Hance (Director) and others TBD - Percussion

Dan Roberts, Jamie Rucker and Ben Hylton - Music

Jack and Don have worked together before, and they work well together.

Ben Hylton is moving to Jupiter and will be helping out during the school day as well.

We do not have a title for the show yet, but the concept is **NATIVE AMERICAN**. We envision teepees, totem poles, dream catchers (for the ballad), bows and arrows, spears, pow wow drums (percussion feature) and warrior characters.

The show will have an ethereal, cinematic, subtle start. A BANG (percussion feature) will pull people out of the teepees, then the show will start!

We do want to stay in Class 3A, so spots on the horn line and battery will be limited.

Why a Native American theme?

We ARE the Warriors!

ONE TRIBE - strengthen the school wide theme started this year

Bring the community and the school together

The feeling of the show will be a general Native American feeling, not a specific tribe. We are going for a cinematic effect - like *The Last Samurai* but Native American. We are also looking for anyone who is knowledgeable about Native American culture. We do not want anything we do in the show to be considered offensive.

ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2015-2016 – Mr. Larkin

THIS year we are kicking off a campaign for **NEW UNIFORMS**. Mr. Larkin has been working with Fred J. Miller Uniforms, the premiere uniform company. Michael Cesario, the head designer, happens to live in Palm City. He is also the artistic director of DCI and in charge of the judging process, so he decides what is to be judged and sets the rules for DCI. He will also be consulting for our show this year.

Mr. Larkin showed an evolution of the new uniform design discussion he's had with Mr. Cesario. The design is not final yet.

We are considering NOT wearing our marching band uniforms this year, and instead dressing the entire marching band in Native American costumes. The drill writer and Shannon Berkstresser would really like to do this, but it would be an additional cost of \$100-130 (on top of the Fair Share) to all students. It would give us a competitive edge because it's different. We are still discussing this option.

MISCELLANEOUS

We need some help immediately after this meeting to organize band equipment under the bleachers. Our turf field sponsors will be on campus tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Tim Kellogg and seconded by Tom Schulz at 7:45pm.