

Skyline Band Boosters Family Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 17, 2014
5:00 p.m. Skyline Band Room

Attendees

Band family members and SBB Board members

1. Skyline Friends of the Arts (SFA) and Skyline Band Boosters (SBB) Organizations Overview

- SFA is a 501c3 corp., the umbrella organization covering all performance programs at Skyline HS. Under the auspices of SFA, SBB plans and implements band activities and purchases, conducting its activities “in the trenches” for the band of approximately 150 students. SBB establishes fundraising goals and timing consistent with the band calendar. Similar groups exist for theater and orchestra, and potentially for choir. Activities run year round.
- Donations: If a parent designates “band” or another group on a check to SFA, the money will be designated for that group. Tamara represents the band at SFA meetings and acts as our bookkeeper. She works with SFA treasurer to get money deposited into the band account. Proceeds from Music and a Meal (Oct 14th) go to SFA General Fund that covers overhead with extra money going towards student scholarships (camp, etc.). SBB organizes activities and raises funds. Last year the band was able to purchase raincoats using band funds raised throughout the year.
- Check the band website to sign up for Google groups to receive emails from SBB or Mr. Smith.

2. Band Calendar of Program Activities and Events

- Reviewed key items on this year’s band calendar. Noted especially the marching dates and tailgate events that evening. Date change for Pioneer game due to Rosh Hashanah (moved from 26 Sept. to Sat 27 Sept. at 3:30)
- Tailgating needs: sign-up sheet. 10 Oct, 24 Oct.
- Pictures for marching band to be taken that day. Mr. Smith had sent home with students a schedule.
- Other highlights include Oct 14th Music and a Meal (dinner 5pm, concert 7pm); Marching Band Banquet (Nov. – Sandy Jones coordinating); Winter Concert 15 Dec.; Brick Bash (14 March); Bands in Review (21, 24 March -Varsity/Concert different date than Symphony). Picnic Pops (16 May); Band Picnic (date? May).
- In the past we had a spring concert – we don’t see it on the schedule. Ms. Ritter to ask Mr. Smith.
- Marching band uniform items; need for sock/glove sales at game 9/27. Black shoes have arrived (located in band room) for those that ordered on band registration day.
- Tailgate Volunteers: Friday 19 Sept is covered. See sign up (contact Ms. Ritter) for other dates. Families paid \$20 (\$5 per game) for tailgating as part of registration. Typical tailgate menu items: Jimmy Johns sandwiches, apples, cookies/other desserts, chips. Mac & Cheese, fruits, veggies, mozzarella sticks. Bottled water. For week of 19 Sept. a local farmer donated apples (Liz Goodman coordinating). Marchers stay after school, play football, etc. until time to eat and dress.

3. Volunteer Needs

(Sign up by contacting Stephanie Ritter who maintains the Google doc link)

- Football game days ok
- Music and a Meal committee
- Newsletter coordinator
- Some jobs are one-time; others are year long. Most jobs have been done by others before and we have resources and notes for how to do it/who to contact/what to order, etc. For example, last year was the first year for Brick Bash; now it will be likely an annual event. Last year we hosted and ran concessions for the state band festival.
- Brick Bash (14 March): A Lego exhibit/build event. We charged admission. 10 people were on the planning committee (to be formed in December). The day's volunteers will require people to run the volunteer check-in table, concessions, ticket table, etc.

4. Game Day Event Timeline

- a. Different schedule for Sat 27 Sept. Tailgating noon, line-up approx. 2:30, game time 3:30. Marching band photo should occur after eating and dressing.
- b. Typical game day (Friday/school day): In a.m. student brings uniform to school (put in band locker – some kids store extra socks, under clothing, etc. here all fall), labeled with name. Uniform (for under uniform, wear athletic shorts/t-shirt when hot; long underwear when cold), hat box w/ bell cap, marching shoes, socks, gloves. If no bag bring items in garbage bag (labeled). 2:30 stay after school, go to band room, play, tailgating (4:30-5:30) outside in grass area by bus loop, 5:30 return to band room/get dressed (sock/glove table set up in band room), 6:00 warm up outside, 6:30 line up in bus loop and enter stadium for pre-game (Recommend buying a parent game ticket while band is lining up (\$5)), kick-off 7:00, end by 9:30 – 10:00. Marchers are released from the band room for home by section leaders. Drum Corps often play as they leave.
- c. For those coming from sports to marching event, tailgate volunteers can save food aside for them to eat before dressing.

5. Finance/Fundraising

- a. Currently, we have no expectations on parent level of support except to pay student's bills.
- b. Band bought 3 Sousaphones last year; this year goal 1 - to purchase an English horn (~\$10K). On wish list since 2000. This year we are renting mellaphones; evaluating as potential purchase in the future. Tough to plan instrument needs for the following year, solely based on auditions since many drop plans to join band nearer to the start of the school year. A request for a special instrument might be placed earlier if someone is able to "ping" parents before the start of school to ask about plans for band.
- c. Fundraising goal 2 - to hire more instructors/clinicians
- d. Goal 3 - raise additional funds for band camp. In the past it was heavily subsidized. Scholarships to camp are offered for those in need (8-10 on average). In addition, some uniform fees have been waived.
- e. Other activities – once the calendar is formed in the fall it is fairly firm, but Mr. Smith communicates any changes.

6. **Other**

- a. Uniform Committee – Kathy Klinich coordinates. She tried to swap uniforms when possible to avoid purchases.
- b. Music/sport conflicts. In general music takes higher priority due to its status as a graded curriculum activity. There are priority rules governing music/sport conflicts that are set district-wide. These are available on AAPS website but we plan to place them on the band website. Parents experienced in this issue recommend *early* communication with both band director and coaches to resolve the conflict proactively.
- c. We are looking for a treasurer to work with Tamara Schirmer our bookkeeper/SFA rep. Maggie Levenstein is interested.

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