



Huntley Band Booster Agenda April 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Meeting called to order @ 7.

Matt second

Welcome to Janet Rabig, 8th grade parent from Heinemann!

Special thanks to Dr. Belin for coming for our student presentation!

Danny Jack Anne Moersfelder Beth Barg Joya Morales Matt Pontious Carrie McCabe
Sarah Manata Smith Deanna Reeves Laura Rosinski Jeff Rosinski Josh Smith

1. Kayleigh & Mia Presentation- We are asking for financial support for the summer symposium that helped us with leadership and skills beyond at Ball State University from June 22-29. It is a total of 5 days. Participants will split into sections. You can have a 3 day leadership session. You can go one day early to get settled. You work with professionals in our areas. It was really, really fun! For leadership, we meet new people first. It is like section leaders-making connections with people. There is in depth leadership and lots of help with conducting and learning different techniques. We learn how to stand in front of the band and how to teach them about playing and marching. For color guard, you pick from flag, ruffle, or saber. You can work on dance, but it is more equipment based. We work with many different coaches and DCI. We have a performance at the end. We didn't get any insight about music production because we didn't have anyone go to that section. Weekend \$429, 5 day \$1049 the whole thing \$ 1,423. There are dorms with a roommate. We get dining cards, clinics and classes, special events-concerts, shows and competitions. We got a big DCI performance and Carolina Crown Drum Corp performance. It will help the community to learn how to lead, be creative and communicate better. It also creates a lot of confidence-for Huntley and for incoming members. Leadership we will use in the school. We interact more, we know each other and are able to support each other right away. This camp will bring more confidence. They help us with "followership" how to lead and learn from those we lead. It helps us improve for the band. It helps us talk to new people. We are able to bring that back-to talk to any person, and not be scared-new skills and confidence. We learned so many new games and trust activities that we can bring back to the band. We really didn't know what this camp was. One of our former peers went to the camp and posted on her story. I really wanted to to do it! We did it together. It was an amazing experience, especially if you want to go into DCI. I learned how to adapt to different situations in the leadership role. As well as different ways to be an effective drum major. For color guard, we learned new skills and techniques so we could bring it back and teach our guard. The Human Spider Web was the most impactful for me. You need to lift the person up and get them through the holes as the holes are closing. This helped us learn trust. We were put into huge groups. We had to all get through the jump rope and switch the people spinning without stopping the rope. We failed a lot. We learned so many ways to solve the problem. And we learned to work together. Rebekah talked about DCI. She did the professional marching band because of this camp. There is also a Director Camp option. It was cool to see the directors. They tossed with us. Deanna has coupon codes to be \$399 instead of \$1000. Many kids there said that the school paid for the

camp. And to prove the kids are invested, the kids paid for leadership for the weekend. Many people want to go, but the money is an obstacle. Deanna said 80% of the students there had schools pay for the kids. Jeff, they accommodated Kayleigh's allergies. That was amazing for her, and us. Josh, how many students? 639. Josh, that link has been on the scholarship info for the past 5 years. I thought I had seen it on the website. There is scholarship on the Ball State website from Music For All. Danny, I haven't been to this camp, but I did one similar. I meet people that lead me to so many opportunities. Deanna, they really talk about leadership everyday, even if you don't attend the leadership. It clearly changed my kid's life. I've known Mia since junior high, and can see the difference. Marango sends their leadership. Nice job, ladies!!

Dr. Belin, yes. I don't have the numbers for this month. I want a partnership for Boosters and the school. In 6 years, no one has asked for anything. I'll work with the leadership of this group to formalize a structure. I'm all about leadership. There is so much more outside of Hunley. I have a fiduciary responsibility as well. When kids ask, that is important. I want to figure out a partnership with Boosters. The district cuts buildings off by June 30. I would like to take time tomorrow to request our current budget. We would be taking 5 kids and the director. We can have a talk about where we can land. We will figure out how to do it for this year. The kids need to see the leadership invested as well. I went to drum major camp for 3 years. Fine Arts programs will die without the finances, so we will commit to the long term. Laura, the director can hold spots until you figure out the finances. The final payment is due June 30. Dr. B, 5 kids, the director-get the maximum number and a one pager to get all the ask. We have district vehicles that Danny can drive.

Is this something we are looking to do every year? This the camp we are looking to send kids to? Josh, if there is commitment to leadership, we would send kids to something. Deanna, Music for All is the top for the band world. Dr. B, right now I'm building for NHS, Student Council, and other groups to have opportunities for leadership. We want it woven into the fabric of who we are at HHS.

2. Treasurer Report -sorry for my drawing on here, but trying to show what to highlight. The star is what we have taken in this year for fundraising!! Well over budget on money coming in. We are about \$11K over. The line item for scholarships is wrong. I will change it to \$4900. I want to strongly encourage scholarship winners to get in the request before the end of the year. We want it this fiscal year. We are well under budget for our expenditures. Revenue and expenses for this year only-we are even overall with expenses. The line called "other expenditures" is what we are already paying out for next year. Last is our balance, what we have in the bank versus what we have going out. Outstanding bills-the checks are in the mail, they just haven't cleared.

3. Executive Board

• **Approve the March meeting minutes** motion to approve-Andy.
Sarah seconded.

4. Director Update With all this money, I would like to spend it. I want to get it into the kids's hands. I want speakers on the wall, an iPad to play music, projection..I'm already talking to technology. I want to spend a healthy amount on that. Color Guard needs some spirit uniforms for the football games. They are the only ones without a uniform. Props-we got approval to get a shipping container under the stadium. I'm talking to Matt and Casey. Then we will have permanent storage. Boosters is paying for it-about \$2K. Matt, a new one, has

been on one ship, can be \$3-5K. We have a marching band kick off tomorrow. Graduation is coming up. We have awards night coming up. Concert is around the corner. Deanna, you need to find some estimates. I want to have a side conversation about color guard. The school buys for the band and other groups. Also, the shipping container should be from the school, we want to spend money on the program, classroom and the kids. Now that we have been through the end, there will be money to spend. We know how much we need to roll over. We don't want to cross the line with the school. Josh, it seems that school doesn't want to cover, and we discuss how to pay it. Danny, I totally agree. Andy, the school has provided-there is a storage solution. If we want a designation, or better, it seems we should pay for it. Deanna, it's just under the stadium, out in the elements. The school built a shed for baseball. Carrie, there is also football and other stuff under the bleachers.

5. VP Ways & Means Update 60 mattresses sold-this was the highest in his 7 years. \$10,130. We got the highest bonus. We got the bonus for the amount of accessories sold. The incentives are a little less than \$2K that he gave back. 1st and 2nd tied for 6. We went by sales. A McCabe boy got 3rd. He came to talk to the students. The check will be higher because he lumped into the 2K for the incentives. We would not have gotten that money if we didn't take the incentives. Leah bought 2 mattresses on Sunday because she couldn't be here on Saturday. That moved the bonus up because we hit 60. We had 40% of the band program volunteer. It was a great fundraiser! We had students at the Square and here. We got almost \$200 cash donations at the Square. We have Culver's next Tuesday. The sign up genius will go out tomorrow. Lou's will be going out this week. Lou's will be a hard deadline. Deanna, do you have a plan to get Lou's out to the middle schools? Carrie, Michelle Clifford and Beth are running it. They will have info at the kick off meeting tomorrow. Deanna, the kids can use this for any band fees. Any extra will be donated to the bands. Sarah, I can help with the logistics and counting.

6. Operations Update Danny talked about props. I have all the dates, and I will start getting the trailers. We will use Ed's again.

Committees: *update from committee leaders/Representative Board Members* •

Website (Josh/Matt) I added the page for adding the minutes. Sarah, there is no information on the contact page. Josh, there used to be information on there. This will be rectified.

• **Sponsorship Program (Carrie)** we will touch base with it at the next meeting for the kick off.

• **Band Meals (Joya)** no report

• **Uniforms (Anne)** we started cleaning out-most of the senior uniforms are back in allocation. Starting at the end of the month, we will start fitting for the show shirts. We need to fit the drum majors ASAP. We could use a tall ladder-7 or 8 feet. Deanna, send me an estimate. We still have repair-we can talk separately. We are missing sizes for Wind Ensemble-Danny will talk later.

• **Spirit wear (Deanna)** I have the kick off shirts. I have 6 of every size for tomorrow. I have a check-that is money for the director.

• **Scholarships (Josh)** 12 students had complete applications. Disappointedly, not a single color guard member applied except for a senior, but that is in the senior category. None of the color guard took advantage. We had 4 8th graders! We weren't sure

what to expect from the incoming freshmen. We will the results back the weekend before awards night. We tally the points, and get the number and name back together. We had a few incomplete-5-disappointingly almost all were submitted on Sunday, late. We have done the scholarship for 7 years. We always have kids that don't meet the deadline. The letter of recommendation tripped up many of the students. 1 student exceeded significantly.

- **Band Awards Night (Deanna)** will be in the cafe because the auditorium is booked. We will not send out an invite. Laura is working on decorations and dessert. I'm working on certificates.
- **Tag Days (Amy)** in progress. Deanna, I've met with Amy for the update.

7. Discussion Items

- **Nominations for next year** Josh, I reached out to many, no one wants to replace anyone on the existing board. Deanna, I will stay for one more year. I was ready to quit mid year, but I will stick it out for one more year. Think about it for after next year. I'll be done after next year. That will be 2 official years on the board plus one year unofficially.
- **Mattress Fundraiser Money** There will be conversations with Danny about how we will spend the money. It will be spent on the classroom, not just marching band. I want families to know the money goes back to the kids for improving the classroom and curricular bands. The consensus-we are going to use that money for the classroom, and Lou's money will directly benefit the families. We can do the mattress fundraiser again next year. If it is not successful, then we can do it every other year or whatever. Sarah, would there be merit in indicating to families what we purchased? We talked about this. It is in the works.
- **Band Parent Meeting in May** we discussed that in the past we had new parents come in the fall. We have kick off tomorrow and we want parents involved earlier. We will invite new parents to a meeting a half hour before our May meeting, then invite them to stay for the Booster meeting.
- **Chair Positions 24/25 school year** we have a list of positions that we will advertise in May at the new parent and Booster meetings. Hopefully this will keep the enthusiasm and make things run more smoothly. Josh, I will have sign up sheets for the kick off meeting to gather names and addresses.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 Matt seconded.

8. Upcoming Events

- (4/10) **Marching Band kick off Meeting**
- (4/17 – 5/1) **Lou's Fundraiser**
- (4/16) **Culver's Dine & Share**
- (4/30) **Band Awards Night**
- (5/6) **Band Concert**

- (5/31-6/2) Tag Days
- (6/1-6/30) Sponsorship Drive

Next Meeting: May 14, 2024 @ 7pm HHS Band Room