

FBPO December 7, 2017

In Attendance: Tim Chabot, Paula Freeze, Rob Hanlon, Jodi Hanlon, Kent Krause, Eleanore Richards, Lisa Sanstrom, Joe Sanstrom, Beata Smoter, Doug Weglarz,

Doug Weglarz requested that the meeting be called to order. Lisa Sanstrom called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Seconded by Joe Sanstrom.

Approval of the November Minutes - Joe Sanstrom motioned that the November minutes be approved and accepted. Jodi Hanlon seconded.

The next FBPO meeting will be on Thursday, January 11th at 7pm in the WNHS Orchestra Room. The February 1st FBPO meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday February 8th due to a conflict with the 8th Grade Step-Up Concert. The March FBPO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1st.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Director's Report – Kent Krause:

- Jazz Ensemble, Combo and Band placements are complete and Kent reported that the jazz program has experienced huge growth with 11+ more students attending the first Jazz Band rehearsals than last year. The jazz band rehearsal schedule will be updated on the calendar ASAP. Jazz Café is on for February 5th, and Kent is working to get a jazz gig at Cooper's Corner in Winfield.
- Pep Band – Starts next week with games on December 12th and December 15th. Students have been assigned 3 games each.
- Holiday Concert is Sunday, December 17th at 2pm and 5pm, depending on ensemble.
- Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, December 9th, with the profits supporting the entire music department, including Band, Chorus & Orchestra. Mr. Krause expressed thanks to those parents in the room who had signed up to help with the breakfast.
- Dawn Szumski, WN Boosters President, has requested a post-Falcon Fest meeting, which Kent will set up.

President's Report – Doug Weglarz: None

Vice President's Report – Lisa Sanstrom: Lisa reported that so far there has been no interest expressed in FBPO Board positions for the 2018-2019 School Year. Doug Weglarz said he would contact some parents who may be interested in serving.

Treasurer's Report – Rob Hanlon/Jodi Hanlon: Rob reported that the FBPO will have to produce a 1099 this year. Still need W9's. Accountant Steve Van Oss, former band parent, has volunteered to file the taxes again this year, as he has done for a number of years.

Secretary's Report – Eleanore Richards: Eleanore reported that she has made limited progress on the next Falcon Band News which will focus on summer camp opportunities for high school musicians. Most summer camp's application deadlines are February and into the Spring. The tentative Band Camp 2018 dates of July 30th – August 3rd, with the car wash on August 4th, will also be highlighted in the next Falcon Band News.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jazz Café – Scheduled for Monday, February 5th in the WNHS band room. This is a great, free family event. Concern that with the growth of the jazz band there will not be enough room in the band room to accommodate all of the students and their families. Alternate locations such as the cafeteria were considered, with discussion tabled until a final student count is available.

Swing Patrick's Day Dance – Swing Dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 17th.

- Thanks to Paula Freeze for putting together the fabulous Swing Patrick's Day & Band Camp 2018 flyers.
 - Discussed updating the flyers and posters to include "12 and older"
 - Discussed posting an image with a link to the band website on Facebook as well as using Twitter to promote the dance.
- Thanks to Matt Neumann and Jocelyn Ellman for making Swing Dance and Band Camp announcements and distributing flyers at Franklin and Monroe Middle Schools during the Holiday Concerts on December 5th.
- Rob Hanlon updated the Swing Dance 2018 info and ticket ordering on the FBPO web-site. Student tickets will be sold to students aged 12-college.
- Doug Weglarz will contact Sterba's Dancesport to line up an instructor for Swing Dance.
- Penny Becker is chairing the Auction and has ideas on ways to increase student involvement in the auction and raffle. Doug Weglarz will follow up with Penny to ensure these ideas line up with CUSD 200 policy.
- Doug Weglarz will confirm with Kent Krause that the Commons has been reserved for set-up on the afternoon of March 16th and for the dance on March 17th.
- We will have Swing Dance flyers available in the front office with ticket information. Tickets can be ordered on-line and purchased via check with no processing fee. A convenience fee is charged for credit card purchases.

Incoming Freshman Parent/Student Night – Wednesday, January 24th, 7-9pm. The WNHS Band Program will be represented at a table.

- Jodi Hanlon will work with Paula Freeze to update freshman packets.
- Marching Band fees – discussed promoting Marching Band Fee as all-inclusive, covering band t-shirts (not section shirts), transportation, and food. Only additional items to purchase are marching shoes. The polo shirt is a curricular band requirement, not a marching requirement.
 - Goal is to spell out fees more clearly, emphasizing the 2-payment plan and the option to make other arrangements if necessary.

8th Grade Step-Up Concert – Scheduled for Thursday, February 1st. There will be performances by the Franklin and Monroe 8th grade bands, as well as the WNHS Jazz and Wind Ensembles.

- An 8th grade parent Q&A session will be held at WNHS prior to the concert. Location & timing TBD.
- Marching Band sign up will also take place at the parent session. Last year Marching Band sign-ups took place at a Marching Band Open House on Monday, May 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS

Marching Band –

- Best timing for the Marching Band Parent meeting was discussed. No decision was made, but discussed moving the meeting earlier in the summer.
- Details for a possible December 2018 Marching Band trip will be finalized by February 1st.
- Mr. Krause is planning on surveying students on which competitions to participate in in 2018 based on distance and the quality of the competitions. May try the Chicagoland Marching Band Festival at Wheeling High School.
- Date for Falcon Fest 2018 still in play.

NEW BUSINESS

FBPO Meetings – Next meeting is Thursday, January 11th. The February meeting has been moved to February 8th due to a conflict with the 8th Grade Step-Up Concert.

Props –

- Props from the 2017 marching season have been dismantled
- Mr. Krause is planning to present the concept for the 2018 Marching Band season props in January
 - Goal is to have smaller props that the marchers interact with
- Props team hopes to begin collecting discounted materials early based on the concept presented by Mr. Krause

Motion to adjourn was made by Jodi Hanlon, with Lisa Sanstrom seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eleanore Richards