

SHS BPA MINUTES – April 10, 2018

ATTENDEES:

President: Candice Vild
Accts. Payable: Jill McAuley
Operations: Kevin Sims
Director: Cheyne LaBonte, PL Malcolm
Secretary: Lisa West
Chaperone Coordinator: Sa’Kia Johnson
Webmaster: Molly Bell
Events: Kim Vuolo
Media: Gena Bukar
Fundraising: Dyneshia Cadman
Jen Polk
Mandy Burkhart
Allison DeSanto

CALL TO ORDER: Candice Vild called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

PRESENTAION OF MINUTES: Minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved (motion: Jill McAuley, second:Kevin Sims)

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: presented by PL Malcolm
State Solo & Ensemble students earned superiors. The students did great!

Our most recent event was the visit from Japan. We hosted the 119 students from Japan. Many of you hosted assisted with the behind the scenes activities. The concert was great...first half was serious; second was more fun. I wish bands in America would do something similar. Overall their visit was a big success from the Director’s perspective. I appreciate the efforts of the home stay families. Many offered up to take additional students (some took six students). We had people from Tampa and Jacksonville come to see the band perform. Orange Park HS came as well. Director from Univ of No Florida came down. Alumni (students/interns) also attended from Brevard and Osceola counties. There were at least 10-15 band directors in attendance.

Now what we are doing is the last few weeks of April, we can’t do much in the KWC as it gets prepared for the musical. Updated band calendar on board. In between band concerts the Directors will be conducting leadership interviews.

Saturday, April 28th, SHS will be hosting a drum majors camp. Any of our students registered to attend will be able to attend for free. This is a great opportunity for our students. The event should end around 12:30 and should not interfere with prom.

There is some follow up information for the percussion. The percussion dates for returning and incoming auditions are April 25, May 2 and May 16. Starts around 5:00-7:30. Mr. Labonte will confirm. They must attend with packet. Mr. LaBonte will communicate with MS band directors as well as Mrs. West so it can be communicated to Markham parents.

Band camp dates have been set. Mrs. Bell will post dates of band camp. Mrs. West will update the band calendar. Percussion camp has not been determined yet. Directors will follow up.

This week, the performing arts teachers met to discuss the 9th grade center. The 9th grade center will open this August. The directors are working to keep all the same classes with mixed grade levels. The planning has been difficult to coordinate for next year. There is still a lot to coordinate and figure out. There will be additional facilities that will be nice. The logistics of the equipment also needs to be figured out as there is limited equipment. Everyone does not have their own instrument that makes the two facilities challenging. We did secure instruments...we gave a proposal for almost \$300,000 worth of instruments. With discounts that amount has been reduced to approximately \$250,000. The county has approved the purchase of new instruments. The students at the 9th grade center will be included in afternoon practices and activities. We have approximately 90 incoming 9th graders interested in marching band. That number will be reduced to about 60-65 students. Ms. Newhouse will be involved as well at the new campus. Dr. Griffin has indicated that the two campuses should be treated like they are 15 miles apart and should be treated as two separate campuses. The back road behind SHS will be gated and locked down from both sides.

Our stadium/field is going to be re-turfed. This is a \$50,000 endeavor and they are starting up right away. We will not have band camp on the field. Morning and afternoon will be here at the main building. The 9th grade center field will be used for evening field practices. The Friday evening parent performance may not happen this year. The grass needs about 6-8 weeks of no one going on it. Mrs. Burkhart suggested that they keep the Friday night event and host it in the KWC. This is a great event at the end of band camp that families have come to enjoy and expect.

Mrs. West & Mrs. Bell – The Athletic Boosters are hosting a golf tournament and all monies raised will go towards the renovation of the field. The athletic directors would like all clubs and groups to participate. Mr. Malcolm will send information to Mrs. West and Mrs. Bell so we can communicate to our parents how they can participate.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business other than the Japanese student visit which was already discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jill McAuley

- BPA account balance: \$28,730.50
- Trip account: \$51,910.67
- Students owe: \$13,031.91 as of 4/10/18.
 - Fourteen (14) Senior's owe \$1,555.24

Jill reviewed a list of upcoming expenses and income. Income is estimated to be \$2,368.17. Expenses are estimated at \$3678.85. We are not going to MPA states. January – July had us spending most of the \$12,000 on music. We won't spend a lot in the coming year because we don't have a lot. We have a lot of Grade 3's and will work on the Grade 4's.

Snow cones should hopefully start this week depending on the weather. Sweet Seminole Jazz is May 10th.

Note: Lee's mom passed away this morning. The funeral will be in Sarasota. The BPA will do something but we most likely won't be able to attend. We can possibly send flowers or take up a collection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Operations (Kevin): No update. Other than planning for crazy band camp. Send any emails about band camp to Kevin. Molly will check to see if all three emails (Kevin, Allison and Sa'Kia) are linked to the band camp email address. Parents should be directed to the website for information. The directors will send information to each of our feeder schools to let them know what to do.

Molly will pull down last year's forms. Mandy will review the forms and we'll get them updated.

- Chaperone Coordinator (Sa'Kia): The updated list of Board/Committee positions' have been posted. We are short on volunteers and are working on ideas to lengthen parent participation. We're hoping after the new parent meeting that we will be able to get some new parents involved. We will not vote on this until later. We are still looking for someone to do snow cones. Marla will be working with Jill to see what it involves. The marketing position is still open, however Mrs. Burkhart will take it on if no other incoming parent volunteers. Looking for a 2nd VP Operations and VP of Finance are difficult positions to fill. We've had success for the past 20 years and these are important positions to fill. Sa'Kia is concerned about getting someone we can trust. They are background checked which will help.
- The slate of nominees is presented as is tonight and will be voted on at a later date. We'll vote on May 4th and transition at May 8th. (motion: Sa'Kia Johnson. second: Dyneshia Cadman.)
- Fundraising (Dyneshia): Received a \$72 check from Noodle Company. Dyneshia met with the marketing person from Texas Roadhouse. They have a few fundraisers coming up and also have quarter days on Monday and Thursday nights. After May 5th. Dyneshia will coordinate with Tina. The other fundraiser they do is peanut sales. They sell you their peanuts for \$1.00 and we can resell at other events. We can't sell at stadium events. They also have a catering fundraiser...could we tie it in to band camp. Staff lunch? They display band memorabilia at the restaurant and would like to display something that represents SHS Band.

Usually this time of year we start putting together baskets for Showcase. Are we doing it? No.

Dyneshia reached out to Universal who agreed to donate tickets. If Dyneshia would like to contact businesses to get donations for other giveaway they can be put to use in other ways. She will contact Universal to clarify how the tickets would be given away.

Can we have an intermission during Showcase to not only feed the kids/raise concession monies. The Directors will consider it.

- Equipment (Brian): Brian would like to buy some plaques for peoples that help us. The ice company, the church, Mr. Reyes, Chick Fil A, etc. If you can think of other people who we should recognize let Jill know.

- Media (Gena): Rey did the video and she needs to get the video card to put the video on a disc to send to our Japanese friends.
- Uniforms (Anita): No update
- Alumni Rep (Lee): No update
- Snow Cones: No update
- Quarter Days (Tina): No update
- Tech Support (Molly): Please send me info ASAP to get it up on the website. Molly needs to pull down last year's band camp information. Incoming parents should add SHS to the dividend registration.
- Events (Kim): We already discussed the potluck. We could possibly be doing the State event.

- Senior night is only for seniors and should be a printed invitation to avoid confusion.

- Band banquet is for everyone. You can bring 1 guest and/or parents. We pay for the senior member. The invitation is limited to immediate family. The event is \$30/head. Kim relied on Lisa and Molly to communicate the information out. The Marriott is booked, the DJ and photo booth are booked. There are no invitations that need to be printed. Marla needs to communicate to Molly and Lisa about what needs to go out. Marla needs to finalize the menu. A link needs to be put up on the website. Jen Polk also needs to know who is RSVP'ing as well. Checkin 5:30-6:00pm. Doors are at 6:00pm. Participation awards start at 6:15pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Marla is working on centerpieces, balloons and meal choice. Danielle Clark works at Winn Dixie/floral department and might be able to help with balloons. Mr. Malcolm suggested we reach out to Mr. Krat about the online registration (Molly will contact him and link Jen to the signup). As soon as we get the information the Directors will communicate with the students. Students will need to drop a check off to pay.

Sweet Seminole Jazz: Mr. Malcolm will get with Mr. Higgins. We'll need to hold an outside planning meeting. It will flow pretty much like it did last year. The church donates a lot. Ms. Bukar will get with the church and get the ball rolling.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sweet Seminole Jazz – May 10th at 7:00

Bandquet – May 18 - 5:30 check-in. Kim and Marla will get the information to Molly and Lisa to communicate the information out to our students/families.

New parent meeting: Tuesday, April 24th 7:00pm (put on calendar)

France trip meeting: June 6th . We should host a France meeting that day. One year from now! Mandy will create a France At A Glance. Students must be current before September because we have to purchase airline tickets.

State Solo & Ensemble next year: Mr. Malcolm has not heard if they are looking at just one site. Mr. Malcolm will talk to the Executive Director. The event will take place during spring break. We won't have marching festival and MPA. The biggest thing is concession stands. We can have students help. We'll have hospitality. The volunteer needs are for concession. The event will last 4 days. Hamburgers and hot dogs are the best concessions to sell. The group voted on State Solo & Ensemble: the BPA has agreed to participate. Mr. Malcolm will go back to the Executive Director to let him know. *NOTE: Extra \$25 fee or volunteer time as part of registration.*

Old Uniforms: Mr. Labonte has been working with students on organizing the uniforms. We've been talking about turning the old uniforms into a fundraiser. Students can purchase their old uniforms and hats. LMHS has done this as a fundraiser (\$50/jacket/accessories – sash/gauntlet no pants, \$20/hat/plume). We'll donate some for Sweet Seminole Jazz and Bandquet.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (UPDATE CALENDAR ONLINE)

April 23, 24, 30	Drum Major Camp (2:30pm)
April 24	New parent meetings (7:00pm) sell cards.
April 27	Spring Orchestra Concert (7:00pm)
April 28	Prom/Pennies Camp
May 1	Drum Major Auditions (2:30)
May 1	Percussion Concert
May 4	Seminole Showcase Concert
May 10	Sweet Seminole Jazz at Westview Baptist (7:00pm)
May 18	Bandquet (6:00pm)
May 23, 24, 25	Early release days for students
May 24 (Th)	First summer band rehearsal at 6:30pm
May 25 (F)	Last day of school! (GRADUATION)
June 6	France trip meeting (7:00pm)
July 12 (Th)	2nd summer band rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm
July 24 (Tues)	Band Council day
July 26-27 (Th/F)	Leadership day
July 28 (Sat)	Hopewaw Day
July 30-Aug 3 (M-F)	Band Camp

NEXT BPA MEETING AND LOCATION: May 8, 2018 at 6:30PM in the band room with old board and new members are invited to come and observe. The new members will take over after the end of the school year.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Meeting called to a close at 8:05PM by Candice Vild.