



ATTENDEES:

- Director: PL Malcolm
- Director: Cheyne LaBonte
- Intern: Ambika Ramdehal
- President: Gena Bukur
- Treasurer: Michelle LaFleur
- Secretary: Mandy Burkhart
- Events/Hospitality: Samiah Dixon
- Chaperones: Sakia Johnson
- Equipment: Chris Flynn, James May
- Guard Rep: Haley Smith

SHS BPA MEETING MINUTES | JANUARY 12 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Gena Bukur called the meeting to order @6:38PM

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and filed

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: PL Malcolm, Cheyne LaBonte (Past, Present, & Future)

- Where classes are concerned, more and more students are returning to face 2 Face instruction. Ms. Estremo has been working very hard on choreography and fundamentals with the guard class, and Mr. Camberlain has been working hard with the percussion class.
- Welcome to our band intern, Ambika Ramdehal, a UCF music ed major.
- The band directors are hoping to have Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble participate in MPA this year. The plan for MPA currently is for all performances to be prerecorded and submitted electronically to the judges. Solo and Ensemble MPAs will also be an online event, this year, with two different submission options. A student can select a Grade 3 or higher and submit for comments and feedback from judges (but no rating), or they can select a Grade 5 or higher with live accompaniment to submit for a rating (along with comments and feedback) from the judges.
- The Guard program has been focused on building fundamental skills to help strengthen future seasons. Guard students recently voted to not attempt to attend any competitions this season, due to this, the Finance Subcommittee will reconvene to discuss, among other things, a reduction in the guard dues for this year.
- In regards to the State Football Championship game recently attended, the band directors would like to extend a huge amount of gratitude to the parents who helped support the effort of the band to safely attend this event. Ms. Dixon, thank you for arranging and administering the rapid Covid tests to all of the

band students, chaperones, and bus drivers. Thank you to the Mays for transporting Chick Fil A for lunch in their minivan. Due to the extreme efforts of all involved to have minimized contact points during this trip, there have been no reported illness positives associated with this trip.

- Mr. Malcolm would like to produce and sell a limited edition State Champions facemask. Motion passed, he will contact the printer we have used in the past and get that set up.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mihaela LaFleur

The BPA bank account balances stand at approximately \$49,000 combined between both accounts. Michelle requested permission to combine the two accounts, as we are now paying monthly fees on the trip account. Board and band directors were in agreement for her to combine the two accounts, motion passed unanimously. Notable expenses for the past month: the buses and the food for the state championship trip up to Tallahassee. Spring band dues will be assessed to all instrumentalists as \$50, spring instrument rental will be \$25. On March 1, the names of all students who have outstanding debts will be turned in to the school bookkeeper. Notice will be sent to all students now, individual invoices will be sent/resent following Spring Break.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Operations: Flynn recently went through 17 and discarded all of the remaining sno cone syrups, those that had expired and those that had started to leak. He recommends in the future not purchasing full cases of any but the most popular flavors, and instead to purchase split cases or individual bottles if split cases are not an option. He did mention before more syrup/cases of water are purchased/ loaded back into 17, he would like to clean the storage area better.
- Band Camp: the band directors are still tentatively planning on a spring mini camp, as well as some form of band camp in August. At this point, they are viewing the situation as “not dealing with a 1 year loss, but with a 2 year correction,” in regards to our freshmen students never having experienced a marching season.
- Chaperones/Volunteers: thank you to all of the parents who helped plan and attended this trip as chaperones. The trip went as well as could possibly be expected.
- Fundraising: Desiree submitted a report via email in the event that she was unable to make the meeting. She would like to try a Little Caesar’s fundraiser next. Since she was unable to attend this meeting to discuss the details, this topic has been tabled until our next meeting.
- Events: Senior Night: The next big event we would be looking to host this year would be bandquet. What exactly bandquet would look like this year will be determined upon what is allowed and what is deemed safe.
- Equipment: no report
- Media: Mr. Malcolm asked if the state championship game photos were up on the band photo site yet. Gena said she would check to make sure they were moved to public viewing mode.
- Uniforms: uniform drop off, for students who attended state championship game and have not yet brought their uniforms in: 1/14/21 from 6-7PM at the main campus
- Tech Support: no report
- Alumni Rep: no report
- Snowcones: no report
- Guard: given in director’s report
- Continuity/Spiritwear: Mr. LaBonte will move the remaining continuity items into 16 for storage. Inventory will have to be taken over the summer.

ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Malcolm requested that the BPA purchase a State Champion ring to put on display in the band room/band office. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING EVENTS: TBA

NEXT BPA MEETING DATE & LOCATION: February 9 at 6:30PM (meeting mode TBD)

ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 8:19PM by Gena Bukur (Motion: Chris, Second: James)