

**Buchholz Band Boosters Parent
Meeting Minutes**
September 3, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order at 7:07 pm by band booster president, Ms. Jennifer Boe. There were 47 participants at the start of the meeting, with the attendance reaching 52 participants.
2. Parents /Guardians were asked to submit volunteer hours using the Google form link provided with the agenda.
3. The 2020-2021 board approved budget was presented to parents according the band booster’s bylaws. A link to the budget was provided prior to the meeting.
4. The 2020-2021 BHS Band Handbook is online at the band webpage. The paper copy will be given to brick and mortar students next week (Sept 8-11th). Digital Academy students will receive the handbook by email. The last page must be signed and sent back to acknowledge receipt and agreement to policies. There is a new inclusion policy this year and on webpage.
5. Parents were encouraged to email board members with any questions. The email list is no longer on the webpage due to fraudulent use of email address by outsiders. The list of email address for board members was placed on page 13 of the Band Handbook.
6. Reports
 - Treasurers – Melissa Kury (Disbursements) and John Mitchell (Receivables/Charms)
 - The Fair Share table can be found on page 34 of the Band Handbook. Ms. Boe explained the different designations for fairshare and stressed for parents to contact John Mitchell if they have any questions.
 - Fairshare paid in full by September 30th will receive a \$25 discount. Please see page 33 of the band handbook for information. Paying in full early is extremely helpful as many of the costs are at the beginning of the year.
 - Due to COVID-19 policy changes, the band room drop box will not be used for fairshare payments. Please use Paypal or mail your payment directly to John Mitchell. His address is provided with the fairshare emails. Mr. Barat has address and even envelopes ready to go if they are needed.
 - Fundraising – Lisa Zunkel
 - The Cheesecake/Cookie dough sale will take place (Sept 3-16th). The students receive 40% of the sales toward their fairshare. Please note that online ordering is available. The orders should arrive near the end of October.
 - The [FansRaise](#) fundraiser is still available but will end Sept. 12th. As of 6 pm on 08/30/20, the band had raised \$5020.00.
 - The Gatornationals Parking fundraiser is Sept 26 – 27. A link was provided for signing up.
 - Buchholz Band Booster is a charity listed for AmazonSmile. If you shop using the smile link and selected Buchholz Band Booster as your organization, amazon will donate to your charity. We have received over \$200 this calendar year. Amazon smile can also be used with the Amazon phone app.
 - Travel/Section Parent – Cassie Creegan
 - There are no concessions this year for football games. Students MUST eat before they report! bring snack in band bag for halftime. The band boosters will also provide a small snack during half-time. There are COVID protocols in place for the game including transportation. Students must use the same form of transportation when arriving and departing from the football games.
 - Communication for football games will be by email this week, but Mr. Barat will set up the Remind app for the remaining games.

- Parents were reminded to be patient, as changes often occur. Please email Mr. Barat if you have any changes in your circumstances whether it is transportation to the game or school attendance.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Wendy Brown: registration/SignUp Genius
 - Any parent who wishes to volunteer needs to have a volunteer application on file with Alachua County Schools. A chaperon is needed this week to ride the bus back and forth for the game.
- Uniforms/Rookie Kits/Spirit Wear – Kim Taylor/Jennifer Paugh-Miller
 - All the rookie kits have all been distributed. If there are problems please contact Ms. Taylor or Ms. Paugh-Miller.
 - Aesthetic Print and Design is creating a webstore for us to sell spirit wear. Shirts and masks will be available. A link to the webstore will be sent via charms. The band boosters will pick up all the orders and then distribute to families.
 - Concert uniforms will need to be purchased in the upcoming months. Please watch for more information in an email. Wind Symphony students will need a uniform for the Veteran's Day concert so the fitting will likely be in September. The remaining band students will probably be fitted in October. Digital academy students who require a uniform may be contacted for how to provide the necessary measurements.
 - Students may purchase items from the uniform closet on Friday mornings. A price list and inventory will be ready by Friday.
- Aviance Liaison – Heather Wilson
 - Ms. Wilson educated parents on the role Aviance plays in our band program and encouraged people to recommend it to friends. Aviance is still accepting members and no previous musical knowledge is required. All genders are welcome. The Aviance team performs throughout the year, not just during the marching season. Ms. Wilson thanked everyone for support of the program.
- Director – Shawn Barat
 - Mr. Barat is very proud of the students and families who have made a commitment to band during this challenging year. If there is a problem, please encourage your child to be the primary communicator both verbally and through email.
 - New protocols are in place from previous years to handle changes due to COVID-19. In the past, students with mild, non-contagious illnesses were asked to attend band events; however, this year we are asking any student not feeling well to stay home.
 - Mr. Barat stressed that as a program we are going to keep the same standards and expectations, regardless if we attend a competition or not. It was noted that the 9th grade year is difficult and will be the hardest for students because the expectations are much higher than in middle school. Please understand the benefits of teaching your children resilience and the need of internal motivation to rise to the challenge of being the best band student they can during this atypical year.
 - Students need to come to class prepared with a cut disposable masks or a specially made instrument friendly re-usable cloth mask. The students are encouraged to prepare a week's supply at a time.
 - Digital Academy students will be receiving assignments soon.
 - The band calendar is very important and is kept current. Please monitor it for band activities.
 - There is a plan to invite parents to the end of a rehearsal to view the students work.
 - Precon graciously donated the materials for the staff viewing towers this year so that rental funds could be diverted to COVID-19 supplies (\$2,3400.00 spent so far on supplies). We appreciated the support.
 - Thank you to all the parents who have helped this year, especially those who have been sewing the instrument bag and bell covers.

7. Important Dates/Events

- Fair Share deadlines: 15th of the month, July 2020 until completed
 - Veterans Day Concert is on November 11, 2020. The Wind Symphony will be performing at the Phillips Center with limited seating. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event.
 - Our annual “A Taste For Music” Dinner/Dance fundraiser is scheduled for April 10, 2021, at the Best Western Gateway Grand. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and unfortunately had to be canceled last year. Please keep this in mind for the spring. We welcome company sponsorships.
8. The next Parent/Booster Meeting will be in 3 months. It will be posted on the band calendar around November.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes were taken by Carla Linebarger