

## **Buchholz Band Boosters Parent**

### **Meeting Minutes**

November 17, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

1. The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Boe, President for band boosters at 7:01 pm with 20 participants.
2. If parents have volunteer hours for September through November, please use the google form link that was sent out on the agenda. We report these hours to the school.
3. We have an annual fundraiser entitled “A Taste For Music” that is used to raise funds for the program to use over the summer and to help with marching band expenses. It is currently set for April 10, 2021. While this event is typically a Dinner/Dance with silent auction and music by a guest jazz band and the Buchholz Jazz Band at the Best Western, we are looking into alternatives for this year. The board is currently re-imagining the event, but the goal is to still have a fundraiser in April. At minimal, we will have some type of silent auction be it on line, in person or a combination of the two. This event takes four to five months to plan so we will begin organizing soon. Please consider getting involved with this event. We will keep parents posted on how the event will take place this school year.

Ms. Sarah Freedman ([smfreed2000@gmail.com](mailto:smfreed2000@gmail.com)) is the silent auction chair. She is looking for volunteers to help with event in any way they can. Even if you only even have a little time please consider joining the silent auction team. New members can bring new ideas and possible new business contacts so that the event is always evolving. We could use parent help to review the items in storage from last year’s canceled event. Please email Sarah if you are interested in volunteering, have questions about the event or know of a business that would like to be a sponsor.

4. The Treasurers Reports were given. Ms. Melissa Kury handles disbursements and reported that all invoices are paid. The only outstanding payments are staff checks for Wind Symphony sections. The current checking balance is \$10,198.25, the current money market balance is \$5,320.49 and the CD balance is \$10,563.84.

Mr. Mitchell handles receivables and reported that there is approximately \$7,500 in cash and checks and approximately \$2,200 from Paypal that will be deposited at the end of the month. He is waiting on checks that we are owed from UF concessions and Gatornationals. Fairshare payments are typical for this time of year with several families who have paid in full, 15 families that have

not paid for band camp and an average of 36 families that owe for Fairshares 1-5. Fairshare payments due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month until completed.

5. The fundraising report was provided by Ms. Zunkel. We are currently selling North Carolina Apples until the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The google order form must be filled out by the 27<sup>th</sup> of November and money received by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. The orders can be picked up on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. We are also taking orders for apple donations to the local food banks if you do not want to purchase apples for yourself or have contacts that would like to donate apples to charity.

We have discontinued UF football concessions as this year's opportunities were not productive. We did communicate with UF concessions that we would be willing to return next year if regular concessions resume. We received a check from David's BBQ for our spirit night and are waiting on a check from Gatornationals for our parking volunteering. Gatornationals is also planning to hold an event in March and it may be possible to volunteer again.

This quarter we received a check for \$98 from AmazonSmile. If you or your friends and family shop with Amazon please consider doing it through AmazonSmile and choose to support the Buchholtz Band Boosters. This is an easy way for us to raise money for the program.

6. The Concert and Symphonic Bands are not ordering traditional concert uniforms this year. These bands will wear regular black pants (does not have to be tuxedo pants), the band polo shirt, black socks and black shoes for concerts this year, starting with the winter concert in December. If your student does not have a band polo or you have questions, please contact Ms. Paugh-Miller. The jazz band will wear a black collared button-down shirt with black pants, shoes and socks. An email will be sent out with the uniform requirements for each band and the contact information for Ms. Paugh-Miller.

A show hoodie is currently being designed. The design and ordering information will be provided soon. The ordering will be done in the on-line format that was used for the show t-shirts.

7. This year the BHS Aviance will combine with GHS for winter guard competitions. The details are still being worked out and will be sent to parents as it becomes available.
8. Mr. Santiago has not received any updates from the school board concerning Mr. Barat and no new information has been released. Mr. Santiago reported that the Florida Bandmasters Association is working on details for how Solo and Ensemble and district MPAs will be conducted this year. They are working on several options for both events. There will only be district MPA this year not state. All-state will be on-line this year with selected students attending on-line clinics/masterclasses during the weekends and no formal concert.

The winter concert will be a video and audio recording that will be posted on YouTube this year. The school district has stated that no large gatherings with live audiences should take place this semester. The concert will be recorded the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> and an email link will be sent out the day of the video posting sometime during the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. The recording location has not yet been determined. Digital Academy students are welcome to be part of the video concert if they feel comfortable attending afterschool rehearsals and the recording session. They will not be penalized for not attending. The directors are working on a plan to include students who cannot physically attend the concert recording session. Each band will play at least two pieces for the concert. Please watch the band calendar for after school rehearsal information.

Mr. Graben and Mr. Renzi are working on MPA approved music as well as musical specifically for the winter concert. They are engaging the students to help make the decisions on which pieces to play and enjoy their input. They are also working to create a jazz combo to play for the community.

9. Some reminders for upcoming Events / Needs:
  - a. Individual band composite photos will be Friday, December 11. We are working on a plan to have digital academy students take pictures after school and will communicate to those students if it has been approved.
  - b. The Alachua County Honor Band: auditions will be via Heart Out App on December 11 – 12. The students will get information in their band class on how and when to record their tryout.
10. We are looking for a sponsor for our small trailer. The informational flyer was attached to the agenda. Please contact the band boosters if interested or if you know a business that we should approach.
11. The next Parent/Booster Meeting is February 16, 2021. We will be forming a nomination committee and looking for people to join the band boosters board as many of the current members are leaving. Please reach out if interested and let other parents know of this opportunity to help support the band.
12. The award packets from last year are being located and will be distributed in band class as soon as they are found.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm. The minutes were recorded by Carla Linebarger.