

McCourt Middle School Band Booster Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2009

6:30 pm

McCourt Middle School Library

The meeting started at approximately 6:30 pm. Band director Paul Bowser, Band booster President Gail Dubois, Treasurer Beth McCarthy, Fund Raiser Maria Costa, Secretary Mary Alberg, and 2 parents were present.

Gail is hoping to meet with Dr. Morelle about the band director situation. Last year North Cumberland and McCourt each had a band director, whereas this year there is only 1 band director for both schools.

Mr. Pires approves of having Mr. Rowan give guitar lessons after school to those students who are interested. We need to get use of school approval and fundraiser approval to proceed. The 10 week program would be open to the whole school and would cost about \$62.00 per student for a 1 hour weekly lesson, including music book. We hope to have a sign-up sheet in the office.

The poinsettia fundraiser will be handed out to students before Thanksgiving and will be due on December 2. The cost is \$12 per plant. Students and parents will be able to pick up the plants at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15. The monthly band booster meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. Gail will need help picking up the orders earlier in the day at the Stop and Shop.

Twenty-two students ordered sweatshirts and should receive them before Christmas break.

We were unable to man informational tables at the elementary schools this year in order to spread the news about middle school band and to get students interested in 5th grade band. Hopefully we'll do so next year.

There is a possibility of signing up children for 5th grade band at the end of the 4th grade instead of waiting for the beginning of the 5th grade. Mr. Bowser spoke with Ms. Kozoil-Kenyon about this.

There may be a new instrument rental program next year for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. They would be able to rent an instrument from Rick's for the year for \$85. It would not be rent to own.

BAAM (Because Art Always Matters) is fundraising for the art department this year, since they spent the last 2 years on music. There may be some leftover funds from last year that the middle schools can use. We still need to contact them.

The treasury reports funds of \$2674.39, same as last month.

Our holiday concert will be on Thursday, December 10 at 7 pm. We will need 5 or 6 students to stay after school to help set up for the program. We need money for pizza, beverages, raffles and water sales. The band also needs 20 more ties for the students, since many ties are worn out. For the raffles, we need to fill out the appropriate paperwork for the state police. An adult must be over 21 to sell raffle tickets. Several parents volunteered to sell raffle tickets at the meeting. We must list the cost of items being raffled and the profit for each individual raffle. The cost of the gaming certificate is \$5 and must be available to show. We are also planning to sell chocolate pops at the concert. We can buy 360 pops for \$216 and sell them for \$1 each and make a profit of \$144.

We are hoping that the 7th and 8th grade band will be able to perform at 1 Mendon Rd. for a Christmas concert on December 17 during school hours.

On December 22, the bands will perform for their friends at school.

Mr. Bowser is setting up his website at schoolrack.com.

All Band Night is tentatively scheduled for April 28 and our spring concert is tentatively set for May 19.

The next Band Booster meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm in the McCourt school library.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Mary Alberg
Band Booster Secretary