

Band Directors Meeting
March 20, 2006

Notes

In attendance at meeting: Mr. Jack Werner, Mr. Mark Napolitan, Mr. Aaron Smith, Mr. Don Lyle, Mrs. Cindy Scheid, Mrs. Wendy Norris

- I. Handbook
 - A. Purpose
 - B. Philosophy – page 4
 - C. Value Statement – page 11
 - D. Objectives of Music Program – page 35
 - E. Suggestions
 - 1. Mr. Werner asked that the directors look over the athletic employee handbook and submit ideas to include marching band/co-curricular activities to the handbook. He suggested using such sources as TOB and PMEA
 - 2. Mr. Werner asked for additional input: duties for directors and assistant directors, code of conduct, etc.
- II. Football Half-Time Shows and Competitions
 - A. Distinction Between Half-Time Shows and Competitions
 - 1. The difference is funding and scheduling
 - a. Student transportation is funded by the district
 - b. Equipment transportation is funded by the boosters
 - 2. Mr. Napolitan stated that officials at games have shortened half-time from 20 minutes to 15 minutes, and he would like the time increased. Who should be contacted?
 - a. Mr. Werner said that increased time at the half is improbable. Half-time now will typically be extended only in the case of special events like Homecoming or Senior Night
 - b. Mr. Werner suggested that complaints be directed to the National Federation of High Schools
- III. Scheduling
 - A. Athletic Coordinators and Schedule Star
 - 1. If the band directors would like the marching band schedule on the internet, they can submit their fall schedules to the athletic coordinator of their school
 - B. Field Trips
 - 1. Any band event that is on the schedule does not have to be submitted as a field trip
 - 2. Any events not on the regular schedule must follow the procedure for field trips
- IV. Paperwork
 - A. Bus Rosters
 - 1. A bus roster must be faxed to the Athletic/Co-Curricular Office (723-0830) for overnight trips
 - B. Volunteer Clearances
 - 1. All volunteers must have copies of Act 33 (Child Abuse Clearance) and Act 34 (Criminal Record Check) on file at the Athletic/Co-Curricular Office
 - 2. Volunteer clearances will be paid for on submission of volunteer form, copies of clearances, and a notation from the director that payment needs made
 - 3. Clearances do not have to be renewed yearly unless an interruption in service occurs
 - 4. Volunteer names must be submitted yearly to the Athletic/Co-Curricular Office for inclusion on the Athletic/Co-Curricular Activities Committee report to the School Board for approval
- V. Booster Issues
 - A. Mr. Smith felt that booster organizations are asked to fund too many costs
 - B. Mr. Napolitan felt a need to clarify that parents who help with the band are not part of the booster organization

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- VI. Uniforms
 - A. Budget Suggestion to Standardize Uniforms
 - 1. Mr. Werner asked if any part of the county uniforms could be standardized for cost effectiveness so that uniform sizes can be shared among schools
 - 2. Decision was reached Eisenhower and Warren to use the same pants (blue) and for Sheffield and Youngsville to use the same pants (black)
- VII. Band Rotation Schedule
 - A. Fourth of July Parade
 - 1. Lack of student availability and commitment
 - 2. Mr. Napolitan would like to keep the supplemental contract available in case circumstances change yearly and interest is shown
 - B. Bands in the Round
 - 1. Verified rotation
 - C. Marching Band Exhibition
 - 2. Will continue
 - D. Community Events
 - 1. Some or all of the marching bands participate in the Christmas Parade, the Marti Gras celebration at Holy Redeemer, Memorial Day events, and various requested performances
- VIII. Others
 - A. Supplemental Salaries/Don Lyle
 - 1. If the school has funding, Mr. Lyle would like an additional marching band assistant director
 - 2. It was recommended that he approach the building principal to check on availability of funds

cc: Mr. Grant
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