

# BAND BOOSTER MEETING

September 17, 2007

## President's Comments – Debbie Falatko

- Tag Day – Music Department raised \$28,000 with more expected by mail, which is a 10% increase over last year. Band Booster's percentage total is unknown, but will be determined based on band student participation, which was very good.
- Bulldog BBQ – 15% vendor profit to Music Booster – amt to Band Boosters unknown at present
  
- Band Brochure – Provided copies of the Band Survival Guide. Brochure provides basic band information for new parents or those unfamiliar with band.
  
- Instrument Theft
  - Fairfax County has some insurance for school-owned instrument, but only limited funding
  - Students need to use locks on instrument lockers
  - For individually owned instruments – check your homeowners policy
  
- VBODA
  - Important to attend two VBODA events each year.
    - 10/27 – Haymarket Competition
    - 2/28-3/1 – Festival
    - To gain the status of Virginia Honor Band we need to receive outstanding ratings at these VBODA events
    - Recognized at Westfield by sign on outside of building and by banners in corridor
  
- Student Accounts
  - Fundraising profits can be used for fees/trips etc.
  - Not to buy an instrument or for other personal uses
  - Accounts can roll over to a sibling
  
- Budget
  - Understanding the Budget
    - Annual Operating Budget greater than \$100,000.00
    - Other accounts include Uniform Fund, Student Accounts, and Laura McBride Scholarship Fund
  - Income
    - 75% of parents paid the “no-fuss” fundraising cost up-front
    - 80% of income is from fees
    - 20% of income is from donations
  - Expenses
    - Scholarships – 2 at end of year
    - Laura McBride – 2 at end of year (from Laura McBride Scholarship Fund)
    - Financial Need Student – we would look at other reduced activities such as reduced lunch program
    - Bus transportation reduced from \$15,000 to \$9,500 after overnight trip cancelled and other venue changes
  - New Category – We now have a budget for jazz band
  - Instruments
    - BBO purchased 2 marching tubas
    - 2 French horns / 2 tubas from FCPS are on backorder
    - Still need 2 baritones / 2 concert tubas
  - Motion to approve budget – motions seconded – budget motion passed

### Mr. Panoff's Comments

- Band Students discuss reasons that the band program benefit them:
  - Helps them become good citizens
  - Helps them to perform to their potential
  - And by all means – have fun
  
- FCPS starting down the path to address skills that our students really need
  - SOL and No Child Left Behind – statistically impossible to meet these goals
  - FCPS is looking to the music and arts programs to be an effective domain to teach our children the skills they need in life
    - Team skills - playing in a symphony , work under a conductor
    - Problem solve in subgroups – music sectionals
    - Business for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Skills that our kids learn in music will be helpful in the future business world
  
- We will NOT be going to Charlottesville on February 23, 2008. Reschedule date to be determined.
  - There will be a nationally televised ballgame on campus that day. Parking will be at a premium, so all other activities cancelled.
  
- Carnegie Hall –Unforgettable experience – brief video clip shown
  - Wind Symphony - \$1,200 (coupons for 6 payments of \$200 each)
  - Symphonic Band - \$1,200 (coupons for 6 payments of \$200 each)
  - Concert Band - \$800 (coupons for 4 payments of \$200 each)
    - Concert Band will compete Friday in New Jersey
  - New York sightseeing
    - Ground Zero
    - Empire State Building
    - Broadway performance (possibly four to pick from)
    - Three dinners included
  - Chaperones – current ratio 1:10 (will possibly be reduced to 1:8 etc)
  - One Carnegie Hall ticket included in package for Concert Band students
  - Carnegie Hall performance is 8pm on Saturday, April 12, 2008. Concert tickets will be available for purchase – estimated cost of \$50.
  
- Tim Smith – Fundraising
  - Decal with New Logo are NOW AVAILABLE - \$3.00
  - E-Books – Sale Price \$25 with \$10 profit for student account
  - Can order out of state – use Westfield acct number to receive proper credit
  
- Patricia Lipsett – Uniforms
  - Uniforms found left lying around will be confiscated
  - \$5.00 charge for EACH piece returned to student.
  - Each piece (pant/ jacket/ cumber bund)
  - Take your uniform HOME
  - Air dry it before zipping it up in the garment bag