TJ Band Patrons Meeting
August 1, 2023

I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Band Director's Report

- **a.** Band Camp
  - **i.** The band is ahead of schedule
  - **ii.** Marching has been picked up – extra quality that can be tweaked and tightened up to look better than they have in the past
  - **iii.** Drum Major Auditions – best group of auditioners in a while!
  - **iv.** Monday – played through Pre-Game
    1. **1.** Sound-wise was one of the nicest starts for camp
    2. **2.** Kids are doing a wonderful job so far.
  - **v. Saturday, August 12, 2023**
    1. **1.** Two performances
       - **a.** Pleasant Hills Community Day Parade
         - **i.** TJ Band is first in the parade
         - **ii.** Load buses at parade and load buses to head to Kennywood
         - **iii.** Upperclassmen – wearing a band t-shirt from the past for parade graders – black shirt (any black shirt) for parade; new members wear a black shirt
       - **b.** Kennywood Parade
         - i. Uniform Options
           1. Band shoes, low cut socks, shorts, and this year's band t-shirt
           2. Uniform bottoms with shirt over top
           3. Full uniform
         - ii. 4:00 back to buses to get into the uniforms
- **b. Florida Trip – April 2024**
  - i. Estimated cost of $2,200 per kid, give or take $200
  - ii. The cost of trip was reduced by taking out Busch Gardens and putting in Sea World due to bus driving costs.
  - iii. We will get closer to an exact itinerary in the future.
  - iv. April 8 after school, the band will leave.
    1. Take a chartered flight to Orlando
    2. Unsure size of plane or how many can be accommodated
    3. There are 2 sizes for charters; will need to ss what the numbers are and will see about opening seats up for family members.
    4. The entire band, personnel, and chaperones travel together.
  - v. Thursday is Honors Band students + orchestra + choir performance at Universal.
    1. Covers orchestra and choir performances
  - vi. Friday's performance is in Magic Kingdom
  - vii. late Sunday night April 14th - come home
    1. Everyone needs to be in class on Monday, April 15th.
- c. Questions: When the kids are performing at Universal, where is the rest of the group?
  - i. Everyone travels together and goes to the same places at the same times on the same days.
- **d. Football Games**
  - i. There is a game before school starts – "Game Zero"
  - ii. 8/25/23 at Franklin Regional

1. Administration wanted the Band to participate in this game.
2. Thinking of doing "Summer Uniform" again at this game.

e. Auxiliary New Uniforms

i. Color Guard and majorette uniform samples are in. There are a few things that need to be asked about.

1. The new uniforms look very nice.
2. Hope to get them before regular season is over. Hopefully, late October.
3. For photos, they will wear the current uniforms.

f. Mandatory Meeting for Disney Trip

i. There will be a mandatory meeting for all students/parents who are attending Disney trip.

1. The itinerary will be set at this time.
2. Once we have the itinerary, it will not be changed.
3. Travel agent will be available to help.
4. What you raise in funds will take your kid from TJHS on Monday until Sunday night to TJHS. They will need nothing except for money to spend on souvenirs.
    a. If there are insufficient funds in student's GSA, you can pay with a check.
5. Question: The Disney meeting will be in October?
    a. Depends on when the information will be ready.

IV. Auxiliary Report

a. Kairy – almost done with first song
b. Learnd some of the sidelines songs
c. Remember to drink logs of water. Aux is outside all day, typically.

V. Treasurer's Report

a. May 2023 – end of last year – no May 2023 meeting.
i. A lot of payments in May went to the Band Banquet, which we budgeted for.
ii. June 2023 – last month of the 2022-23 school year
1. Did make a deposit of $200 for Bar Bingo
2. Everything else was Raise Right program
iii. July 2023 – Taylor Swift payments have been transferred to GSA
iv. Disney Choice Payment Deposit: $30,000
1. Question: Can we pay the entire Disney fee at the end of the year?
a. No, we have already put a big deposit down.
b. We have secured our spot at Disney this year.
c. Orchestra and Choir will give us $20,000.
d. We need to make this money back.
v. Any questions, reach out to Kerry.
vi. Gator Fund: $2,042.00
vii. Question: What is a gator?
1. The gator is a side-by-side utility vehicle that tows stuff to fields
2. It does to every game, parade, festival, etc.
3. It is about 11 years old.
4. Parts are hard to find. We have put some costly repairs into it.
5. We are raising funds to purchase a new gator.
6. The cost is about $11K - $15K for the type of gator we need.
a. WE may get $1500-3000 for our gator to sell it.

VI. Approve meeting minutes from 5/9/23 meeting

a. Motion to approve: Kelly Bandik; 2nd: Missy Ditmore. Motion passes.

VII. Forms and Payments

a. Every student needs to provide a recent photo – please send one in to Band Camp with your child.

b. Outstanding forms need to be completed and submitted to Band Room BEFORE Kennywood!
c. Assessment fees are due 8/31/23
d. Patrons Membership payments are due 11/1/23
e. Blue Medication forms – must be filled out, even if child does not take any medication.

VIII. Chaperone Forms

a. We need physical copies for FBI clearances, child abuse clearance, etc.
b. If you have turned them into the school, you can go administration and request a copy from Liz Grimes, Human Resources person
i. Only patrons in good standing are eligible to sign up to chaperone an event.
ii. Chaperone sign up is open and is online.
iii. If someone has not paid their patron fees, they will need to be removed from chaperoning the event.
iv. Please feel free to ask Beth if you have any questions.
v. Fingerprints – where do we go?
1. Bethel Park off of Library Rd.
2. It will give you options on the website. Must make an appointment.
3. We need emergency info for all chaperones and roadies, too.
4. In the past, folks have kept it online and it can take time to access.

IX. Band T shirts – forms and payments due 8/11.

a. Need order for Dinkles/Gloves tomorrow AM.
b. Each kid's free t-shirt, band bags, and shorts will be distributed on Friday 8/4.

X. Old Business

a. **Car Wash** – Tavern in the Hills – July 22nd 12 pm - 2 pm
i. Made about $832 for general fund.
ii. A lot of organizations do 4 hours for car washes.
iii. This was our first car wash.
iv. May try to do more car washes in the future.
v. There were about 20 student volunteers.
vi. We had soap and towel donations.

XI. New Business

a. Kennywood Ticket Sales – Chair people: Eileen Andreola and Tammy Kauffman
i. Mirabella just got the code for Kennywood tickets
ii. Will be sent out in a One Call Email.
iii. Will have a pavilion. Any snacks left over from Band Camp will be there. Kids can check in there and have a snack.

b. Fundraisers
i. Paw Prints
1. Spray paint a paw print stencil in driveways
2. Cost $25. Kids get $20 into their GSA per paw print.
3. 2 band kids have sold a print; 6 have been sold via social media.
4. Have to have a waiver signed and need to be present during spray painting.
ii. St. Vincent de Paul Stuff a Truck – Saturday, August 5, 2023 – 10 am – 1 pm
1. Donations will be loaded into a truck in the TJHS parking lot.
2. Weigh truck and send us a check.
3. Super easy.
4. They take books but only certain books.
iii. Hoagie Sale – 7/31-8/11
1. Hoagie Distribution in TJHS Cafeteria – 8/31/23 4:00-5:30 pm
2. Check must be submitted by 8/11.

3. Pick up is 8/31 from 4-5:30 in TJHS Cafeteria

iv. Decals – 8/1/23-8/10/23

1. $8.00 each; students earn $4.00 in GSA per decal sold.
2. We are just starting this fundraiser. It's on the website
3. You can sell decals for your vehicle.
4. Order form link is below.

v. Back the Band Bingo – Saturday, September 9th 12 pm – 5 pm

1. Location: Backdraft Bar and Grill
2. $30 per ticket – 10 bingo games and lunch buffet
3. 10 regular Bingo games with $100 payout
    a. One Cover All Bingo with $500 payout will cost extra
4. Two Large Baskets will be raffled – Alcohol Basket and Lottery Tickets Basket
    a. Patrons are asking for $10 donation per band member to support the purchase of items for baskets.
5. We are looking to sell tickets to the community.
6. There will be small games of chance to play as well.
7. Must be over 18 years old to buy a ticket.
8. Max capacity is 160 people with a few kids helping out, etc.
9. We have sold 19 tickets so far.
10. Flyer is on the website.
11. $10 donation in envelope and have kid to bring it into the bin.
12. Cover all bingo $500 is not decided for final. We will do a 50/50. Whatever is collected; will charge $5 per cover all game #11.
13. To purchase tickets, email Sarah Laslo at Sarah_Laslo@yahoo.com. Submit payments with checks in to band camp.

vi. Spirit Nights

1. Al's Cone Zone Thursday, August 3, 2023 – 5pm to Close
2. Truss – every Wednesday in August
    a. Mention that you want your order to count for the TJ Marching Band.
3. Primanti's – Tuesday, September 12th – 11 am- 11 pm
4. Texas Roadhouse will be arranged for Oct.
5. November – Chipotle
6. Five Below does a week-long fundraiser where you get 10% of sales – December
7. Communications to Wing Stop, Primo, and Jersey Mike's
    a. Later in the year.
    b. All spirit night monies raised go to General Fund

vii. Applelicious

1. Will be a fundraiser in October – Jen Beach Chairperson

viii. Aramark opportunities

1. Steeler games = $165 on weekend
2. Monday/Thurs. night $200
3. Pitt games $135
4. Concerts
5. Need to watch video and complete RAMP Training
    a. Send to Sarah
    b. Sarah will send you the link for those events to participate.
6. Kids must be 16 or 17 to participate without RAMP training.
7. RAMP training needed for 18 years old or older
8. No clearances needed.

ix. Raise Right
    1. Jen Pesanka chairperson
    2. Link your Raise Right account to raise funds for your child's GSA
    3. Purchase e-gift cards and a % will be earned

XII. Band Camp – 7/31/23-8/11/23

XIII. **Letterman Jacket Fittings/Orders –** Tuesday, August 8th 4:00-5:00 pm in Fine Arts Lobby

a. If you'd like to purchase a letterman jacket, Keith from Leway will be here to measure them in the fine arts lobby.
b. Form is on the website under Important Documents.
c. You can pay a down payment and pay monthly.
d. Not mandatory to have a letterman jacket, but when it gets really cold and band needs to look uniform. We have extras but cannot count on that.

XIV. Band Photos – Thursday, August 10th – 4:30 pm at TJ Stadium

a. Professional photos done by Ken Eber
b. Seniors get their photos taken with their parents
c. Juniors, sophomores, freshmen all get individual photos taken
d. Big ensemble picture
e. Sectional pictures
f. Senior parent photos with their kids go in Media guide for senior rec edition
    i. It's important that each senior parent gets photo taken with kid

XV. **Pleasant Hills Community Day Parade** – Saturday, August 12th

a. With doing Community Day and doing Kennywood on the same day, that the Patrons will supply a hoagie and a drink as the kids get on the bus.
b. Eat and drink on the bus and roam free at Kennywood.
c. We want to make sure the kids are fed and hydrated.

XVI. **Kennywood Parade –** Saturday, August 12th

XVII. TJ Band Festival – Saturday, October 7, 2023

a. Chairperson: Cherise Sandrock
b. Many volunteers are needed!
c. 13-14 schools come, do their halftime routine, it's fun and exciting
d. Biggest fundraiser of the year.
e. Still looking for a committee chair or 2 for Concession Stand
    i. It's a large part of the money that is made for the festival.
    ii. Please see Cherise if interested in doing this.
f. Corporate Sponsors: Lisa Hopkins – chair
    i. Getting advertising in our program.
    ii. Program is lovely, has photos, happy ads, etc.
    iii. If you or a friend has a company that is willing to sponsor space in the program, ask them to sponsor the band festival.
        1. There are different levels of sponsorship.
        2. Company gets an ad
        3. Child gets 10% of the cost of the ad in their GSA.
        4. There are parameters on how to ask for sponsorship.
        5. Ask a company for a sponsorship – email Lisa and Lisa will assign a company to a student.

XVIII. Disney Payment schedule

a. First payment non-refundable will be due on Friday, August 11th - $300
    i. We need to build up the money that we paid out for a deposit.
b. Send Kerry text/email to use GSA for payments.

c. Second Payment: 9/15 $500
d. 10/15 $500
e. 11/15: $500
f. 1/15: $500
g. 2/1: Any remaining balance
h. This will go out in a One Call once Mrs. Lucci and Mr. Mirabella talk and communicate it out.
i. Questions:
    i. Check goes in bin: You can write out a check for TJ BAND PATRONS and in Memo write Disney.
    ii. Is Disney mandatory?
        1. No, it is voluntary.
        2. It is a fun time for the kids.
        3. Anyone doing Raise Right – everything you earn in Aug. goes to into GSA in the first week in Sept. Anything through Dec. will go toward the Disney trip.

XIX.Additional Items

a. Next Band Patrons Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the LGI.
b. Motion to adjourn: Susan Reed; 2nd Beth Geitner. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.