

Flagstaff High School Band & Orchestra Boosters

Booster Parent Meeting

8/13/26 5:30pm in FHS Band/Orchestra Room

Attendees:

Kim, Tommi, Suzzanna, Ash, Tim, Arianna, Dr. Mc, Kaia Guscott, Wendy Price, Robert Price, Maria Moreno-McAlister, Stephanie Adams, Stacey Oberhardt, Maiah Jaskoski, Criselle Hagerman, John McGergor, Jacquie McGergor, Amber Welsch, Brittney Moore

Welcome! Let's meet each other -Introduce yourself & share who your musician is and what instrument they play.

Introductions

Directors Comments:

- Thanks! Band camp smooth despite crazy weather. Appreciates support.
- 132 students will march! Pulling oooold instruments out–will ask for money for more.
- First week great
- 39 in one orchestra; 35 in another
- Ask kids if they have checked “The Important Stuff” Board

Notes/Comments

- Band Camps
 - Student feedback positive
 - Leftover hotdogs eaten by the Miller kids
- Uniform Fitting
 - Dr. Mc says went well with new systems (one-on-one, bibbers first)
 - We propose doing freshmen LAST–like during the first week of school
 - Need to schedule time for late arrivals this year–21st 1pm
- Parent Preview Night–comments “it was great”
 - Ice cream for next year–will need a freezer to keep it cold
 - Could we buy one and keep it at the school?

Game Days

- Two Game days changed (Aug 27th and Oct 15th–still senior night)
 - Both moved one day earlier from previous schedule
 - NAU would not let them start the game earlier without paying \$5000
- Schedule
 - Coco the week after 15 Oct
 - After school, rehearsal for 1-1.5 hours
 - 4:30 pm eat–boosters provides those meals
 - 6pm load trailer and buses

- Buses back here after game—if heading out of town, need in writing in advance to take kids after halftime, etc.
- Meals
 - Email Fratelli's with updated number of students
 - Need parents to help serve—need to be there by 3:30
 - Food allergies —Dr. Mc has asked and will doublecheck before first game
- Sign up Genius for volunteers
 - Need a lot of help on game days
 - Need fingerprint card to be a chaperone and ride the bus
 - Volunteer link is on website
 - Don't need fingerprint to serve food, etc.
 - Water fillers—jugs with ice and water, get to take elevator, check/refill during second quarter
 - Plumers—putting feathers in kids' shakos
 - Field stands—three this year to place for drum majors (two front; one back) [before halftime, 40- and 45-yard lines]
- Trailer
 - Get Crew set up on dates
 - Make sure no one parks in front of trailer
 - Tim—if you have a big truck and can help load, please let us know! For game nights—technically need a 3500, but 1500 can probably work
 - How to ensure that no one parks in front of trailer—Dr. Mc will work on and bring u at coaches' meeting
- **Game Tickets on a website at NAU—CANNOT buy at the door; can only buy online**

Fundraising

- Band Fan Gear
 - T-Shirt (I'm with the Band) ends Aug 17th at noon
 - Band/Orchestra Store
 - Two sites where you can buy all year
 - 20% Comes back to us
 - Limited edition "I'm with the band" through Monday at noon only!
 - Tommi will check on a clear bag option (Suzzanna got a comment)
- Blast Fundraiser
 - New one—stationed in Tucson; asking to Zoom instead of onsite on 20th
 - Gather 20 emails and give to fundraiser so they can get spammed—only 30 days—they also get info about band shirts, etc. if they want to support; band gets a huge percentage (80 or 86%, not sure)
 - Suggestion to be really specific about where the money would go—new instruments, etc. —Arianna will ask about that.
 - They will also spotlight small businesses and set up donations as desired
 - Volleyball made \$11,000 on the blast fundraiser once.

- SomeBurros
 - Conflict with new changed game date... Arianna has asked about a new date—waiting on that then...
- Future Fundraisers
 - Chipotle (9/12) 4pm – 8pm—JUST west side location
 - Fratelli's –October right before FHS-Coco game—all three locations
 - Chick-fil-A (Nov 16th-21st)--M-Sa they open up to using the app to order and the whole week –if you put in the code, 10% comes directly to the band. High potential if people are willing to use the app! BOTH locations. Tim has flyers coming out soon for that
 - Wildflower wants 30 days before
- NAU
 - Bands of America – Sept 26th
 - Families volunteer; straight donation of \$500 and workers get free admission (\$50 value)
 - Can count for live performance credit
 - concessions, door, all kinds of easy jobs—we volunteer while NAU is performing [2 hours]
- Volunteers

Treasurer's Report

- Checking—\$5246.43
- Went \$200 over budget with lifeguard fees for champions' night—need to budget for that in future
- Tommi hasn't gotten info on colorguard uniform adjustments
- Savings-\$4867.39
- **Spring**
 - night of the 16th, need hotel for orchestra experts brought in
- Repairs are not covered by the school; boosters does that
- Foundation money hoping for new uniforms in the future

Dr. Mc Miscellaneous extra

- School buses will take kids TO the games; city buses will take them home
- Need to refurbish and repair instruments, so needed money—got \$1000 lastt year, but need \$400-\$500 more to get every kid an instrument in band and orchestra
- Colorguard: show flags and school flags—needs a new \$600 set. Last time we bought them was 6 years ago. School bought show flags last time.

VOTE

- Extend the budget \$500 for more instruments and \$600 for the school flags?

- Kim moves, Ash seconds
 - We do have the money
 - All in favor–unanimously approved
- Asked to submit application for top orchestra to [do something fancy, missed detail–school will cover cost–state event]
- Uniforms gone missing, school will cover

Drill days done at 3:30 and there's an alternate plan in case of rain

What's coming up

8/27 - Football game
9/4 - Football game
9/10 - Booster Meeting
9/12 - Chipotle Fundraiser
9/18 – Football Game
9/26 – Bands of America

And then the raffle of ketchup and mustard!