

Pennfield Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes May 20, 2009

Present: Blake Driver, Suzette Jacobs, Richard Waltman, Chuck Dixon, Carl Maurer, Amy Maurer, Esther Rudd, Gwen Bartzen, Donna Walton, Holly Launder, Sandy Allen, Kelly Weers, Mary Ann Weers and Ellen Auble.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as written...

Treasurer's Report: Tabled until the Executive Board Budget meeting (scheduled Thursday, July 16 at 6:30).

Student Morale/Publicity: High praises were made by Amy Maurer in regards to the article published March 23rd in the *B. C. Enquirer* of an interview with Mr. Driver and the *Reader's View* article.

Concessions: We are done using the stand for the year. Richard will be calling on volunteers to help with cleaning and painting. The Lacrosse team has designated a couple of members that will be helping with the cleaning. Repairs will progress throughout the summer at the volunteer's convenience. Richard will be asking a couple of parents that showed interest in the concession committee to head a concession committee and be in charge of stocking and opening the concession stand.

Director's Report: Mr. Driver led a discussion resulting from a letter Mr. Dixon had sent to him regarding student retention. Of the 53 5th grade woodwinds, the band will retain 30 kids (57%). Mr. Dixon asked the 23 students in his class that were not planning on returning if having more than one elective would have made a difference in their choice. Of those students, 15 said they would have stayed in band if they had more than one elective, raising the participation level to 85%. Please note that this question was only given to the woodwinds which Mr. Dixon leads. If we include Mr. Driver's brass then we would potentially have 80 students returning in 6th grade. Of those 80 6th graders, the band could potentially have 40 9th graders in 2012. We are all in agreement that if the 6th graders were offered one more elective in addition to band that it would be the most effective thing we could do to boost numbers in the band program. Unfortunately, the next issue that will affect our retention numbers will be the change in the high school schedule from an eight block to a six block schedule.

Old business: It was unanimous that the dessert theme for our banquet went over well. We had plenty of desserts and the banquet moved much quicker. Thanks to Gwen, Carl, Donna, Amy, and other band boosters who helped set up and/or prepare for the event.

New business: The board all agreed through unanimous vote to elect the following board members as designated:

President:	Richard Waltman (re-elected)
Vice President:	Holly Launder
Treasurer:	Mary Ann Weers
Secretary:	Ellen Auble (re-elected)

The board discussed how best to handle coordination of volunteers for the concession stand and chaperones. Ideas included having a list of events on the website with a phone number for parents to call and sign-up, having a calendar on the website where the parent could just plug-in their name on the date they prefer to volunteer, powerpoint presentations during concerts showing list of dates volunteers are needed/concert flyers with list of dates or have designated callers with a master calendar to make the calls as we've done in the past.

Issues and concerns were brought to our awareness from our new board members in relation to how charter school recruitment has been handled. We need to devise a band information packet that the school would have in the counselor's office here at Pennfield upon registration or we could give them to the band directors at the different charter schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ellen Auble