



Godwin Band Booster Meeting Minutes: August 9, 2021

Attendance

Derek Ramsey	Bob Trull	Rachel Angel	David Samson	Melissa Spaulding
Beth Austin	Becky Bruning	Mislie Clarke	Cindy Fournier	Jennifer Joss
Jacob Krieg	Robin Lownsbury	Maureen Mandeville	Susan Murphy	Nancy Neely
Amy Samson	Diana Trull	Henry Guo	Tania Banerjee	

At 6:06 PM, the meeting was called to order and minutes were approved from the July meeting.

It was noted that when picking up students for rehearsals, that parents turn left into the bus loop and drive to back of school to Door #15. This keeps all cars driving in the same direction for safety. This will remain in practice for Early bird drop off and marching band pick up during the school year.

Mr. Ramsey Update

The Godwin School Band fees will be paid online with other Henrico school fees at the start of the year. It will go live on August 13th and cover band camp fees, uniforms, t-shirts, shoes, gloves, etc.

Details on the Henrico County fee process is here: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HenricoVA/>
It is important to pay all required fees, especially 1st and 2nd year marchers.

Students are encouraged to buy two t-shirts, as they are worn for every Friday football game and Saturday competition. This is optional, but could save time in cleaning shirts in between events. Mr. Ramsey has a list of all the student's shirt sizes and parents can choose the number of shirts when paying their Henrico county school fees.

If parents would like to purchase a t-shirt for themselves, please send an email to Mr. Ramsey with the size needed and he will communicate payment details needed.

The Godwin Band Boosters fee is a separate fee that covers football game day meals and booster membership. This fee can be paid via Venmo (@GodwinBands) or a check made out to "Godwin Band Boosters".

Parents are encouraged to pay the booster fees prior to the first day of school so that we have funds in place for our operating costs.

Treasurer's Report

Operating Budget (Funds in and out): \$27,109.31

Rachel Angel is leading the Audit, which will be completed by the end of August for submission to Henrico County Schools.

Committee Reports

Uniforms / Maureen Mandeville:

Maureen will be taking inventory on Friday August 13th in preparation for fittings the week of August 16th. The goal is to fit as many kids as possible next week and wrap up by end of band camp. The fitting schedule was communicated by Mr. Ramsey, and will be sent out again prior to the 16th. Maureen will need pant hangers (with a rod to drape pants) and asked for donations prior to purchasing. Parents can have students bring them to rehearsal.

An email address has been set up for all uniform needs: uniforms.gbb@gmail.com

Juniors and seniors are encouraged to try on their shoes to see if they still fit. If students outgrow their shoes, they can opt to sell privately or donate to our uniform closet for others to borrow in case of emergency. Swapping shoes will be determined on a case to case basis, with priority going to Seniors.

Chaperone / Robin Lownsbury:

We still need band camp volunteers and the signup is slowly filling up. Another reminder will be sent out.

For band camp lunch, Gatorade and extra desserts will not be paid for by the school. Robin will send out a sign up for anyone that wants to bring in Gatorade and pre-packed desserts for the week of August 23rd. Rachel Angel volunteered to canvass her sponsor connections to see if we can get Gatorade donated.

Equipment / Jason West

Jason not present at meeting – Mr. Ramsey provided information:

Quotes and estimates for truck rentals were sent to treasurer. It was agreed that Mr. Ramsey could add his credit card on file with the vendor to begin the truck rental quotes to start the work.

Both four-wheelers need to be serviced, which will be used for the October competition and any emergencies requiring quick transportation from the field to the band room. The cost will be \$870.36 for both vehicles (518.24, and 352.12, respectively).

Most of the reported damage was due to gasoline sitting in the vehicles for a long period of time. Mr. Ramsey will make sure that the vehicles are maintained to avoid this in the future, especially factoring in storage time. We will proceed with repairing.

Color Guard / Beth Austin:

Color Guard fittings start on Monday August 16th. Mr. Mitchell may choose to keep the 2019 uniforms. New flags will need to be ordered. Gloves and shoes will be ordered at same time as band uniforms to take advantage of shipping discounts.

Godwin Invitational: 16-Oct-2021 / Jennifer Joss

The Godwin Band Invitational committee met last week to discuss logistics and needs to get things rolling. This year may not show profits, but will be a good learning experience for following years.

Beth Austin volunteered her husband, Jeff Austin, to lead the Traffic Coordination/Control committee. We still need a volunteer to lead the Concessions Committee. There will be no bake sale due to COVID and logistics. Concessions will work with athletic boosters on food sales, etc.

We will be asking sponsors to donate in a tiered system (gold, silver, etc.) for different dollar amounts. There may be a combination of businesses that donate either a flat amount, or only goods/food.

Programs will be electronic, but will still include large ads for sponsors to purchase, or may be included with a tiered sponsorship. All sponsors without ad space will be listed in the program with a thank you. Godwin parents can purchase an ad in the program if they want to honor their student (especially seniors).

Mr. Ramsey would be pricing out trophies with a vendor and bulk order.
Rachel will work on sponsorship letters so we can send those out quickly.

Ways and Means/Fundraising / Rachel Angel & Martha Shippee:

Spirit Nights:

- The Panera Spirit night raised \$60.00.
- Aug 16th - Blaze Pizza
- Sep 13th - Panda Express

Car Washes:

\$2,011.50 has been raised so far for all 3 car washes.

The trumpet/mellophone car wash rained out. The last 2 car washes will combine the sections:

August 14th: Drumline / Pit / Trumpets

August 21st : Color Guard / Mellophones - parent volunteers are still needed for this Saturday.

The car wash prize will be a Kona Ice truck on August 27th @ 3pm for the winning team. The cost will be \$150.00 for Kona to bring their Ice truck for 30 minutes to provide 30 servings. Other students may purchase treats after the winning team gets their prize. Rachel will look into any costs involved in asking Kona to sell treats to other students.

This will be advertised the beginning of the full band camp week so kids can plan appropriately to bring money, if the truck will sell treats to other students.

Game Day Meals / Diana Trull

Per COVID restrictions, all servers must have gloves and masks on. Game day meals will include several vendors, including fried chicken, pizza, Chinese, sandwiches, Mexican, Chick-fil-A. Vegetarian options will be included by vendors upon request.

Melissa Spaulding will send the dietary needs results to Diana. Dinner times will be Home games @ 5 pm, Away games @ 4:30 pm. Diana will set up a Sign up for desserts and sides.

Parents will be invited to the first home football game meal on September 10th as a welcoming event for new parents, barring any COVID requirement changes. Parents will eat dinner the same time as the students prior to the game. Any parents not volunteering for the game will need to purchase tickets to attend the game.

The cost for this event in the past has been \$5/person, \$15/family, which could be paid in advance via Venmo or at the door. This cost may be adjusted, if needed. A signup will need to go out in advance so we have a headcount for the food order.

Diana and Robin Lownsburry will meet to discuss the logistics and take inventory in the supply room to prepare for the season.

The new parent Meet and Greet on the last full day of band camp was also discussed. The event would take place on August 27th @ 7pm inside Door 15 in the hallway. A table will be inside where board and committee members could welcome new parents. No food or drink would be provided in order to keep it simple.

Photography / Barry Krieg

Barry will be taking pictures at band camp, starting with rookie camp next week.

If anyone needs any photos for the Invitational program, let Barry know and he can give you a clean copy.

New Business

The next band booster meeting will take place on Monday September 13th @ 6:30 pm.

Standing meetings are usually first Monday of the month @ 6:30pm. We will try to adhere to this, schedule, as well as any COVID guidelines for continued virtual meetings vs. in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.