



Lakeville South Bands

Students. School. Community. Performing with Passion and Pride

Minutes

June 1, 2017

7pm

General Updates and Introductions

Missy Toombs introduced herself as President of Lakeville South Band Boosters

Other board members present were also introduced.

Chad Bieniek pointed out that Band Boosters program as it is now is in its infancy. Lots of new initiatives in progress or being developed.

Band Booster Meeting minutes will be posted on the Booster website. Look for them in the coming days.

Current Financial Situation

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

For 2016-2017 school year Boosters spent the following:

- \$5000 on busing and equipment trailer
- \$6000 on clinicians
- \$3000 for color guard

Total of \$14,000 in operating costs

School has been generous:

- Instrument lockers in band room
- New marching tubas

Note that admission fees to all athletic events goes to the school general fund.

- It does not go back to the teams.
- The athletic booster clubs do the same fundraising that the band needs to do.

Mr. Bieniek would also like to stay away from the activity fees as much as possible.

- Don't want to stop kids from being in band because they cannot afford a fee

Two major fundraisings coming this year:

- Mattress Sale on June 10th
- Tailgate and Tunes on October 28th as part of the indoor marching band concert
 - More details on this event will be coming

Mattress Sale

Presented by: Beth Ambaruch, Fundraising Committee Chair

Have 75% of volunteers needed for the event.

- Check Signup Genius for remaining openings
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848acaf29a6f85-lshs>
- Most of the help still needed is during the afternoon shifts
- Shifts are about 2 hours

Students will be outside school raising awareness of the sale

- Mattress mascot they can dress up in
- Safety is priority
- Fun - but safe

Need to raise about \$5000

- To reach this amount, 25 people need to buy a mattress
- If we can get 100 people in the door and 50-75 purchase mattresses, we can raise up to \$15,000
- Other schools have had great success with this fundraiser
 - Rosemount says this is their biggest fundraiser of the year
 - Lakeville North raised \$6500 in February

Facebook page for the event

- Like the page - we get money for all those who like the page
 - 250 likes, band receives \$250
- Share the announcement 2-3 times on your Facebook page

Band is also on Twitter

- @LakevilleSBands

Yard signs and flyers are available to help raise additional awareness

- Yard signs are available in the band room
- Digital flyer is available by texting XXXX

Mattresses are ordered during the event and delivered later

Do not need to attend the event to purchase mattresses

- Call Missy Yetsin at 407-666-0112
- Important to mention Lakeville South Bands during order
- Mattress is delivered

Students can also receive money for their individual accounts:

- \$25 for one referral
- \$500 for 10 referrals
- \$1000 for 20 referrals
- Must mention student by name

Other merchandise also available at the sale, including sheets and pillows

Q: Will they haul away old mattresses

A: Yes, however, they split the cost with the purchaser. Not sure of the split

Q: Will there be other ways to donate to the band without having to purchase a big ticket item like a mattress

A: There will be other events, such as Tailgate & Tunes that provide this opportunity. Anyone can also donate to the band any time through the website "Donate" button

- PayPal charges 10% if use the PayPal method
- Can send check into Mr. Bieniek any time
- Band is a 501c3, all donations are tax deductible

Q: Is there a list of products available?

A: Mr. Bieniek has a list of products he can provide

Q: Did the discount card fundraising last year that brought in \$11,000, why aren't we doing it this year:

A: There were issues with logistics and the fundraiser took a significant amount of work. Chad Bieniek also heard really good things from other band directors about the mattress sale and there is limited effort on the part of the band and the Boosters.

Tailgate & Tunes

Consider dunk tank event - fundraiser?

Will be a good event for smaller donations

Individual Accounts

Each student has an account

Numerous ways available to fund the account

- Referrals during mattress sale
- SCRIP
- Other events are being planned

These accounts can be used for anything during the year

- Ireland trip
- Polo shirts
- Apparel
- Marching shoes
- To use the funds, just let either Mr. Bieniek or Nancy Whipple know to take the money out of the account

Best method is SCRIP

- Directions are on band website - <http://lakevillesouthbands.com/fundraising/>
- Hook up to credit card and get reloadable gift cards
 - Each time you load the card, student gets a kickback to their account
- Many local stores
 - Kwiktrip
 - Cub
 - Chipotle
- Kickback ranges by store
 - Cub 3%
 - Chipotle 10%
 - Other special events with higher kickbacks during certain time periods
- Anyone can participate
 - Grandparents or other family members, just let Nancy Whipple know if others are going to be involved so she recognizes the names
- If you have multiple kids in band you can divide up in different ways

Band Apparel

Presented by: Missy Toombs and Angie Lueschen

New band apparel for this year

- More options
- Options for both students and parents
 - Mom jacket is a possibility
- Kickback to the band for every item ordered

Band apparel will be available on a webstore coming soon
Watch for more details

Pep band will still need the polo shirt

Marching Band

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President and Chad Bieniek, Band Director

Parent Section

We will have a section at all home football games for band parents
Helps create community around the band

Other community events are coming as well
Watch Facebook and website for announcements

Summer Marching Band

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

145 members currently signed up for summer band
Not just straight marching

- Include dancing, chants, and formations

Signup Genius coming for volunteers to help out at parades

- Walk parade route with band
- Provide water, monitor health of band members
- Need volunteer spots for water for color guard

Encourage parents to participate as it is a lot of fun

End of summer marching band party- July 30th, 5 to 9pm, Antler's Park

- Reserved pavilion
- Yard games and other activities
- Family event
- All band members are invited, not just those members who marched during the summer

Show Band

Lunch provided at the band camp at the end of July

- Cub very generous and keeping all meals at \$5/student or less
 - Good quality meal
- Opportunity for band members to sit together and build community instead of scattering for lunch
- Need parents to volunteer to serve lunch

- Signup Genius is coming

Bring water and sunscreen

Currently 72 wind players and about 30 percussion and color guard members

This is the group that will put a lot of time in the show and develop sense of ownership and pride in what they create

Four additional show band rehearsals have been added in August

- Tuesday August 8th, 6-8:30pm
- Tuesday August 15th, 6-8:30pm
- Thursday August 17th, 6-8:30pm

Q: Concerned that show band might be too much for a freshman

A: No. Mr. Bieniek strongly encourages 9th graders to participate and learn from upperclassmen. Also great opportunity to build new friendships in band community

Ireland Trip

Presented by: Chad Bieniek, Band Director

March 15-22, 2018

Depart March 15th and return the following Thursday. Students have that Friday and the next week off for Spring Break

Email also coming with all details discussed during meeting

Colorado trip went very well

- Students represented school and themselves very well
- Increases comfort for an international trip

Mr. Bieniek took this same trip with another band 3 years ago

- He knows the area well

Will need to decide if students meet at the airport for their flight or if take coaches from the high school

Seats for flights open 11 months in advance

- Seats currently open for flights in March, however currently only open in 20 seat blocks
- Waiting for larger blocks of 60-80 seats to open
- Last time his group took 3 flights and that was not preferable (more room for delays)
- Airlines will not allow entire group to fly on the same flight
- Bit of a gamble to wait, but Mr. Bieniek has been assured by travel agents that we should be able to get what we need at reasonable cost

Arrive on March 16th in Dublin

Hotel in Thurles about 90 minutes from Dublin

Events:

- Parade in Kilkenny on St. Patrick's Day
 - Sister city to Kilkenny, MN - Chad Bieniek has connection with this
 - Mayors do exchanges
- Limerick International Band Competition on Sunday
 - College, high school, pipes bands
- Exchange concert with a school in Ireland
- Very outside chance that might swap parade in Kilkenny with parade in Dublin
 - Currently Dublin parade is full - doubt that an openings will occur

Attractions (includes - not limited to or final) - Detailed itinerary is coming

- Cliffs of Moher
- Blarney Castle - includes kissing the Blarney Stone
- Rock of Cashel
- Kilkenny Castle
- Potentially - Kilkenny Gaelic Hurling Match (Hurling is a big thing in Ireland)
- Sightseeing in Dublin on the last day
 - Book of Kells
 - St Patrick's Cathedral
- Private Ceili for band in Dublin
 - Irish song and dance event
 - Someone will come in and teach the students

Costs

- Currently about \$2200
 - Won't have final amount until know how many attending
- Are overage fees for instruments
 - Currently budgeted at about \$20,000

Chaperones

- Available throughout the trip
- Pay the same amount
- Plan to have 1 chaperone per 6 to 10 students
 - This ratio worked well in Colorado
- Chaperones cannot drink
- Band will not be touring Guinness Brewery (if want to tour, recommend doing the Friends & Family trip)
- Will have one chaperone with medical background
 - Don't let medical concerns stop a student from going on the trip

Dates

- June 23 - Initial contract and down payment of \$100 due
 - Allows reservations to be made
 - Money for deposits for airfare blocks when they come available
- September 16th - \$200
- December 1st - \$400
- January 9th - \$1000
- February - balance

Students can pay ahead (for example, to avoid \$1000 payment in January)

Students can use funds in their individual accounts - contact either Chad Bieniek or Nancy Whipple

Will also need passports, medical form, and school agreement

No current plans for school to help with passports

- May look at a time where county comes to band room to help process passports
- If you have a passport, check it now for expiration dates

Logistics on flight, luggage, spending money all coming soon

- Do recommend making purchases with credit card - this helps with exchange rates
- Students will be wearing full marching band uniform

Did look at multiple bids for this trip, two other bids came in at over \$3000 per student. Opted for the \$2000 per student trip to make it more likely more students can go

Travel insurance

- Are options to purchase, if desired
- Typically families pursue this on their own - get better rates

Friends and Family trip also available

- Need at least 30
- Deposit is also due on June 23rd
- Stays Kilkenny (separate from the band)
- Attends all band events
- No chaperone responsibilities
- Can drink
- Does visit the Guinness Brewery

Q: Are there any district restrictions on age.

A: District approved this as a marching band field trip for 9th through 12th graders. As long as student in one of those grades they can participate

Q: Can families extend trip into Spring Break

A: Yes, the cost of the return flight is removed from cost of the band trip. Families need to arrange return trip by themselves (band travel group will not assist)

Q: What will students do during their band hour if they don't go on trip?

A: Mr. Bieniek will have plans in place for students who do not travel

Other Topics

Color Guard

Still need members!

- Currently have 6
- Need at least 10
- Prefer 15-20
- Nice if you don't want to deal with your uniform or instrument when traveling

Band students who participate in color guard still play their instrument in their concert band

Non-band students are also welcome to join color guard

- No experience necessary
- Both guys and girls encouraged to join

Lakeville has not had a tradition of color guard in the past, but this is needed when competing as it is part of the score bands receive

Calendar

- Calendar is available on the right side of the lakevillesouthbands.com website
- Will be updating with late summer and fall dates in the next couple of weeks
- With new Athletic Director and Football coach, there might be changes to events
- June 2nd at 3pm, send off for Adaptive Softball team, the Blazing Cats, to state tournament (at Century Middle School)

Place on website to enter your email and you will receive a notification each time the main page is updated.

Q&A

Q: What is difference between show band and full marching band?

A: Show band is the students that specifically signed up to participate in show band. Full marching band includes the show band members along with all students currently signed up for band.

Q: If I signed up and paid money for show band, am I in?

A: Yes, all students who signed up and paid money are in the show band. There is no audition process this year

Q: Are there certain times I have to do Scrip or can it be done anytime

A: Scrip can be done at any time

Q: How often are international trips?

A: Starting this year, we will be doing trips every other year and alternating international and domestic trips. If a student stays in the band all four years, they should have opportunity for one international and one domestic trip

Q: How many are signed up for band overall?

A: Grand total of 220 students in the band program as a whole.

145 are participating in summer marching band

100 are participating in show band