

# Francis Howell North High School

Band Boosters Association, Inc.

## General Meeting Minutes- Virtual

March 16, 2021

### Call to Order

Kate Statzer, President

Kate called the virtual meeting to order a little after 7 pm.

### Approval of the Minutes

Colleen Chroma

Colleen noted there were was one change made to the version of the February minutes that was emailed, changing the sentence that read, "The rehearsal schedule will be reduced for kid a bit." to "The rehearsal schedule will be reduced for the kids a bit." There was a motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Erica O'Connor and seconded by Kathy Ludwig. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

James Scott, Treasurer

Jamie gave the financial report. He read through several budget items, including charges for \$564.99 for vehicle insurance for 6 months and also \$350 for our P.O. Box rental. He noted a deposit of \$71.58 from Mod Pizza from our last Dine Out Night. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Rachel Anderson and seconded by Cathy Hargrove. The motion passed.

### Vice President's Report

Anita Karase, Vice President

Anita shared that we are getting very close with our FFC payments for this year. She reminded everyone that this year needs to be paid in full by Commitment Night for 21-22, but asked that everyone please try to do this as soon as possible. She also asked Senior parents to be thinking about what you might want to do with your remaining balance in your FFC. Please contact Anita or any member of the board if you have question regarding making payments to your FFC.

### Director's Report

Rob Stegeman

Mr. Stegeman shared that Solo and Small Ensemble kids received a packet about audition procedures. The students must use the HeartOut app to record themselves. Kids can log themselves in and make 3 recordings, but at this point he's not sure if they will be able to go back to previous recordings.

He has decided not to record for Large Ensemble contest this year. Because of this, the after school rehearsal schedule has been revised to one day a week for now. He's looking at May 22 for our Spring Concert date, but that is not solidified yet. For our end of year awards night, he is thinking about having the jazz bands perform. For graduation, he is not sure if the band will be able to play this year, but he hopes so. He is looking into the possibility of going to Music in the Parks this spring.

It is official (unfortunately) that Kayla Nogle will not be returning next year due to staffing cuts by the District. There will be changes coming to our summer schedule. We may take a bit of a break in June. Numbers for next year are coming in, but as of now, they don't seem correct. He is checking into it. He has been recruiting twice already. There is a fairly big 8<sup>th</sup> grade group at Hollenbeck. Barnwell has 11 kids in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and it seems like all of them will be continuing into high school.

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For our Band Camp schedule the plan as of now is that Band Camp will be the last week of July and first week of August. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August will be cleaning camp and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August will be off.

Show reveal will most likely take place at our banquet.

### Committee Reports:

#### Fundraising

Rachel Anderson

Rachel shared that we had our last Dine Out Night on Sunday at Mod Pizza but there is another opportunity coming up tomorrow, 3/17 at Panda Express. The Freddy's Dine Out in February raised \$34.20 for the band. We have another Freddy's Dine Out schedule for April 20<sup>th</sup>, again at both locations. Rachel also shared that the 11 parents that used Benefit Mobile last month raised a total of \$114.16 for their FFC accounts.

#### Middle School

Kristi Gordon

Kristi let us know that Icebreaker is scheduled for April 18. We are not sure yet if this will be virtual or in person. She will be putting this out on Peachjar and Enews. Color Guard tryout flyers will also go out.

#### Colorguard

Sheila Murray

Sheila shared that the dates for Guard tryouts will be 4/27, 4/28 and 4/30. She also gave us an update on our Winterguard season. The winterguard has participated in two MCCGA and two WGI virtual events. Ratings are being given this year instead of traditional scores and our guard has received both "Excellent" and "Good" ratings. Kimberly has been putting photos on Flickr. Three parent performances are happening. One was at the beginning of March, one will be at the end of March and one will be in April. Middle School winterguard participated in two MCCGA shows and will do a parent night. They received a "Good" and an "Excellent" rating.

### Continuing Business and New Business:

#### Important Dates

- March 17 Panda Express Dine Out Night
  - Spring Break March 22-26
  - March 24 Solo & Small Ensemble video submission deadline
  - No School April 5 & 6
  - Ice Breaker April 18
  - Color Guard Tryouts April 27, 28 and 30
  - Commitment Night May 5
  - End of Year Picnic May 23
- Scholarship Applications for Seniors are due by March 18.

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- Our Commitment Night will be May 5<sup>th</sup> in person at the stadium.
- Our End of Year Picnic will be at Broemmelsiek Park on Sunday, May 23.
- We are still working on the budget because we are not exactly sure how next year will work with traveling, etc.
- FHSD Background Check- [www.fhdschools.org](http://www.fhdschools.org) Be sure to get this done for next year. The district was pretty lax with this during the current school year.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned with a motion made by Cathy Hargrove & seconded by Erica O'Connor.

The next general meeting will be held on April 20 at 7pm (location to be determined).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Chruma.