



Apex High School Band Boosters Minutes from September 9, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Mattress Sale Fundraiser Information- Clint from Mattress fundraiser

Sale Date: October 11, 2014. Apex High Cafeteria. 10 am-5pm.

1 in 10 people are in the market for a mattress. There are a lot of mattress stores in our area-indicating high demand for mattresses at any given time.

The mattresses sold through the fundraiser can be sold less expensively than stores due to:

1. No overhead
2. No advertising fees

Lower end mattresses save about 30% off retail.

Upper end mattresses save about 50% off retail.

Prices begin at \$199. Brands include Resonic, Simmons Beautyrest, Southerland. Prices include box spring. All sizes are available, and some mattresses can even be cut to size for unusual size and antique beds.

Every band family will try to find one person who is in the market for a mattress. 85-90% of their sales come from personal referrals.

On the day of the sale, there will be 24 beds set up in the AHS cafeteria from 10am-5pm. Clint brings a sales team with him. Students will be there to create a festive atmosphere, wear the mattress costume, etc. They will work in shifts with about 20 students per shift. Pizza will be provided. Mattresses are delivered by the company 2 weeks later for \$50, and can they can remove old mattresses for a fee of \$25.

Mattresses can be paid by cash, credit, check, or even layaway.

Many other bands in our area have had sales. All of them raised more than \$3000, and some over \$6000.

No one “guilt purchases” a mattress, so you can repeat the sale each year and it will be a different 10% each year, so it is a win-win for the band and the community.

Each student will receive flyers where they will add their name. If their customers buy a mattress, the student receives \$25 into their band account for the 1st mattress sold, and \$50 for the second. The general band fund receives \$50 for each twin mattress sold, \$75 for each full or queen, and \$100 for each king.

There are also bonuses for multiple mattresses sold.

We have signs that can go in yards for those who are willing (sign on the clipboard.)

Band Director’s Report – Paul Rowe (prowe@wcpss.net)

Competitions scheduled to date:

9/27 Danville, VA. 1.5 hours away. We typically play in the evening so arrival time to school will probably be early afternoon.

10/4 North Lincolnton High School- Just north of Charlotte. It is a double performance- once in afternoon, and once in evening. They do an MPA Assessment in the afternoon and the band will receive a state ranking of Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, etc. If we receive a superior rating, we get a plaque. In the evening, the band is rated by numbers.

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10/18 Fuquay Varina High School- will also be an MPA and an evening performance. This will be our local show since we are not doing Cary Band Day this year.

10/25 Undecided

11/1 North Davidson High School- near Lexington. One performance.

11/9 Band Carnival

Water jugs have been great for rehearsal. 1 Gallon size works best, although they still bring the water cart down in case anyone needs water. This week WCPSS canceled afternoon outside activities due to the heat, so the band worked for brief periods outside, and longer periods inside. Thursday’s rehearsal was disrupted by sprinklers, so

essentially, we had one good rehearsal last week. Today they learned the ballad, and now will need to learn the closer which is up tempo.

Note from a parent who is a nurse: If kids begin to feel faint, they should spread their body out and others should clear away.

Open House is this Thursday. New concert band students need to purchase concert attire.

Next couple of football games we will do the show before the game at 5:45 pm due to Gold Patron night and Homecoming.

Senior Night is October 24.

Show Shirts are supposed to ship this week.

Band room will have tile on the bottom part and carpet on the upper part.

We may need to schedule a Monday or a Friday rehearsal in the next few weeks.

Drill learning is going slowly. They talk during breaks, and they seem to take a long time to actually learn the drill.

Spring Break Trip-Walt Disney World. Exact dates TBA. The cost will run approximately \$700. We will most likely leave the Friday evening that school gets out, and drive through the night. We will have Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at the parks returning Tuesday or Wednesday. We will have a parade one of the days and a music clinic the other day that lasts about 2 or 3 hours with a Disney musician. They also have a Visual Ensemble clinic as well.

Booster President's Report – Terri Piasecki (bb_president@apexhighband.org)

Target has donated a \$2000 grant for our carnival! This is our largest sponsor yet. Carnival is 11/8. The band will play the Star Spangled Banner, and kids can make Veterans Day cards since the date is near Veterans Day. We are looking for sponsors. If someone is interested in being a sponsor, they can go to apexhighband.org and go to the carnival tab and click "sponsor."

Current Sponsors are: Go Realty, Sheetz, Creech Chiropractic. There was an ad on Living Social beginning 9/1.

Requests:

1. Mascots-Need someone to request mascots for the carnival (Muddy the mudcat,

- Stormy, etc)
2. Elementary School contact person- Need someone to talk to Elementary and middle school teachers and be the liaison for them. We won't be tracking flyers this year. Each school that agrees to pass out flyers at their school will receive \$100 for their music program.
 3. Liaison for performing groups- Rock-n-Roll High School and Music and Arts, etc.

1st Vice President's Report – Steve Wood (bb_1stvp@apexhighband.org)

Now that we have dates and locations of competitions, he will reserve the buses. We are using Holiday tours. They have an excellent safety rating. We use Penske for equipment. Gators for pit crew have already been reserved.

2nd Vice President's Report – Debbie Friedler (bb_2ndvp@apexhighband.org)

- Go Play Save has been extended until Sept. 18.
- Mattress Fundraiser is on October 11

Treasurer's Report – Dick Warner (bb_treasurer@apexhighband.org)

Band payments are lagging. Transportation is a big ticket item, so there is a lot of spending to go for that. We are waiting for the invoice for servicing the instruments, and have collected the rental fees for instruments. Student accounts have balances of about \$35,000. He has Go-Play-Save up to date, and all of the Kroger money is in. If you turn in a check, put the student's name on the check.

Secretary's Report – Teresa Bowyer (bb_secretary@apexhighband.org)

**Communications Report- Dayna Chiccotella
(bb_communications@apexhighband.org)**

Dayna will add dates to the calendar.

Sergeant at Arms Report –Indira Valencia (bb_saa@apexhighband.org) (not present)

Note from the board: Paperwork is vital for safety and emergencies. It is important that all paperwork be turned in!

Announcements

Cathy Wood, Historian would like to teach someone else to do the job of historian since this she is a senior parent. She also does the band calendar every year.

Props – Mike McLanahan- Props need help. They meet at 8:30am on Saturdays. There is an email list with announcements for prop team. See him if you would like to be added. Props team is making an airplane and a lighthouse.

Pit Crew- 4 tympanis needed new heads, and were replaced for \$125 each. We will also need lumber to build a cart to mount them. We had to replace wheels on one marimba for \$125.

PTSA Liaison is still needed-would attend PTSA meetings and report on band activities

Sewing-We have a couple of people who have had health issues, so more sewing people are needed. We need a lead person, and someone who can make headbands.

Social Committee is up and running. Middle School night is October 17, so they are organizing that evening.

Uniforms have been sent home to wash. Return ASAP.

Band Photo will probably be done on the day of the Fuquay Competition.

Volunteers must have background checks. These can be done in the main office or in Mr. Rowe's office.

Lowe's Foods cards- Chris McCarthy has the Lowe's foods cards. You can earn 6%, but cards are not reloadable. You can put in a standard monthly order.

Scrip- Chris is working to get this up and running.

Meeting Adjourned at 9pm