



**Apex High School Band Board
Minutes from 02-10-15**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

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

Marching Band practices have been cold. Come prepared for the weather for the upcoming practices. There are only 7 rehearsals each one hour. Mr. Rowe would like Tuesday to be an almost perfect performance so that they can fine-tune from then on. The last 2 marching practices will be in full uniform.

This is Mr. Rowe's 3rd trip to Disney with Apex students. He worked at Disney for several years before coming to AHS.

Mr. Rowe emphasized that the band students are representing not only Apex High School, but Wake County Schools and the State of North Carolina. Please make sure everyone is on his or her best behavior all around the parks.

The travel agent has rules too. Breaking the rules could lead to a student being dismissed and sent home.

Hotel rooms: Only the students assigned to a room are allowed into that room.

Logistics at Disney- We will have meeting places and times and check in times with chaperones. Be respectful to all chaperones!

Save energy for the parade on Sunday. If a student is unable to march in the parade, they will be sent back to the hotel for the rest of the day/ evening.

Students who will not be riding home on the buses on Wednesday need to fill out a form that is available on the AHS band website.

Itinerary for the trip is on the website. Basic details follow:

Hotel: All Star Music Resort

Saturday- Pleasure Island

Sunday, March 22 Parade: Magic Kingdom at 2:00pm on. Students will have 3-4 hours of park time before meeting around noon to prepare for the parade.

Monday- early morning photo in front of Spaceship Earth at EPCOT Center. 12- meet for the clinic

Tuesday- Long day at the Magic Kingdom until 11pm.

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

Disney Trip:

Bus Seats- Students can sign up in the band room

Disney Group photo- 8x10. The cost is included in the trip. (The last chance to opt out of the photo was at the Booster meeting).

Chaperones- Each chaperone will receive a packet tonight and have an opportunity to meet with their students at this meeting.

Paperwork- Check tonight to see if your name is highlighted to owe paperwork or money toward trip.

Each student will be given \$10 to cover a meal on the return trip home.

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

Instruments for Disney Trip- Students will be responsible for their own instrument for the trip to Disney. Students who are not riding back to AHS on the bus should find an "instrument buddy" to make sure their instrument makes it back to school safely. The instrument truck will be leaving before the other buses on Friday earlier in the day.

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

Disney Memory Making package- We have purchased this for the group. This will allow any band member to access photos taken by Disney staff. You would give the photographer a number, so that photo can be added to the group lot. Later, you will be able to access the digital images and print them elsewhere. Students will receive a card from each photographer. Give all the cards to Ms. Friedler. She will download all of them and upload them to Shutterfly. There will be a link from the band webpage to the images. There you can view the photos, but not download them. Ms. Friedler can add a birthday border, the year, the park name, etc to any photo. Photos will be held for 45 days. Students will be given permission to reprint.

Fast Passes- Each day in the park, students will be allowed to set up 3 fast passes ahead of time-one from each category of ride: A, B, and C. You have to coordinate this with your buddy so that your fastpass return time is the same. If you set up these electronic fastpasses, you will not be able to get more fastpasses until the first ones are used.

Announcement:

Mr. Rowe announced that he will be leaving Apex High School after this school year to take the position as band director at Apex Friendship High School. He will choose and plan the marching band show for next year before he leaves. His decision was primarily due to Mr. Wight's move to Apex Friendship. Mr. Rowe has appreciated Mr. Wight's support and mentoring and wants to continue his career under Mr. Wight's leadership. He is sure they will have many excellent applicants for the job at Apex.