

**Henry Clay Band Boosters
Parent Meeting
October 19, 2020**

IN ATTENDANCE (via Zoom):

Sandra Batsel-Thomas, Jeff Bayerle, Cameron Beard, Mary Buzard, Lora Carpenter, Heather Coffey, Susan Cohen, Missy DeLong, Amy DiLorenzo, William Ederington, Crissy Fiscus, Ashley Gann, Lisa Goecke, Lisa Gray, Linda Henderson, Paula Howard, Bill Kite, Mary Kitts, Jenn Krouse, Cheri Landers, Colleen Mahan, Dana Moore, Angel Murrieta, Sandra Palmer, C. Plybon, Julia Rockwood, Rebecca Scott, Robert and Shannon Scott, Meg Seshimo, Rory Small, Ashley Smith, Amy Taylor, Phoebe Tripure

President Dana Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

MINUTES – Ashley Smith moved to approve the minutes from the September 2020 meeting, and Rebecca Scott seconded. Approved by voice vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Ashley Smith: HCBB is doing okay with its finances. We still have over \$100K in savings and have paid anyone who was owed for items/services related to marching season. She just deposited \$716.06 from Kroger cards.

The new cloud-based accounting software is almost ready for use. Mr. Kite will provide a roster of students soon to help finish the set up. Some discussion followed about who would have access to the software. Vice president, treasurer, and at least one other person should get access to the forms. (The directors and President Dana Moore can only have read-only access as FCPS employees.) Sandra Palmer added that secretary has been a signer in the past. This detail will get worked out via email at a later date.

REPORTS:

BINGO – Rebecca Scott: Shout out to Dana for getting licensure situation straightened out – and to Lisa Gray for signing. We still need volunteers! She is taking all suggestions for how to mobilize parents to come out and help. All ideas are appreciated.

In response to a question about temperature taking, Rebecca clarified that temperatures *are* taken and there is a corner set aside inside the bingo hall for this purpose (so that outdoor temperatures do not interfere with the readings).

WAYS AND MEANS – Paula Howard reported that she has reached out to a few places for the next fundraisers. She’s trying to get a restaurant and is still working on a car wash. She’s also still working on a plan to have the “split the pot” raffle this year. It’s complicated to do this safely and to keep kids from going door to door to collect money, etc., so it probably won’t be worked out in time for senior night.

In response to a question about the Snap Raise fundraiser, Mr. Kite said that he has told the Snap Raise rep that he'd prefer to wait until school is back in person to hold that fundraiser. More people are likely to participate after that point.

In response to a question about use of PayPal for the raffle, Dana Moore said she would talk to David Cohen to see if this can be figured out. This has not been done before.

SPIRIT WEAR – Paula Howard: The most recent order of hoodies and sweatshirts is in. She will head over to band practice tomorrow to distribute it from around 4pm to pick-up time. Will likely be there on Wednesday too. She will share in the Zoom chat the names of those who have items to pick up.

COMMUNICATIONS – Rebecca Scott reported that a new version of WordPress that has just been released has created some new challenges for the website. The committee could use additional help with this -- please let her know if you want to volunteer.

HOSPITALITY – No report.

EQUIPMENT – Cameron Beard: No report, it's all still there!

STUDENT COUNCIL -- Phoebe Tripure: Check in on the students! Please make sure they are keeping up with their school work and encourage them to turn their cameras on in class.

In response to a question about freshmen and the band council, Phoebe reported that they had two applications, and a great leader will be joining the group soon as freshman representative.

UNIFORMS— Mary Kitts: Thank you to all the parents who helped get the uniforms out of garment bags and sorted and ready to take to the dry cleaners. When the uniforms are clean, she will need another group of parents to help sort them for next year. Dana Moore added that it was fun to get together with other parents and do something with the band again!

NEW BUSINESS:

DIRECTORS' REPORTS –

MR. BAYERLE –

Symphonic Band – Students have a daily attendance sheet, and that is what Mr. Bayerle turns in to the school to show whether they participated or not. It's okay to miss a class, but please let him know if that happens. The symphonic band class has three parts, including a theory assignment in class, and a playing test every Friday. He would like to see more students paying attention with their video on.

Percussion – Justin teaches drums every day. Students in this class have collaborative assignments. If they are using their phones for those assignments and are having trouble with the upload, they should go to “settings,” “turn on cellular data,” and then the upload will proceed without a problem.

MR. KITE –

All information regarding what is being done in class and what is assigned can be found on the Canvas home page. The directors are trying to streamline that page and make it as simple as possible. If you are not observing your kid’s work in Canvas, he recommends doing so. Mr. Kite’s emails through Canvas can go to parent “observers” too. If you haven’t seen any communication related to your student’s specific class through Charms, let him know. He is still straightening out the email lists.

Please encourage kids to get into a routine, with a workspace that is outside of their beds.

If you have any questions about any of this virtual instruction, just ask the directors.

Marching Band -- Things have gone very well the last few weeks during the in-person meetings. The kids have been wearing masks consistently, and he has only needed to encourage some additional physical separation. He’s proud of the kids for that.

FCPS is still streamlining requirements, re: quarantine. So it’s not entirely clear what is needed if and when this becomes necessary for a student. He is looking into this and will let parents know. So far, families have been doing it well voluntarily.

Senior night is this Friday, 10/23. 85-90 people are probably coming. We will need to have a seating chart to keep kids apart across two sections of the stadium. Parents, please make sure to wear masks and to fill out the required form. And please sit closer to middle of stadium in order to accommodate physical distancing among the students. The directors will try to have a rehearsal at 4pm, and the game is at 6:30pm (anthem at 6:25pm). Seniors will be recognized at halftime – 10 minutes have been set aside for that.

Jazz bands – Please keep reminding jazz kids that they are meeting at 1pm on Tuesdays. The group is getting smaller. But more ear development is happening this year, which is great progress.

Discussion followed on the following questions/issues:

Senior night -- Rebecca Scott asked about what time can parents arrive on Friday for senior night. Mr. Kite responded that 4pm is probably fine, as long as everyone is adhering to safety precautions. Mary Buzard: How should items for seniors from the band council be delivered that night? Mr. Kite said this should be done at halftime, and several parents volunteered to help bring the items to the field at that time. Dana Moore raised the possibility of tying

balloons to the backs of seniors' seats, and Mr. Kite liked that idea -- let's make the night as nice as possible!

Band buttons -- In response to a question about when to turn in button orders, Lisa Gray said she would extend the deadline for another week. But seniors' orders need to be submitted in the next day or so to be ready by Senior Night. Just drop the orders in the band box, or give them to Mr. Kite.

Hybrid Instruction – Mr. Kite is not sure how hybrid instruction will look, but he is determined to make it work and do the best they can. They will take the kids outside if needed and if weather allows. In response to a question about PPE for band classes, Mr. Kite said that the kids should keep their masks and covers from marching band. Those kids who are not marchers will get PPE -- the district is ordering it for them. Some discussion followed about PPE for percussion, and Mary Kitts volunteered to help with that.

Rebecca Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, and Paula Howard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Taylor
Recording Secretary