



## Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting June 22, 2015

### I. Welcome from Booster President Matt Hart at 6:32PM.

The June meeting began in the cafeteria with a welcome from Matt Hart. He thanked all for coming and reminded them that chaperone forms could be completed and notarized at the end of the meeting, and volunteer sign-up sheets are ready to go. All chaperoning parents must have a current form on file unless they are a full-time Lowndes County Schools employee.

- Meeting began with proposal to approve April 2015 booster meeting minutes. Motion made and second motion by Christina Rankin. Motion carried.
- 2015-2016 budget was presented to all present. This budget has already been approved.

### II. Director's Comments: Jon Bowman

Mr. Bowman began by discussing the recent DC/NYC trip. He stated the trip was exhausting but was the best trip he has taken during his teaching career. The kids and staff enjoyed it, and it was well-organized week. It had a few bumps, but the band made it through it. He thanked the band officers, staff, nurses, and parents for all their help to make the trip a success.

- Band fees **MUST** be paid. The band has a huge outflow of funds to pay for band camp, props, instrument repair, and to help buy materials for new kids. For example, three mellophones must be bought for added students, and that bill is \$10, 200.
- Spots on the field will be filled by the first 380 students who have paid their band fees. Laurie Abney, the student accounts treasurer, will be printing reports on the first days of pre-camp so it can be known which students paid for fees. **If your family has a special circumstance related to payment, please contact Mr. Bowman. Don't hesitate to communicate.** Please take care of your band fees.
- All band show music is uploaded on the website. Students need to be practicing in the heat. Please send your students outside so they don't melt when band camp begins. Also, students need to drink water and not soda/tea to get hydrated. Please make sure your student wears comfortable loose-fitting clothing and athletic shoes to camp. Shoes **MUST** be close-toed athletic shoes.

- Flip folders are available at Toads and Teacups. Students will need the flip folder and a pencil for each day of band camp.
- For those section leaders going to leadership camp on July 6, the camp fees are due on the day of the trip. The camp is going to be led by an outstanding director and will be a terrific opportunity for the students.
- Please contact Mr. Bowman through email, text, or Facebook if you have questions or concerns. He is already at work and is happy to address your questions. Also, there is a mandatory band parents meeting on July 14 @ 6:30 when most questions about the season will be addressed. The final fall schedule will be available that night; please ensure your students can be at all competitions and games if at all possible.
- All health forms should be turned in for band camp, but please bring those on the first camp day if they are not. Students cannot participate without a current health form. Also, there is a \$20 rental fee for school-owned instruments that is due the first day of camp. This fee is due directly to LHS.
- Buses will run to the mall for lunch each day of camp, and students will have 1:30 to eat and return to school. Please send a lunch or \$ each day with your student.

### **III. President's Comments: Matt Hart**

- Matt Hart referred to the summer dates on the Bridgemen calendar. August 6 is the first day of school, the Drive One for Your School fundraiser is on September 19, and October 10 is a firm contest date. Please check the calendar for updates as more will be added in the next few weeks. Note: the October 3 SAT date falls on the same day as the Honeybee Parade and/or contest. Please choose another date to take the test if at all possible.

### **IV. Vice-President's Comments: Brian Spray**

- The Bridgemen workday on July 11 might be rescheduled. Check the website/Facebook for updates.
- Both students and parents are reminded to park in the main parking areas and not at the band barn during camp. This area gets very congested.

### **V. Final Comments: President Matt Hart**

- Mr. Hart recognized 2015-2016 committee chairs and reminded parents that their contact information is on the website. No committee chairs had comments. Rachel Johnson is the new uniform chair on staff, and her team is already at work preparing for the new season.

- Everyone was reminded that the band room was open if students need to pick up instruments for practice, and parents could pay band fees or get chaperone forms notarized at the end of the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

**Next band booster meeting: July 14 @ 6:30- mandatory parent meeting.**