

FONTAINEBLEAU HIGH SCHOOL
CRIMSON BAND FROM BULLDOG LAND

MINUTES OF
BAND CAMP MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Band Director Lee Hicks at 7:30 p.m., after allowing time for parents to turn in paperwork, pay fees and sign up for volunteer work. Mr. Hicks introduced past president Lisa Bowers and asked her to speak.

Lisa informed the group that there were forty new band students and told the parents that there were a lot of volunteer opportunities available, including three, four-hour shifts per day during band camp. Also, there were still opportunities for people to supply lunch and dinner to feed the band camp staff of about fifteen people, so that lunch and dinner could be provided to them each day of camp.

Parents were also advised that due to a broken main water line at the high school, that band camp would take place this year at the junior high school, from July 18 through July 29, students should be dropped off in the morning at the junior high gym.

She also addressed other topics:

Donations:

Some donations have been dropped off already, but there are 150 students and this will require many more donations to keep the students fed and hydrated during their twelve hour band camp each day. Please continue to bring donations of Dasani water, powdered Gatorade, freeze pops and fresh fruit, which can be sent at any time. We are also requesting suckers or blow pops to hand out to students as they leave camp.

Band Shoes:

A gentleman will be at band camp on Tuesday (7/19) around 8:30 or 9:00 am for fitting of band shoes for those students who need to order shoes. A check for \$35 should be made payable to the Crimson Band Booster Club (CBBC) to cover the cost of the shoes. Mr. Hicks noted that the shoes can be purchased by the students individually, but they must be MTX shoes and must be identical to the shoes being sold through the school. You may contact Mr. Hicks for more information about which shoes to buy, but he noted that the shoes are usually cheaper if you buy them with the group.

Picture Day:

Photographs of band students are usually taken during the second week of band camp. The date will be announced later. Parents will be able to purchase photographs, as well

as pins to wear with a picture of their child. Students will be sent home with additional information and order forms.

Scrip Card Fundraising:

Lisa Bowers reminded parents that an easy way to put money in their students' accounts is by ordering gift cards through Scrip. There is a link on the band website www.fhscrimsonband.com and click on the link or go to www.shopwithscrip.com to sign up. Contact Lisa if you have any questions about this easy way to make money for your account.

Lisa introduced the new president of the booster club, Debbie Castro.

Debbie gave out much information about the items available to parents and students and the MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

Spirit Table:

Available are:

- Shirt Order Forms
- Bling Shirts
- "BAND MOM" glitter pins
- Monogrammed Duffle Bags
- Zippered Jackets

Volunteer Opportunities:

Dad's Club:

Looking for volunteers. Need people with trucks to pull trailers (contact dad's club for details of the type of truck with minimum h.p. needed for pulling trailers) and people to build scaffolding and man the grills during concessions.

Need a jambalaya maker for selling at concession stands, beginning 8/6. There will be a total of six home games.

We also need golf carts and/or four-wheelers for pulling trailers for band camp. Please consider loaning the booster club the use of your golf cart or four-wheeler for the two weeks of band camp.

Concession Stand Committee:

Looking for people to staff concession stands, including someone to coordinate concession stand volunteers.

Fundraising:

Kim Brown has determined that it costs about \$700 for each student to participate in band. \$300 is due by band camp and the fundraising portion (the remaining \$400) can be earned by participating in volunteering for the group.

- Bagging for Tips:
- The first fundraising opportunity available is Bagging for Tips. Saturday, August 6 at Albertson's grocery store in Mandeville and they are looking for parent and student volunteers to sign up for two hour shifts. The monies collected are divided amongst the students that volunteered. Parent volunteers will earn "points" to be credited to the student accounts.
- Car Wash Coordinator
- Please consider the opportunity to become a car wash coordinator to contact auto parts stores and arrange for places to hold car washes with the students.
- Concert Series Coordinator:
- We need someone to work on finding groups to perform at FHS, which is an opportunity for us to sell tickets and make funds for the band.
- Band Feeding Committee:
- Volunteers are needed to coordinate the feeding of the band students on game days and after school practices.
- Flamingo Flocking Volunteers:
- Parents and students will volunteer to place and move a flock of flamingoes from house to house as they create fundraising by people who want the flamingoes to fly away from their front lawn.
- Game Day Band Room Coordinator:
- Volunteers are needed to help students prepare for the games by sewing on loose buttons or finding that lost glove. More than one person could be responsible so that the same parents don't have to do it more than once.
- Krispy Kreme Donut Coordinator:
- Tess St. Paul has volunteered to coordinate the orders and sale of Krispy Kreme donuts.

- March-A-Thon Coordinator:
- Need parents to help coordinate the many things that happen during the all night March-A-Thon – sewing, feeding students, hydrating, etc.
- Band Banquet Coordinator:
- We need a volunteer to coordinate all facets of the annual band banquet.
- Senior Memory Wall Coordinator:
- Graduating band students have a memory poster made on their behalf. We are looking for volunteers to help get this together for the night of the band banquet.
- Sponsorship Program Coordinator:
- We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a committee to raise funds through the community for new instruments and money to make repairs to instruments in need.

ANY time you can find a few hours to volunteer your time and/or efforts for the good of the band will be greatly appreciated and will benefit your student tremendously.

The floor was turned over to Band Director Lee Hicks.

Mr. Hicks told the parents what the schedule would be for band camp, as follows:

8 am – Noon	Rehearsal
12 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 5 pm	Indoor Work
5 pm to 6 pm	Dinner
6 pm to 8 pm*	Rehearsal on Field

*Parents please note that they should allow 15 – 30 minutes after band camp ends for the students to pick up their instruments and return everything to the band room before they will be dismissed.

Mr. Hicks especially wants the students to follow these guidelines for eating during band camp:

DO NOT EAT:

Milk, Cheese or Other Dairy Products

DO EAT:

Proteins, fruit (especially fruits with antioxidants like blueberries), juices.

But most of all DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Even if you are not thirsty – drink plenty of water, beginning the weekend before camp, and keep yourself hydrated. Drink water during breaks and especially at night before bedtime. This is very important.

PHYSICALS:

You must have an annual physical before you can participate in band camp. Mr. Hicks suggested that you see your regular doctor to have a physical performed. If you are unable to do so, Dr. Miles will perform physicals for students on Wednesday, July 20 for \$20, but you must bring your shot record.

EXTREME HEAT POLICY

Mr. Hicks informed the parents of the school board's Extreme Heat Policy, which states that all outdoor activity must be shut down when the heat index reaches 110° F. He reminded parents that the students may be rehearsing on the black top and that we are cognizant of the heat effects on the students.

PARENTS WELCOME:

Parents are welcome at any time to view and or participate in the band activities.

EXERCISE:

Students are performing exercises every day during band camp. Exercise will build stamina and help the students maintain their energy longer during the competitions.

DAILY PRIZES:

Students attending camp will be eligible for a daily prize. About five prizes a day will be given out to students for staying focused or most improvement, etc. Prizes can be water bottles or a six-pack of Gatorade or a \$5 Cane's card.

MARCH-A-THON:

This year, the March-A-Thon will be held on Thursday night – the night before the parish fair, from 7 pm to 7 am – an all night extravaganza! Students must find sponsors to sponsor their marching (like \$1 an hour for 10 hours) or just make an outright donation. This is a huge fundraiser for the band and the students receive all of their fundraising money collected in their band account.

Students will go home and sleep during the day to prepare for a night football game performance on Friday night.

POINT SYSTEM:

Mr. Hicks explained how the point system would work. As an example, money that comes from concessions is shared amongst the volunteers (after deducting a small amount of money to help the students who are financially unable to pay to be in band [scholarship account]). Should the concession stand take in \$20,000 for the year and the total volunteer hours by parents equals 4,000, then the points would be valued at \$5 each. Each students' account would be credited by the number of volunteer hours performed by their parents. If two parents work the same fundraiser, the points would be doubled for that fundraiser.

He reminded parents that it costs about \$700 per child to participate in band or the whole amount could be paid up front, in lieu of fundraising.

When your student graduates, extra money in their account can be transferred to a younger sibling. Graduates having extra money in their account, the money would go toward the scholarship account. Also, any parent interested in making extra payments to help the scholarship account would be welcome.

LED LIGHTS:

We are in need of LED white, red and yellow LED lighting to use for Showcase. Please let Mr. Hicks know if you can lend the band lights for this function.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH – DRUM AND BUGLE CORP PERFORMANCE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, HATTIESBURG

Band camp will end at lunch time on Wednesday, July 27th to allow students time to go home to shower and change clothes to attend this performance. The bus will leave at approximately 2:00 pm and stop at a mall food court for the students to take time to eat dinner to arrive at time for the 7:00 p.m. performance.

Students must send in a check for \$40 per student for this function. This will cover the cost of tickets and charter busses to and from the performance. Money must be received by Wednesday, July 20th. Extra tickets and seats may be available for parents wishing to attend this performance, also at \$40 each. Please let Mr. Hicks know if you are interested in attending.

Parents must pick up students after the busses return to school at approximately midnight or 1:00 am on Thursday morning.

BAND PICNIC:

A picnic for band students and their parents will be held at the end of band camp – the evening of Friday, July 29th at 6 pm. Students will go home that day at lunch time and will be back before the picnic to set up and perform for their families before dinner.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, but parents are asked to help by donating other items. A list of items needed has been divided by an alphabetical list (based on the students' last name) of what each parent should bring. The list was made available at the meeting, but will also be posted on the website.

SHOWCASE:

Showcase at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will be held on Saturday, October 29th. We came in second place last year and are very proud of the students for working hard on their practices to achieve this honor. We will be working harder this year to place even higher!

OTHER ITEMS:

We are in dire need of golf carts for transporting items for band camp. The golf cart purchased last year was stolen from the school during the Christmas holidays and was never found.

Anyone with tickets to Saints games or LSU games who is willing to donate them for a raffle should contact Mr. Hicks or Debbie Castro.

Other travel opportunities may include attending the Bands of America competition festival in Florida by traveling on charter busses, as well as other local competitions.

Updates will be sent to you through your student, via e-mails or on the band website.

Mr. Hicks was asking for help on Sunday evening (July 17th), about 4 or 5 pm for volunteers to get ready for camp on Monday. He will text message students to give them more details about helping on Sunday.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN ITEMS FOR BAND CAMP – ESPECIALLY FRESH FRUIT AND WATER!

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.