

**Tabb Tiger Band Parents Board Meeting
December 8, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7PM.

In attendance: Carol Miller, Joe Ott, Jennifer Williams, Adam Waller, Joe Matchette, Sarah Semones, Rekha Gupta, Bernadette Marinaro.

Joe Ott, Treasurer, (Julie Byrd was unable to attend due to business travel), opened the meeting and requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 17's meeting. Jennifer Williams noted a change to the meeting minutes. Note that the student account balance was reported at the meeting to be \$3996, however, the correct balance was \$4320.62. The meeting minutes were approved. Joe asked that each board member provide a report about their particular areas.

1. Adam Waller– Mr. Waller highlighted our combined winter concert coming up this Thursday and also noted additional performances that have happened recently and will be coming up soon during the holiday season. All District Band auditions are January 10 at the Grafton High School. Mr. Waller discussed the battery sale – batteries have been changed from Kodak to a different type of battery. Information will come out in January. Spring trip information will also be coming out soon. Mr. Waller discussed the options of competing during the trip but due to the cost of entering a competition, he is considering performing at a monument or park in Washington DC. Options for transportation were discussed and the train was mentioned as an option. However, even if we take the train, we would still need transportation while we are in the city. Mr. Waller discussed a recent meeting with other band directors to address questions from the school board. He felt the meeting was very beneficial as it was an opportunity to discover that all the band programs were essentially operating in the same way regarding band fees, budgets, fund raisers. We discussed how other bands handle situations in which families cannot or will not pay the band fees. Other bands appear to work the same way we do. Joe Ott noted that we should hold off on the special celebration for the band due to the busy holiday season. Mr. Waller noted that the dates Julie Byrd asked about for Tiger Café are not available. Jennifer Williams asked that Mr. Waller change the web page calendar to remove or change the dates for spring trip payments and battery sales.

3. Joe Ott, Treasurer, reported our current balance is \$10767 in the checking account and \$16887 in the money market account. This doesn't account for the money that needs to go from the student accounts for recent fundraisers. Joe will be modified so that it clearly shows only the income that goes directly to the general fund and does not include money that goes to student accounts. Joe also discussed the letter he is working on to send out to families who have not paid their student fees yet. He intends to modify the letter based on comments he has received and hopes to send it out in January. There are currently 19 students who have not paid. Four of those are in competition band and the remaining are in the half-time band only. His letter will be mailed directly to families who have not paid and will note fundraising activities that are available to their students to help raise money.

4. Jennifer Williams, Student Accounts, noted that the current balance is \$4272. She discovered that there is a \$20 maintenance fee if the account drops below \$5000. The bank suggested that the account be switched to a different type of account which will not incur a fee. Jennifer made this switch so we should not have the maintenance fee again.

Committee Reports:

1. Scrip Coordinator – Joe Matchette is getting busy with Scrip sales. After the first set of scrip sales was \$72.78 to student accounts and \$10.45 to the general fund. Joe discussed options that will be easier for the band to continue with this as a fund raiser. Joe does not believe it is worth it for the band to continue doing this unless we set up an automatic transaction capability with our bank account. Joe will plan to do one additional physical order as we have been doing but wants to note that it takes hours of time for him and Joe (treasurer) and the amount of effort is simply not worth it. Numerous people discussed how scrip sales can be very beneficial if families really use it to the maximum benefit. Joe will get some additional information regarding their electronic payment tool, Presto Pay.

2. Paw Prints – Sarah Samones indicated that she has a few more paw prints which will be done in the spring. She still has enough supplies to continue with this.
3. Rekha Gupta, Publicity, discussed the fee we pay for the band photo pages in the yearbook. This fee is \$450 and it pays for 2 pages in the yearbook.
4. Bernadette Marinaro, noted a change to the minutes from last meeting. She is not sure if there are still students who have not paid for uniform items. She will work with Joe to see if there are still students who owe money. We discussed that there are students who do not have the financial ability to pay. Bernadette discussed concert uniforms. There are still some students who need to get their concert uniforms before the concert. There are currently 9 marching uniforms that have not been turned in yet (not including those that are still being used for holiday events). Bernadette is continuing to go through the marching uniforms that have been turned in.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45. The next meeting will be January 12.