

Minutes of October 27, 2008
General Meeting of BMHS Band Parents, Inc. 7:07 p.m. to 8:41 p.m.

Attendance: See attached list

This special meeting was called to discuss several issue/concerns.

Policies, Procedures and Protocol—regarding the marching band program/season—
The following questions were raised—

1. Should the instructors be more experienced?
2. What are the criteria to be selected as an instructor, what is the evaluation process? How volunteer instructors are selected, what kind of training are they expected to have? Comment: Instructors need to be professional at all times.
3. Who are the instructors and volunteer instructors, how are the volunteer instructors identified?
4. Why can't the instructors wear the school colors at the band competitions?
5. How are parents notified if/when issues are handled and consequences given?
6. Comment—needs to be better communication by all, important to follow protocol and give ample time for issues to be handled before taking it to the next step.
7. Can chaperones/pit crew members have walkie talkies to communicate with each other?
8. Comment—Lenda Askew reported that chaperones are told to tell head chaperones and/or Ron about issues or concerns. Chaperones should expect the students to be respectful and Ron should voice this expectation to the students and parents. Parents should also know what the expectations are for their children and they too should take responsibly for their child's behavior.
9. How and when do the rules and regulations of the Norwalk Public Schools apply and are enforced?
10. Is there a need for tighter control on the students at competitions?

MAC Breakfast

We are not able to use the concession stand to serve a hot breakfast—a suggestion was made to have a continental breakfast with cold items, like bagels, donuts, etc. We will try to reserve the concession stand next year in order to serve a hot breakfast for MAC championships. We are looking for donations of food items and/or if anyone has any contacts to have the event catered.

Marching Band Banquet

Will be held on 11/18 after a short practice. Pizza, salad and soda will be served. Students are free, parents/guests fee of \$5.00. More info will follow.

Bus to MAC

We need at least 2 more people to sign up for the smaller buss. Interested parties should see Randi or Karen.

Next General Band Parents Meeting—11/3/08

Respectfully Submitted,
Dee Walters
Recording Secretary