

Minutes for BHSN Band Booster Meeting— March 10, 2010

Attendance:

Boosters: Nan Morrow, *President*; Susie Graham, *Vice President*; Esther Smail, *Secretary*; Gale Nichols, *Treasurer*

Barbara Hatton, Joni Carter, Dalane Anderson, Teresa Creek, Marjorie DeBruyne, Vicky Polanski, Jenny Shedd

Band Directors: Janis Stockhouse, Thomas Wilson, Amanda ?

Meeting Convened at 7:25 pm at Buffa Louie's

Special Agenda

Due to the latest MCCSC budget cuts, Thomas Wilson's position will be cut from six periods, to three periods at North, essentially, half-time. He hopes he'll be able to pick up another half-time position at an MCCSC school to retain his full-time status.

There are many unknowns for the 2010-11 school year in the present climate. What is known is that with the cuts, there will be one less jazz band and one less concert band in 2010-11. North will be losing 10-1/2 teachers next year. The school will be serving roughly the same number of students, but with 65 fewer classes. It will be a challenging year.

The cuts also raise a lot of questions: With foreign language being cut out of middle school, will more students sign up for band? Will the band teachers still be receiving a stipend for their extra duties (instrument inventory, Marching Band, etc.)? How will these cuts affect marching band? Will Christie Wilson's role with the Guard be affected? What can the Band Boosters do to help in the coming year?

The general consensus is that we will proceed positively into the next school year and into the next marching band season. It might be wise to scale back the marching band trip in 2010, which was planned for NY and Philadelphia, substituting a much less expensive trip. Thomas is looking for a strong fundraising commitment from the students for Marching Band next year.

There will be a meeting with the Band Boosters officers about next year's budget. Another meeting will be held for the fundraising committee.

Meeting Adjourned at ? pm

The next band booster meeting is Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm.