Cherokee Band Boosters General Meeting

July 30, 2020 via Zoom

Attendees: Denise Baxter, Nadia Bhimani, Shannon Brancaccio, Ning Cheng, Barry Cohen, Kristin Cosper, Jen DiCostanzo, Kathleen Dumont, Joel Falk, Mike Gatti, Kim Goffin, Cindi Jackson, Jeff Jones, Aditee Leszkowitz, Mike Lynch, Gina Matthews, Raymond McAvaddy, Jenn Nabinger, Nate Nabinger, Jessica Pomilio, Lisa Riordan, Betty Rubino, Tom Rubino, Virginia, Schad, Lisa Shapiro, Judeth Yeany, Linda Zeranski

Lisa R. welcomed attendees, Lisa S. asked that attendees type their names in the Chat box and also post any questions there. The 2020-21 CHSBB Executive Board was introduced:

Lisa Riordan, President

Maryann Correll, 1st Vice President

Kim Goffin, 2nd Vice President

Judeth Yeany, Treasurer

Denise Baxter, Corresponding Secretary

Lisa Shapiro, Recording Secretary

Gina Matthews, Color Guard Liaison

The volunteer Sign Up Genius was discussed, Denise will e-mail link to general membership (completed after meeting) and the web site was posted on the chat for reference. Denise will ask Kristen Meehan to add the link to the web site.

Mr. Lynch was introduced, welcomed attendees and reported the following:

* LRHSD has a clear distinction between athletics and activities – the Marching Band is an activity. The Band is not allowed to practice as of now. The request to switch Marching Band to athletics has been requested during contract negotiations in the past and has always been rejected because of budget issues (i.e. athletics staff have higher salaries than activities).
* Marching band staff has not yet been approved by the BOE, paperwork was sent out on 7/28 and will be voted upon at the August BOE meeting.
* LRHSD full time staff contracts will not be on the agenda until the September BOE meeting. Good chance there will not be any August rehearsals.
* Mr. Agnew has been trying to get an answer about music in general (marching band and concert, wind ensemble, and jazz bands and classes) and right now “music is on hold” by the district.
* If hybrid school takes place, right now Mr. Lynch will be working on theory and history until guidelines for playing instruments is given out. If allowed, the possibility of afternoon ensembles will be explored.
* TOB has cancelled in person competitions. They are working on virtual options for small ensembles. USBands is also working on a virtual option.
* Mr. Lynch is the Region 3 representative for NJ All State ensembles. Currently the January auditions are scheduled, working on getting new conductors set up as they can’t use out-of-state staff at this point. Exploring online vs. in person options. All South Jersey is also working on online platform for auditions.
* LRHSD is not opening up Google classroom for freshmen/new students until September.
* Judeth asked about the activity fee for students. Mr. Lynch got word from Mr. Agnew on 7/30 that the district has not yet distributed information for the coming year.
* Mr. Lynch is still not allowed to enter the building to access color guard equipment/instruments for distribution to students.