Band & Guard Family Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026 @ 6:30pm

- **Call to Order and Recognitions - Bonnie Hernandez**
  - Band President called to order at 6:30
  - Thank you to everyone that helped with our recent events including US Bands, we are so appreciative!
- **Band President Update - Evan Parekh/Amelia Marshall**
  - First contest, got 2nd out of 14 and only two points behind one of the best bands in the nation and a caption award
  - Next contest is the one we one last year- goal is to win again because no one has ever repeated
  - Bandtober!
    - Remaining dates for competitions- only 10 guaranteed performances left!
  - BLT/Parent interactions- some BLT members have reported tense interactions but we are all on the same team so we should be getting along
  - Plan for November events, specifically Friendsgiving
- **What events will we be hosting?- Bonnie Hernandez**
  - Event List
    - UIL 3A Area Contest at HHS 10-24-26
    - TCGC at HHS 2-13-27
    - Mattress Sale at HHS 3-6 or 3-7
    - TCGC State at TX State University 4-1 and 4-4
    - UIL State Solo and Ensemble at HHS 5-29 and 5-31
- **Upcoming Events - Sonya Teves**
  - UIL 3A Area- we host and do not compete
  - Bandtober!
    - Visual calendars of all the events
  - Senior Events
    - Senior Locker Decorating- Thursday, October 15th
    - Senior Breakfast- Friday, October 16th
    - Senior Dinner- Friday, October 23rd
    - Senior Halftime- Friday, October 23rd
      - Family march in at 6:30
  - Competition Send Off- this Saturday at approximately 11 am
    - What is a send off?
      - We bring signs and make noise for our kids as they leave the HHS area and head to competition, they take pictures out the windows and love the attention
    - Sign Making Party on Friday October 9th from 5-7pm to go along with the rehearsal invite from Collins
  - Festival of Bands- October 13th at 7:30pm, Shelton Stadium
    - All three high schools and all middle schools 7th/8th graders
  - Pink Out/Senior Night/8th grade night on October 23rd for the game against Dripping Springs
  - Locker Decorating on October 28th from 5:30-7pm
    - Working on getting names on lockers so you know which one belongs to your students
    - Guard locker room will also be open
  - Trunk or Treat Glow Party on October 29th from 7:30-9pm
    - On the side parking lot, cars not offering a trunk will be asked to move

        - For Band and their families but not intended as a community event
    - Save the Dates
        - Winter Follies Concert on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:30
        - Band Banquet on Friday, April 23rd
            - Tickets do sell out, seniors do not have to buy one
- **Spirit Nights - Lindsey Schwaiger**
    - Updated totals for Spirit Nights
        - Still waiting on some of our US Bands numbers
    - Updated totals for Vendors
        - Band mom Kathy Andrade giving back a percentage of homecoming mum sales
            - Thank you!!
- **Sponsor Updates-Lindsey Schwaiger**
    - US Bands- Kyle ER and Kona Ice
    - Red & Blue
        - Muzzy Real Estate
        - BudaLiving
        - San Marcos Insurance Services
        - Kyle Donuts
- **Guard Updates - Kristian Myers**
    - Best Color Guard Award at US Bands
    - Little bit more embellishment- help with hand sewing needed
- **Financial Report - Sabrina Murray/Richard Comstock**
    - Amounts reviewed for fundraising and expenditures- more information available for booster members upon request, it is not published publicly
- **Director's Report - Mr. Collins**
    - No Collins tonight due to rehearsal needs- Bonnie instead
        - Thank you to uniform crew and flight crew for the behind the scenes help
        - Review of competition timing reasons and itinerary for this Saturday
            - Rehearsal at HHS before leaving for the competition
            - Time built in to make sure everyone has everything and nothing is forgotten
            - We are feeding them breakfast and if they are on the competition meal plan they will also get sandwiches for lunch from Potbelly and everyone will get Gattitown buffet for dinner regardless of competition meal plan
        - Questions about tickets, parking and how can flight crew find the band at the stadium
            - Tickets on sale now, prices usually increase the day before or day of the comp
            - Parking is usually paid, depends on the host how much and if you get in-out privileges
            - Flight crew will have to pay to park in spectator and then can find the "Hays Tent City" to be with the band to help with props, since they are walking in with band and on the field they will not need wristbands for the stands
            - This stadium requires clear bags and a bag check at the door, which can take time
- **Next Meeting Info**
    - November 3rd at 6:30 in Band Hall
- **Adjourn**
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:23