



CASS TECH MARCHING BAND

“Second to None”

Parent Meeting

August 11, 2008

Meeting opened by Mrs. Carla Butler, Association of Bands President. 6:11 pm

Old Business

1. Officers/Elections for Association of Bands.

Mrs. Butler noted that:

- a) The scheduled June meeting was canceled because of a plethora of activities during that month.
- b) It seemed like voting on parent officers were going to be based on who was the parent of “Becky’s mom”. Voting on parent officers should be based on participation, not popularity. We can take our time on this issue, the band will still function.

2. Graduation Success Stories

Ms Allen did not make the meeting in time to present this portion of the meeting.

New Business

1. Question: Are we going to MTU this year?

A.-No, unfortunately Michigan Tech does not have the funds to accommodate us this year.

2. Question: Will we receive calendars?

A.-Yes, all parents will receive a calendar of events.

3. Question: What can I do about my child’s grades? They weren’t good last year.

A. This year we’re implementing a mandatory study hour. It’s going to be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-4 pm. We’re taking an hour out of practice so the students can study. We can’t make them study but, they will definitely be in total silence so that they can study.

B. Band season is 3 months long. From September through November. If possible, have your students take a lighter load during that period and take the tougher classes afterward.

C. The students need to work on time management. They should start looking at the

band as work and schedule “fun time” after work. Also, parents need to lighten the load by making sure their students eat well, stay hydrated and take vitamins.

4. Question: Who is authorizing the students to meet before school starts?

A.-More than likely, it's their section leaders. You may want to take this up with Ms Allen. A lot of times the leaders will do this because they know what it takes to be the best and are calling these meeting to get rehearsal time in. Also, the Flag girls need a parent liaison. Remember, winter time is coming.

5. Question: Fund raising monies are used to maintain what equipment? I think it is unfair that I have to maintain my students equipment out of my pocket.

A.-The band does not operate on a budget. We are not responsible for the maintenance of individual equipment. The fund raisers do assist the percussion team who historically incur constant expenses. I do suggests rental of instruments.

6. Uniforms

Suits - the suits are not yours, we need them back.

T-Shirts-the order will go in the second week in September.

Auxiliary Attire-is not on this list because they change all the time.

Ms Allen does want, however, all members including the auxiliaries

To have CTMB shirts and Fleeeces.

Parent Volunteers-Ms A is moving away from the jogging outfits we

Used to wear. They make a squishy noise. See Ms Karla Clifton for

The parents outfits.

White Gym Shoes-When Ms A says white she means white. Not

White with blue or yellow stripes.

7. Band Camp

Make sure you send them with bottles of water.

8. Calendar

Aug. 17th -Alumni Picnic @ Belle Isle. Donations of water needed.

The bottle size is 16oz, it's easier to sell. You can drop your donations off at 8301 Puritan. Mrs. Butler is here from 7-6 pm.

Aug. 19th -Skating Party @ Northland Skating Rink. This will be

The kids first individual fundraiser. The cost is \$7.00 in advance.

Skating rental for those needing skates is \$2.00. The cost at the

Door is \$10.00

Aug. 23^d -Mack Alive Parade. PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY

HAVE WATER. THIS IS A LONG ROUTE.

Aug. 26th -The State Fair. It's been 8 years since we've been. It's an honor to perform. We'll have a booth but, we cannot sell food. We'll be selling anniversary hats and raffling away our last three gas cards.

Aug. 30th -Grand Prix. A major event and an awesome chance for the students to showcase their talents.

Nov. 6th -Texas. We do not have an itinerary yet. Please note that the students will get a chance to visit the school and get an idea of what college is like.

Parents can attend any trip. They are responsible for their own transportation, tickets, hotel stay etc. Please remember that the children are under the authority of DPS. For example, when lights are out for the night, students should not be with their parents but in their assigned room.

Student Dues-Per Jessica Steeples, dues are collected the 3d Friday of each month. They're used for condolences, birthday parties, Pot luck, etc. For this month, dues will be collected Friday, 8/15/08/

Meeting adjourned.7:16 pm