

General Meeting Agenda
Aug 19th, 2025
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/9355671581>

Called to order by Michael at 7:01pm

In attendance: Todd Fessler, Kolin Redman, Noelle Fox, Matt Fox, Sarah Gemperline, Charlie Reed, Renee Rodabaugh, Ryan Babb, Michelle Hawley, Elaine Alicea, Luis Alicea, Rada Terzieva, Mark Foster, Georgia Kaltenbach, David Trame, Mita Brown, Ellen Lyons, Ben Jauck, Laura Baird, Meredith Healy, Chuck Neslon, Rebecca Sutton, Michael Geygan, Emily Geygan.
Online: Francine Taylor, Amanda Banks

Introductions by attendees.

Shout out to Ben Fox and Sarah Gerkin for making TBDBITL

President opening statements:

- Welcome to all members
- General meeting rules - Boosters code of Ethics: A Copy of the Boosters Code of Ethics can be found in the [Approved Bylaws 2025 - Google Drive](#) on Encl (5) or final page of the document - For this meeting it can be found on the second page of this agenda.
- Where can my questions be directed to? [HERE](#)
- [Bands this week](#) - Updated by Mr. Fessler weekly

Directors: Todd Fessler and Kolin Redman will provide any updates they have regarding the state of the band.

Todd:

- Thank you - great turnout. Best camp so far (TF's 9th). Kids were rested, recharged, ton of work done. Unique freshman class - hard to tell who was new. Well prepared in 8th great. 180 awesome kids. Very productive, great activities, eating a lot and marching a lot. Everyone reading charts from the start, which was challenging but better in the long run. Strong student leadership team this year. They met 2 days in advance to talk about leadership skills and great discussion. 6 home games - busy season
- Home shows: Led Zep, Paul Simon, Script Bears, cheerleader/dance colab. (Kristine(sp?) Hayes)...
- Cell phones; difficult, but working with ipads, kids are adjusting. May not be as easy but we work with and respect the administration.
- Fittings with 6th graders - every child gets a chance to try different instruments. This is how we find success.
- 40 6th graders at Jones, 71 at Hastings

Kolin:

- Marching with 180 kids has been a journey - but it doesn't feel like it because of the parent support and help behind the scenes. Thank you, it was an awesome week for the kids, directors enjoyed watching them grow
- All 10 sousaphones out on the field being played!

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- Thank you. Excited about numbers. "The vibes are rocking."

Todd:

- Great clinicians. Working to arrange clinicians for sectionals. Encourage kids to memorize and make good use of time with sectionals. Keep encouraging them to try - one chunk at a time. If they're stressed, focus on marching first, then add the playing as you become more comfortable. Just give it your best.
- We love parents having around!

President:

- Thank you again to all that participated in Band Camp. It was extremely successful.
- BITS (Best in the State) Cheerleading Competition Concessions Committee formation - First meeting was held 8/19.
- The band will participate in the UAFD first 9/11 Memorial stair climb - Band to play National Anthem (Sunday, Sep 14th - 8:00-8:15) This is a great way to support the UAFD for supporting the band during band camp.
- Boosters will be retiring uniforms (raincoats) / instruments (drums etc above the lockers)
- From 3:05-5:05 on Fridays we will have a staff member in the bandroom to monitor student behavior - Boosters will be paying for this service from fees.
- Todd will survey students (classes of 2027-2029) for input on Spring Break 2027 trip
- We purchased 2 wagons and 3 water coolers for spreads this year
 - We will be voting on a couple of instrument related purchases - since these items were not a foreseen need, funds will come from the Boosters Savings
 - 1 Set of Cymbals, 1 J-arm and 7 Snare Stands - \$2,303.60
 - Drum head replacements for all drums - \$976.89
 - *Note from Todd: When we put a request for instruments, all other options (repairs) have already been exhausted - they don't do this unless they have to. Michael: We get a discount.*
- Adrienne Lape will be a paid teaching assistant during 1st semester to assist Mr. Fessler and Mr. Redman with the students. - This money came from fees. *Todd: Ms. Lape also helps with 6th graders - woodwind specialist, performing artist, teaches at OWU, etc.*

Vice President:

- We will need volunteers to ride on the buses for away games. Responsible for making sure instruments are latched down (trailer is outfitted to be adjustable and adaptable). If you're volunteering you're not just riding, but helping loading and unloading the trailer, and helping students with what they need - wagons, water, etc.
- Arrive at 4:30 to scan ID at the office, get lanyard for getting into the game and riding the bus.
- Each bus has a first aid bag - parents are responsible for making sure those are available. If there is a medical situation: just call 911 if you need to. There are paramedics (and football trainers) at every game as well that we can call for. Todd to double check to make sure there is room for students AND volunteers. Directors carry medical forms for every student - everywhere, every time.

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- Must have a background check on file with Mincy Center (every 5 years).
- *Kolin: you may be anxious, but be sure these kids are awesome, kind, sweet, etc. If there is an incident, just find the directors. They are responsible for any needed discipline - as unlikely as it is.*

Co-Treasurers:

Charlie:

- Update on dues status - Thanks for getting fees paid. \$6,600 left to collect from 17 students, including some from whom we have special arrangements.
- Working on some treasury management things, including an opportunity to potential yearn 1-2K interest.

Ryan:

- July financial review. Sharing the last reconciled month (July) which isn't especially telling because it's before the fees are due and major camp expenses. August will be more telling about where we are.
- FYI students are charged for accessories and yard signs, we don't profit on them.

Communications:

- Rebecca to create weekly updates on Tuesday mornings, scheduled for Wednesday. Will need any new info (except for those things we have no control over) by Monday night.
- Communication Request form helps track and schedule appropriate communication. <https://forms.gle/w6J9DncCmJNLELBv8>

Development Manager:

- Mums flower sale starts 8/19 - Information will be in email and through communication next week. Students only profit from this sale
- Sale through 9/8. Delivery on 9/29. Will need students and parents to volunteer.
- Car wash brought in \$3,100 we will credit accounts once we finalize student enrollment
- We need to push sponsorships. I personally have emailed dozens of businesses but if your student knows a business please reach out. Sometimes they respond better to students than adults like me. Currently we have \$3,000, the goal is \$10,000.
- BITS is confirmed Nov 8 (noon-7pm) & 9 (8am-8pm). Primary fundraiser.
- We confirmed we are getting basketball concessions (this was not confirmed previously)

Discussion around methods and importance of sharing about sponsorships (and other events) on Social Media.

Travel Manager -

- Georgia and Rebecca to push sign ups for away game chaperones.
- Working with property management at Kingsdale for potential band spread performance on September 26
- Regarding Senior Night, 30/46 senior details are ready for announcements. Georgia will connect with Jane on next steps soon. Will send reminders 8/24 & 9/3

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- Spring Break '27 options have been discussed with Fessler/Redman, just waiting to hone in on a trip decision, then pursue further details to settle in on specifics.

Past President: No update

Chairs:

- Uniforms
- 3rd Quarter (Elaine, Michelle): no Anthony Wayne band this week. Reminder to always let K-Row and sousaphones first for water
- Spreads (Noelle): Sign up! Crew for setup, serving, and clean up. The goal is to clean up efficiently so parents can still watch performance, and finish cleaning up afterward. Serve water only (no gatorade).
- Family Outreach (Rada): 8th grade night is September 19, goodie bags for students.

***VOTE on purchase:** Michael moved to purchase, Mark Foster seconded, all approved.

Final notes:

Todd:

Reminder that breakfast/dinner are not required. Most kids go, but they are NOT required. If your kid doesn't go and gets flack from another student for it, communicate with TF or KR.

If you ever see or hear anything that sounds illegal in regards to driving, say something. They represent the band and the school.

New Business:

Old Business:

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

UA Band Boosters Code of Ethics

1. As a volunteer, I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics similar to that which binds the professional in the field and to which I place my efforts. My work and attitude towards others will remain professional.
2. I will support the band program, directors, students, and families morally and with everyone's best emotional well-being in mind. I will be productive and positive while working with other leaders, administrators, and members of the larger community.
3. I will demonstrate leadership, teamwork and a commitment to the participants through my actions and working with fellow volunteers.

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4. Work within the framework and purpose of the UA Band Boosters as defined by the bylaws.
5. I will treat everyone with acceptance and respect, valuing individual and cultural differences, and showing care and concern for others.
6. I will hold myself accountable to the highest standards for honesty, above reproach behavior, truthfulness and public service as I provide an open and inviting environment for all.