

**HSE Royal Guardians**  
**Virtual Parent Meeting**  
**October 28, 2020 @7:30pm via Zoom**

Meeting was called to order by Band Director, Audrey Torres at 7:00pm.  
September meeting minutes were approved.

**1. Director Report - Mrs. Torres**

- Winter Concert – Mrs. Torres announced that the band has been approved to hold a winter concert in December. Due to social distancing and capacity guidelines, the rehearsals and concert will be set up differently. An informational document, **2020 Winter Concert Procedure**, was shared on the screen explaining in detail how and when rehearsals and concerts with each full band ensemble will safely occur. Proper PPE will be used, and students will be seated 6 or more feet apart. All students who are 50% in-school learning are required to attend the rehearsals and perform in the concert. Students who are 100% virtual are not required to attend the rehearsals or perform in the show and will have another playing assessment assigned to them. Families will be allotted 2 tickets in order to adhere to the 25% capacity restriction in the Leonard Auditorium. Tickets will be sold online. The concerts will be live streamed for family and friends at home. **2020 Winter Concert Procedure** document can be found at the end of the minutes.

*A parent asked if students could stay after school when they have a 3:00 pm rehearsal. Mrs. Torres said that they can go to the CCA and wait/do homework until rehearsal time. She added rehearsal starts later because she and Mr. Roush teach off campus at the end of the school day and are not able to return until then.*

- Pep Band - It looks like we will have the opportunity to have pep band this winter. Capacity guidelines allow for 30 students to perform together at the 6 home games scheduled. There may be a need to separate the students into 2 groups (Pep A and Pep B for example) depending on how many have signed up.
- Winter Seasons- The winter percussion and winter guard directors have been busy planning calendars, budgets and securing rehearsal space. WGI will have only virtual performance opportunities. Indiana State Color Guard Association (IHSCGA) plans to have live performance/contest opportunities and has given us a home contest on March 6, 2021. We do not know at this time if spectators will be permitted to attend.
- RCG End of Season Celebration – We will hold the celebration as originally planned on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm however, it will be virtual due to capacity limitations. We will have the slide show season recap as well as the senior slide show. Mrs. Torres expressed how proud she was of the RCG students. She was impressed by their strong work ethic even though we were not competing, and she is appreciative of the “normalcy” these students provided her during a very challenging time.

**2. Treasurer Report – Jim Pearce**

- Accounts Update - We are in good financial status. \$64,671.72 in checking and \$22,395.96 in savings. October payroll, approximately \$4,000.00, will be going out.

**3. Student Accounts Report – Joann Kolesar**

- There are still a handful of balances that remain. Statements have been emailed to anyone who still owes fees. The student's account must be in good standing in order to participate in the next season.

#### **4. Fundraising Report**

- **Snap Raise** - Mrs. Torres announced that the fundraising campaign has launched. The delay was due to the company rep having a family emergency. An email with the link was sent to the board and will be posted. We have already raised over \$5,000 and are close to our first goal of \$8,000. The big goal is to raise \$20,000.
- **Dine to Donate** – Jenny Kraus reported that we were about one order short of receiving a percentage of sales check from City Barbeque. Orders had to total at least \$500 to receive the donation. The good news is, City Barbeque offered to add the sales total to the next fundraiser if we can bring in at least \$500 in sales. The November Dine 2 Donate restaurant is Chipotle. It was suggested that we make sure that anyone participating, double checks that the order was counted towards our fundraiser.
- **Mask Fundraiser** – Jenny Banks reported that there are 45 masks left to sell and that she would be opening the sales to people outside of HSE Bands. People can order a mask by contacting her on the Facebook page or by the email and phone number that were in the last newsletter). She can accept cash, check or Venmo. Jenny has offered to deliver the masks on the weekend to anyone local/close by.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Mr. Roush asked everyone to stay safe during this time. He is waiting to communicate jazz band information until we are closer to second semester and have a better idea on what the safety guidelines will be at that time based on the impact of Covid-19.
- Kim Weber commented that Junior High Night was the best we have had. Mrs. Torres agreed and said she received great feedback from the junior high directors. By not having it at a football game, the focus was completely on the band.
- Sheri Elfreich shared that she will be working with Melissa Ferise to hang the senior banners somewhere in the band hallway for the remainder of the school year. If we end up doing a celebration in the spring, we will have the banners and can send them home with students afterwards.
- Mrs. Torres added that we would like to do something special at the end of the school year to honor the marching band seniors at a big offsite culminating event for the entire band program. This will depend on how things go and if we are able to be together at that time.
- Melissa Ferise will start fittings for concert attire this week. 100% virtual students will have times they can come in after school hours to be fitted. Invoices will be sent home with students.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm

Next meeting TBA

## 2020 Band Winter Concert Procedure

### After-school Rehearsals

In order to prepare concert repertoire by bringing together hybrid royal and blue, 5-day, and all-virtual students, each band will have two after-school rehearsals. Students will be distanced 6+', wear masks, utilize all appropriate PPE, (bell covers, embouchure masks, puppy pads, etc.) not share instruments and equipment, and sanitize their space after use. Students will enter and exit the building through door 18 and follow the traffic flow already established for the band room. All-virtual students will be invited to attend these rehearsals. All hybrid and 5-day students are required to attend these rehearsals. For in-person students the day of their respective rehearsals, they will go to the CCA after school until rehearsal begins.

#### Concert Band

Wednesday, 12/2 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

Tuesday, 12/8 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

#### Symphonic Band

Tuesday, 12/1 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

Monday, 12/7 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

#### Wind Symphony

Monday, 11/30 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

Monday, 12/7 from 4:45-6:15pm, Band Room

#### Wind Ensemble

Thursday, 12/3 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

Wednesday, 12/9 from 3:00-4:30pm, Band Room

### Winter Concert

The four bands will be paired together to present two shorter concerts on Wednesday, December 9. These two performances will be staggered to allow the first group of band students and audience members ample time to leave the Leonard Auditorium and performing arts area before the next performance begins. All-virtual students will be able to participate if they attend the after-school rehearsals. All hybrid and 5-day students are required to participate in the concert. Students will enter and exit the building through door 18 and follow the traffic flow already established for the band room. Audience members will enter and exit the building through door 18. All tickets will be pre-purchased through our online ticketing system – no tickets will be sold at the door. Each student's family will be able to purchase 2 tickets. Audience member expectations will mirror HSE schools COVID-19 protocol. Band students will perform on stage, socially distanced while wearing masks. Our online ticketing system can distance purchased seats from each other. Both concerts will be streamed live.

*Concert #1, 6:00-6:45pm*

Symphonic Band (50 students) and Wind Symphony (40 students)

*Concert #2, 7:30-8:15pm*

Concert Band (67 students) and Wind Ensemble (43 students)