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| **Parent Kick-Off Meeting: August 9****Meeting start time: 1905** |
| **Mike with Custom Fundraising Solutions started off the meeting talking about the fundraiser and the incentives for the students and the perks for the band. Overall a win/win for everyone.** **Cindy made the following introductions:**2015-2016 Band Booster Officers:President – Cindy LeonardVP – Jerry PutnamSecretary – Dawn ProctorTreasurer – Amy FeezorAsst. Treasurer – Barbara PutnamOther committee heads announced as the meeting continued. |
| Cindy:Band/Band Camp/Feedback:Mr. Fordham’s expectation of the band: You’ve made a commitment – Show Respect, Be Prepared, Be on Time expects them to be there 15 mins. before practice, “if you’re on time, you’re late”, Be Your Best“Band” = all who play instruments/drumline/PIT/color guardHow many of you were in band in HS? |
| **Cindy:****Forms:****Please make sure all forms are completed & turned in this week:*** Band Contact Information Form
* Activity/Trip Permission Form (must have before pool party – cannot ride bus) One form used for all activities band participates in all year (ballgames, competitions, parades, MPA, etc.)
* Fee Payment Form – Fees due this week. If you need to make a payment plan, see me, Mr. Fordham. See fees below.
* Program Ad Form – Please help sell ads for our band festival program. This pays for the cost of the program, making it 100% profit when we sell it Nov. 5th.
* T-Shirt Form – Student Form & Family
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| **Cindy and Jerry:****Fees:**Fees need to be paid by Check or Credit Cards (no cash please).  Can mail to the PO Box 1531 or placed in the black lock box in the band room.* Anytime you turn money via the black box in the band room, please put payments in an envelope and write your child’s name on the outside as well as what the payment is for. This helps the Treasurer Give credit to the right account.
* When mailing checks please note on check/envelope what $ is for.
* Marching band fees help cover expenses for the field show music and drill, additional instructors, meals and snacks for your student, uniform cleaning for the marching season, and props for the show.
* Activity buses cost $1 per mile for each bus (3)
* The $12 Student Feed (that you pay the school), covers less than 5% of the North Davidson Band Expenses. Without fundraisers, your student’s band fees could be more than $500.

**Discussion around fees and the need to collect them. Lengthy discussion around individual group fundraisers to help with fees. Questions regarding color guard fees and drumline fees stimulated good discussion. We need to continue to think outside the box for fundraising ideas. The board will continue to brainstorm with individual groups to help come up with fundraising ideas to assist with their fees. Jerry addressed to boosters to say that we are all there for the same reason to support the band and the band director to the best of our ability within the set budget for the year and within our bylaws.****This led into Budget report.** |
| **Amy:*** **$22,000 paid in still about $12,000 to collect**
* **Fundraising has been down the last couple of years, however hoping this year will be better.**
* **Festival: largest fund raiser for the band.**
* **2 years ago it was rained out so we lost that money**
* **Last year was low due to weather again, therefore we did not recoup as much as we had anticipated from the previous year**
* **We will be needing everyone this year - to help sell ads for our program and to give their time to make this year’s festival great**

**Questions were asked about the overall budget and the books. Amy addressed them and offered to sit down and go over the books with anyone that had specific questions and/or concerns.****Amy gave her email:****ND.band.booster.treasurer@gmail.com** |
| **Cindy:** **Marching Band 101:** * Band practice starts next week. Tuesday & Thursday from 6:30 p-8:30p (4p-6p once time changes)
* There will also be sectional practices – they will be set up by section leaders. Pay attention to emails.
* Fordham Time – be patient.
* Friday night – football games (home & away) (Aug – Nov)
* Saturday – Competitions (some mornings, some afternoon, some all day)
	+ Expect one Saturday to be a double competition (End of Sept – First Nov)
	+ It’s very tiring for all…..but a big let-down when it’s over…missing each other!
* Parades: Kids march in 4 parades (parents can come and march with us!)
	+ Lexington Veterans Day parade - Nov. 11
	+ Lexington Christmas Parade – Dec. 5
	+ Midway Christmas Parade – Nov. 25
	+ Welcome Easter Parade – Apr. 8, 2017
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| **Cindy:****Dress Attire for Band**:* Uniforms: Jacket, Helmet, Plume (Band Provides) (must leave at school)
* Uniform Accessories: Black bibs, black socks, black marching shoes and black gloves (students much purchase all through band, except socks) (NO WHITE SOCKS)
* Color guard has to purchase their uniforms. Different each year.
* Band T-Shirt: (designed by a band student to reflect the marching show for the season)
	+ T-shirt & jeans & tennis shoes worn for first few ballgames, until the weather begins to cool.
	+ T-Shirt then worn under their bibs, so they look uniform when not wearing their uniform jacket.
	+ Students received 1 band t-shirt as part of their camp package.
	+ Additional shirts can be purchased for students as well as shirts for parents and family for $15 each. (Some students like 2 shirts, 1 for Friday games and 1 for Saturday competitions.)
* Hoodies: A student will also design a hoodie that reflects the marching show for the season. These will be ordered soon after school starts. Usually cost about $30 each depending on the style and personalization (orange/black/tie dye & names on back). These can be purchased for band students and family as well.

Mrs. Dellinger inquired about uniforms for PIT. PIT attire chosen by Mr. Fordham. |
| **Cindy:****Communication:*** Mr. Fordham does not send home written information – he updates students at each practice.
* Email is primary form of communication – you can give us multiple emails.
* If you prefer to be called let Cindy know.
* Cindy will send out information as soon as Mr. Fordham shares it.
* Your student’s section leader will communicate directly with their section members via text or email regarding sectional practice as well as last minute changes/updates on rehearsals.
* Band website: [www.marchingblackknights.com](http://www.marchingblackknights.com)
* Facebook page: North Davidson Marching Black Knights
* Get involved: Attend booster meetings: we need your feedback, ideas and often need to vote on issues.
* Booster meetings: Will be the 2nd Thursday/month at 7 pm in Band Room. Sometimes there may be special meetings called if the need arises you will get an email to inform you.
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| **Cindy:****Spring Concert Band**: Spring Band fees = $55 and $25 rental fee for school instruments* Some students chose to do only concert band; many do marching and concert
* Some students play different instruments during concert band

**Jazz Band**: Mr. Fordham offers an optional Jazz Band that meets after school  |
| **Cindy:****All of the committee heads have sign-up sheets at the back of the room for volunteers.****Ways to Get Involved**: Many of you have asked of ways you could get involved and help -WE need YOU!!!!* Donations needed for band: (Snacks used for fb games, competitions, parades)
	+ Canned drinks, Gatorade, bottled water, individually wrapped crackers ,cookies, chips
	+ Cindy will email as needs arise letting you know what is needed.
* **Band Festival (Fall Festival):** Nov 5th – This is the Band competition that NDBB host each year.
* **Festival Heads:** Linda Gorski, Melissa Moore, Cathy Schaeffer and Vivian Allen
* Band students are required to be there and help.
* Every parent is needed and highly encouraged to help.
* Again this is our largest fundraiser of the year and brings in the most money.
* Volunteers are needed at the gate, selling programs, raffle tickets, work concessions, usher people, pit crew, grounds crew, parking lot monitors, and various services.
* You will be hearing more about this. Please try to attend booster meetings.
* Festival Heads Stand – Cindy introduced: Jill Hansen, Meghan Palombo and Tammy Duffey.
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| **Cindy:****Introduced:****Sergeant at Arms: Vivian Allen –she will need parents:*** Gets all of the information and forms together for our bus trips. She has to get attendance sheets, bus roster, first aid kits and trash bags for all 3 buses.
* Roll is called on every bus before we leave the school and before we leave our destination to come home – to assure we don’t leave anyone behind.
* If for any reason you are taking your child home with you after a game/competition you must give Mr. Fordham a hand written note stating that fact.
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| **Cindy:****Some other introductions:****Fundraising**: Big Part of Band – it takes a lot for a band our size!* Vivian Allen – Committee Head
* Coordinators:
	+ Mr. Fordham, Cindy Leonard – Mattress Sale
	+ Craig Shillinglaw – Fruit Sale
	+ Tammy Duffey – Zumbathon
	+ Allison Honeycutt – Battle of the Bands
* We will NEED Parents to help with all fundraisers!!

*Past Fundraisers:* Fruit sales, candy bar sales, Breakfast at Applebee’s, Tupperware, 50/50 raffle at football games, yard sale, car wash, Go-Play-Save Books/Attractions Books, Battle of the Bands.* Our biggest – Fall Band Festival
* Our newest – Mattress Sale – August 27th, 10am-5pm @ NDHS
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| **Cindy:****Fifty-Fifty**: **Sharon Bickett*** Boosters take turns selling 50/50 raffle tickets in the stands at the home games.
* Band gets to keep half of the ticket sales – last year some weeks over $500
* 5 Home games this year
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| **Cindy:****Snacks: Wendy and Brian Walker*** Water is available at all practices and games. (coolers have to be filled and carried to the field)
* Snacks served during 3rd qtr of every game & after every competition performance.
* Help is needed to prepare & serve the snacks (2 coolers/ice)
* Donations are also appreciated when supplies run low (We will send out an email letting you know what is needed. Bring it to Mr. Fordham’s office in the band room.)
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| **Cindy:****PIT Crew: Michael Sorenson getting trailers lined up and pulled/need someone to coordinate parents to help load and unload trailers and props .*** Every time the band performs help is needed to load up and haul equipment, unload and place on field; load it back up after performance and unload once home.
* Need parents that tow the band trailer with equipment for both home and away games, competitions, parades and other events.

**Props**:* We need volunteers to help coordinate and secure any needed props for the field show and to help design/create the props.
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| **Cindy:****Uniforms: Deborah Sorenson and Jennifer Bumgarner*** Organize uniforms, hats and plumes
* Make repairs if needed – NEW UNIFORMS
* Make sure students put their uniform back in correctly and in the right place.
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| **Cindy:****Band Camp: A huge thank you to all of the volunteers for this year’s band camp. Without your help and support the band’s summer camp would not be what it is.*** Food donations
* Prepare and serve meals
* Prepare and serve snacks
* Help with water breaks
* Clean up when it’s all done
* Chaperones are needed all week long
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| **Cindy:****Middle School Liaison: Tanya Parks (ND/OG)*** Help transition middle school band students and their parents into the high school band program
* Suggestions/Ideas from new parents/freshmen parents
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| **Cindy:****Meals: Sarah Danner & Jackie Essick, Brian Feezor, Julie Barlow*** Coordinates meals for students before competitions and other events
* Secure donations from parents
* Meal planning, preparation, serving and clean-up
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| **Cindy:****Media Relations: Jill Hanson, Tom Pfannes** * Meghan Palombo - Manage our web page (keeps it up to date with information from the director)
* Jill Hanson – Manages the Facebook page
* Kathy Fritts – Video’s every band
* Craig Shillinglaw - Downloads the videos to the band web page
* You Tube videos used for class.
* Tom Pfannes – Photographer for the band
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| **Cindy:****Color Guard: We still need volunteers to help with Color Guard.**  |
| **Cindy:****Senior Night Committee: More information will be provided as time gets closer. Please let Cindy know if you are interested in helping. This is a beautiful experience for our seniors and their family.****4 junior parents, 4 sophomore parents, 4 freshmen parents & the officers host a reception or the senior band members and their families (held after half-time at the last home game)** |
| **Cindy:****Questions/Concerns/Other:****Meeting adjourned – 8:30 p.m.** |