

Band Parents Meeting

May 12, 2008

Agenda

1. England
2. Rocky View Festival
3. Nelson
4. Graduation May 23<sup>rd</sup> (moving equipment)
5. Wind Ensemble Noon Concert
6. Fund Raising
7. Final Concert June 5- 50/50, WestJet, Refreshments
8. GEMS June 12- Refreshments?
9. Next Year- ideas, trip, program
10. Big Trip?
11. Final Meeting (when and where)

**Band Parent's Association**  
**Monday, May 12, 2008**  
**7 pm – 800 pm**

**MEETING NOTES**

1. **England** – The trip was generally a very positive experience. The band played well, behaved well and seemed to have fun. The larger number of parent chaperones made it successful. We will consider this for future international trips.
2. **Rocky view Festival** – The band received a “Superior” score. The piece that was commissioned for the band was played and very well received. It will be played for the final concert and CD’s should be available for those who want them.
3. **Nelson** – Grade 9 trip was also good though there were issues with a few kids who were drinking. They have since been suspended for three days. The band received an “Excellence” score for their performance. The festival was a very good one and may be considered for future concert band trips (perhaps better for the older kids than the grade 9’s).
4. **Graduation** – Ceremony is at U of C this year on May 23. Concert band to meet at school at 530 and will be taken to and from in school buses. Should be back at 8. Grade 9’s are not playing.
5. **Wind Ensemble** – to play at a courtyard concert at noon at the school. ?date? Considering increasing the level of play for this group and including some music theory.
6. **Fund Raising** – Still receiving money from the Flames games, wrapping up the chocolate sales...have lots left so will sell at final concert and GEMS night. Raffle sales going well. **Please have the money in by May 30. If anyone is not planning on selling their raffle tickets please get them back into Lael so someone else can sell them.** (limited number were printed)
7. **Final Concert** – June 15. Will sell 50/50 tickets, chocolates. Refreshments to be served.
8. **GEMS** – June 12 – will sell chocolates, no refreshments.
9. **Next Year Planning** – trip likely to be closer to home...maybe Edmonton, Sun Peaks, Saskatoon. Likely not another international trip for 2 – 3 years. 44 grade 9’s coming into the band program. Currently there are less than 30 grade 9’s who will move into Concert Band. May lose a couple of grade 10’s. There are 25 Grade 12’s graduating. The band will continue to build and develop over the next number of years. Lael received some TA time this year that helped to go through the music library; made master copies, ordered missing pieces. Lael is hopeful to get approval to hire a TA permanently for the music program (15 hours/week). This person could take on a larger role with the choir and allow increased work with different band sections throughout the year. Would like to add more community concerts next year, do some performances at the local schools to get students interested in band.
10. **Other** – if anyone has any photos of functions or events please email them to Paul at [admin@chsbandparents.com](mailto:admin@chsbandparents.com) and they can be put on the web site. England photos, articles, reflections of the trip would be wonderful to receive. All meeting notes are also posted to the web site.

**Next Meeting: June 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chestermere Landing Pub**