

Band Parents Meeting
September 15, 2008

Agenda

Introductions

Treasurers Report \$6000

New Band Room

Schedule

Fund Raising

Band Camp

Trips

Community Band and Casino

Program Direction and Vision

Other

Music Department Schedule

September 15- Band Parents Meeting (7:00 PM)
September 20- (Saturday) Chestermere Community Parade – Meet at Chestermere Lake Middle School at 9:30 AM
October 9 Home Coming (7:00 PM)
October 20- Band Parents
October 23 and 24 Grade Nine Band Camp (tentative)
October 30- Halloween Concert (7:00 PM)
November 7- Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 17- Band Parents
November 21 and 22 Concert Band Camp (tentative)
November 28- Jazz Festival
December 15-17 Christmas Musical
December 18- Christmas Concert (7:00 PM)
February 6 and 7- Rocky View Honour Band
February 12- Jazz Band Valentines Dance
March 16- Band Parents
April 20- Band Parents
April 24, 25 and 26 Grade Nine Sun Peaks Festival
May 5-7- Musical
May 22- Graduation Ceremony
June 4- Final Concert (7:00 PM)
June 11-Gem Awards
June 15- Band Parents

Fundraising

September 2-30 Entertainment Books

October 6-31 Magazines

November 3-28 Partylite

March 17- April 9 Chocolates

Flames Ongoing

Band Parent's Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2008
7 pm – 8 pm

MEETING NOTES

1. **Introductions** – the group was asked to introduce themselves
2. **Executive** – the President, Treasurer and secretary from last year have volunteered to continue in their roles for this year (thanks Karl, Marie and Peggy).
3. **Treasurer's Report** – we now have 3 accounts all at the school (dissolved the band parent's association account last year):
 - RVSD
 - Student Fundraising - \$15,000
 - School/Band Parents - \$6,700
4. **New Band Room** – work was started on the new band room at the end of June and is expected to be ready by Christmas. We will need to plan for an open house party!
5. **Schedule for 2008/2009** - Lael reviewed the Music Department Schedule (see attached) in detail for the year. Band camps will likely be at Camp Evergreen again (for sure for the grade 9's). There is another option in Banff that Lael is looking into. Volunteers for both camps will be needed. Please see Lael if interested.
6. **Tours – Concert Band and Grade 9 Band** – the Concert Band is planning on going either to Vancouver in March or Moose Jaw in May. More details to come. There are 84 kids in the concert band.

The grade 9 band is planning on going to Sun Peaks, near Kamloops, B.C. The cost will be somewhere around \$350 per student. There are 40 kids in the grade 9 band.

7. **Fund Raising** – there was a lengthy discussion about upcoming fund raising opportunities and potential opportunities. All fund raising will go into an account for each child that can be used for band camps and trips and rolls over from year to year. Seniors often donate their fundraising money back into the account when they graduate. Please see attached schedule for timing of various fundraising opportunities organized to date.

Calgary Flames fundraising opportunity organized for this year. Stay tuned for upcoming training dates. Volunteers must be 15 years old.

8. **Community Band and Casino** – Karl has suggested that we create an adult concert band. It can be hosted at CHS (Lael is working with the RVSD on this request). It would be open to anyone in the community (including Langdon, Indus and surrounding areas). It could then become an entity and apply for a casino license (Paul is checking into this). Funds raised would be for music programs for all schools in the community.

- 9. Program Direction and Vision**– music experience is the #1 priority for the program versus preparing students for further post-secondary music education. It is more about being inclusive, allowing everyone who is interested participate in the experience.

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month.

Next Meeting: October 20