

MEPA Parent Meeting Auditorium
June 11, 2019
6:30pm

Called to order 6:35pm

Presidents Message:

Franci Gargaro welcomed everyone, introduced herself to the group—many new parents—our first meeting of the new season.

Introduced Mr Steve Rivero—our new director.

- Spoke to parents of the band hallway redesign and reorganization.
- Thanked Field Crew for help moving in.
- Thanked parents for their warm welcome and emails
- Spoke about how his education plan is all about the kids and how he teaches the whole child.
- Introduced our new Principal who also came from Flanagan High
- Ms Kefford greeted parents reiterating support for the program.
- Mr Rivero introduced the new Athletic Director, Mr Guzzo, who has also come from Flanagan High and who has worked closely and well with Mr Rivero in the past.
- Mr Guzzo spoke with parents—talked about being on the same team —a united community and that his door is always open to our parents too—praised Ms Kefford.
- Mr Rivero introduced new Colorguard Director, Dean Broadbent, who has worked well with him for 13 years—have a great relationship.

Franci Gargaro then introduced the board members for the 2019/2020 season:

President—Franci Gargaro
VP Operations—Jeff Wolfe
Treasurer 1—Kathy Sandidge
Treasurer 2—Suzanne Liin
Guard Coordinator—Erin August
PR—Georgia Garnecki
Fundraising—open
Recording Secretary—Pam Goodchild
Communicating Secretary—Jeanine Muller
Field Crew Coordinator—Karl Liin

Operations:

Jeff Wolfe

Reminded parents to check Charms calendar regularly as all events are communicated there.
Bowling Night June 14th will be a great bonding event especially for the new band members
See Charms for all upcoming events.

Parents then voted to approved all the following events that Eagle Regiment will participate in this season:

Band Olympics August 10, 2019
30th Annual Pops 'n Pies August 23, 2019
Flanagan Competition October 5, 2019
MPA Assessment October 19, 2019
Park Vista Competition Nov 2, 2019
Cypress Bay Competition Nov 9, 2019

Parents voted to accept dates of events.

Introduced our new Volunteer/chaperone coordinator—Patricia Yaipen
Called for help through the season as many parents are needed for success.
Looking for a Fundraising Chair
Looking for coordinators for Parking—now Tana King
Coordinators for First-aid and Senior night.

Franci Gargaro went over how we communicate to the MEPA community via email and charms.
Reminded parents to sync charms calendar to iPhone
Emails will come from mepanews2 or stoneman when sent from charms.
All students will receive monthly financial statements
BB&T will have its own SignUp Genius account
Mr Rivero uses Band App in place of Remind App

Financials:

Kathy Sandidge
Went over fairshare and how its posted in charms
instrument rentals go through Broward County school payments so not on charms—be sure to bring in receipt to show payment.
BOA will have added days and cost which will be posted to charms when finalized
State Championships will also be posted when finalized.
Overdue reminders will be sent out regularly.
Financial Aid applications are due Aug 3, 2019 see Kathy for information.

Historian:

Keith Weschler
Looking for help taking photos and videos this season.
Using a google drive to post photos now instead of just facebook group. Link will be shared via facebook
Looking for help to manage social media accounts.

Field Crew:

Karl Liin
Always looking for new members—everyone welcome.
Building out cabinets, uniform room and percussion room.
Will be cleaning out one of our trucks June 15, 2019.—giving service hours to students for helping.

Guard Operations:

Erin August will be the new parent coordinator
New staff led by Dean Broadbent.

Fundraisers:

Mandatory Cheesecake fundraiser—orders kick off October 3 and 4 then delivered just before Thanksgiving
Banner Sponsorships coordinated with Athletic department—will be placed on fence—kids get points into their account.

Band Store—can order online and pay—can even pay via cash and check if desired—and kids will receive paid items at rehearsal.

Director's Report:

Mr Steve Rivero

Spoke to parents about band not being just about winning but also about the power of bringing a school together—having fun and playing well at football games can have a big impact on the outcome of a game and school spirit.

Thanked parents for help in reorganizing the band corridor.

Mr R aka Robert Rivero is Associate Director of bands—also is a show music composer.

Mr Rivero encouraged all parents to show up, be there and participate even if just to watch the kids.—Family is very important.

Went over practice hours—kids will be dismissed 15 minutes after end of rehearsal.

Rehearsal time will change to 3:15 -6:30 instead of 5-8.

Adding a Disney trip and parade to BOA trip

Mr Rivero gave his cell number to parents and students: 305-506-5172

Emphasized the need for 100% participation in all shows and rehearsals.

Mr Rivero will be away for Band Camp 2 as he will be conducting Army Band in Germany. Mr R will be standing in.

Call for participants for BB&T!!—an inventory lead is needed

Adjourned at 8:07pm.