

# Meeting Minutes – Walt Whitman High School

## Band Parents Association

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Location: WWHS Forum

Date: July 28th, 2015

Time: 8:00 PM

Attendance: Band Parents

Band Parent Association Board Members:

Co-President: Michele Reilly

Co -President: Catherine Grey

Treasurer: Geri Ann Clark

Secretary: Sharon White

Historian: Karen Riha

BPA Website: [www.wwhsmb.com](http://www.wwhsmb.com)

BPA Email: [bpa@wwhsmb.com](mailto:bpa@wwhsmb.com)

Facebook: Walt Whitman BPA 2015/2016 Season

Marching Band eboard:

[http://www3.eboard.com/eboard/servlet/BoardServlet?ACTION=BOARD\\_SHOW&SITE\\_NAME=shufsd&BOARD\\_NAME=wwhsmb&SESSION\\_ID=55usoqgbzn6x94103](http://www3.eboard.com/eboard/servlet/BoardServlet?ACTION=BOARD_SHOW&SITE_NAME=shufsd&BOARD_NAME=wwhsmb&SESSION_ID=55usoqgbzn6x94103)

USBands Website: <http://yea.org/programs/usbands>

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### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. The following information can be found in the Band Parent Information Guide
  - a. Explanation of BPA
  - b. Band Camp - four days at Walt Whitman High School
  - c. Band Parent Breakfast - currently set for Catherine Grey's house unless another senior parent wants to volunteer
  - d. Competitions - will verify that the dates we have published match those on the permission slips
  - e. Parades - need to verify Bethpage St. Patrick's Day parade
  - f. BPA Meetings - will start on time; will add new meetings is necessary
  - g. BPA Membership - \$20; must be a member in order to vote on any items
  - h. Websites, email address - can get to BPA website from Marching Band eboard; website is mobile phone ready
  - i. Banquet - at school this year
  - j. Scholarships - students must apply for scholarships; will be awarded at senior awards night
  - k. Yearbook - will be created to be handed out at banquet
3. Fundraisers
  - a. Flier handed out describing fundraisers - next car wash will include a flea market - clean out your house - all profits from flea market go to the general BPA account

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- b. Student account vs. General BPA account - it will be indicated which fundraisers go to student accounts and which will go to the general account. Student accounts can be used to pay for any cost related to marching band
  - c. Sign-up sheet to coordinate fundraisers - if you were not at the meeting and would like to coordinate a fundraiser, email the BPA board, lists are attached and also on website
  - d. Fundraising information was handed out for Yankee Candle and Cookie Dough. See Debbie Tortorice for Yankee Candle Packet; Geri Ann Clark for Cookie Dough packet.
  - e. Homecoming - will have some type of fundraising at homecoming
4. Spirit Wear
- a. Volunteer to coordinate ordering/selling of spirit wear
  - b. Show shirt - BPA pays for children, available for adults
  - c. Collared shirts for parades
5. Introduction of new bylaws
- a. Email suggested amendments to BPA board
  - b. Vote at next meeting - must have paid membership dues to vote
6. Treasury report handed out - reviewed by Geri Ann
7. See Geri Ann for student account balances

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### 8. Guest Speakers

#### a. Mr. Deitz

- i. Marching Band Coordinator - band camp checks are due (\$92), can use money from student account; suggests to participate in fundraising; fill out form if student will be missing a rehearsal; forms/permission slips are past due

### 9. Dr. Bennardo

- i. Superintendent of South Huntington School District - spoke about closing out financial issues from last year; school legal team was used for advice after current BPA board did an internal audit; working well with new board and staff; Dr. Bennardo is using school funds to help pay some of the Marching Band expenses to this year; new WWHS principal was a marching band member and is looking forward to working with our band

### Additional Information found out after the meeting:

- We have been told that our Marching Band show is copyrighted. Therefore we cannot publicly show any recordings. If you record the show for your own viewing it should not be posted to Facebook, YouTube, etc.

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- The USBands website has a lot of information on the circuit, including how the bands are judged.