

**Melrose Bandaiders, Inc.**

**Fall 2013 General Meeting, Information Session and Ice Cream Party**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2013**

**MHS Band Room – Melrose, MA**

**Call to Order** – 7:30 pm.

**Band Director's Report** – Taylor R. introduced Mr. Repucci to new band parents. Recap of band camp and work from last year. Will be a fantastic year! Mr. Repucci discussed the purchase of new percussion/pit instruments from fundraising proceeds.

**Purpose of Bandaider's Organization** – The mission of the Bandaiders organization is to support and meet the needs of the band/color guard as a whole. The role is to produce events, fundraise, and help out at football games and set-up competitions. What to expect during marching season, and overview of the competition schedule was covered.

**President's Report** – Taylor Rubbins welcomed new band parents and introduced officers and board members: Nancy Naslas, Nancy Ingram, Karen Konicek, Bill Covene, Shelley O'Brien, Linda Bulman, Diane Heislein, Caroline O'Brien, Joel Zimmerman, and Regina Donovan.

**Volunteer Sign-ups and Open Positions** – Discussed volunteer sign-ups for events and open positions next year (many senior parents leaving). Discussed what is expected when chaperoning for competitions/football games. More chaperones are need for the Disney Trip. Volunteers need to fill out a CORI form and register with The Bridge. A coordinator is still needed for this year's Winter Guard event.

**Football Games and Competition Performances** – Parent reminder: the kids need to wear black socks for performances; also during cold weather, they should bring hand warmers, and are allowed to wear winter hats in stands. They can eat during 3rd quarter, but it's a good idea they they eat before boarding the bus and also to bring snacks to eat before arriving at the game/competition. Buses are provided for away games and competitions with the exception of the NESBA competition in Wakefield.

Malden will be hosting and running the NESBA competition solo on September 28, 2013. Melrose will host the competition next year.

**Uniforms** – Uniforms are to be kept at home, hats and plumes are to stay at school. The uniforms need to be cleaned when marching band season ends. Everyone received a garment bag to store the uniform and each band member purchased a polo shirt. The band uses Boston Tailor on Tremont St. and they will clean and deliver the uniforms back to the school. Everyone will receive gloves from Regina.

**Orientation to the Band Book** – Band books were handed out at the meeting. Check out the website for updates and photos of the events! Pizza party will be held on November 21, 2013 at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

**Other Business** – Sign-up sheets for various events available after meeting.

**Questions, Answers, and Ice Cream.**

**Meeting Adjourned** – 8:00 pm.