

## EBPO Boosters Meeting

10/13/2020 at 6:30 pm

1. Welcome!
  - a. Welcome to the EBPO (Edison Band Parents Organization) for the 2020-2021 school year. While year is different, the mission remains the same- to support the band and band students
2. Introductions
  - a. Jennifer Clark- President and the person who sends the emails
  - b. Amy Dugan- Vice President
  - c. Jenny Grigsby- Senior Treasurer
  - d. Jennifer Galdamez- Junior Treasurer
  - e. Mr. Mitchell- Band Director
3. Items that have addressed during summer and the beginning of the year
  - a. The ATV has been taken to the mechanic. During the season, it had a hard time shifting gears without lots of cajoling. The ATV is used to transport equipment and instruments from the band room, to the field for halftime shows, and back to the band room. Mechanic looked at it and determined the price to figure out what's wrong exceeded the value of the ATV.
    - i. Questions that remain: should sell the ATV (and get what can for it), Do we look for a new or used ATV?
      1. We'd love some input from parents. Even better if you know anything about ATVs.
    - b. Uniforms- All uniforms (Marching and Symphonic) have been sent the cleaners and are slated to return to school tomorrow. Thank you to Rita and Gale for doing this
4. Treasurer Reports
  - a. Balance is \$16,680
  - b. Expenses- insurance, listserv, and ATV taxes
  - c. Income- \$210 from Chipotle Fundraiser night. Thank you to all who came
5. TAG Day- TAG day is the band's big fundraiser. Last year we earned \$8000.00. TAG day involved students signing up for 1 day and canvassing neighborhoods. They go in groups, dressed in Marching Band uniforms, and go door to door asking for donations. If no one was home, they would leave a "tag" with contact information. This method won't work this year.
  - a. Re-imagining TAG Day- Ideas include signing up individually for a neighborhood and placing flyers in mailboxes. Leaving post-it notes instead of flyers. Utilizing social media platforms.
    - i. Consensus was to wait until Spring
    - ii. In the Spring we will need to check with Chorus (as band as chorus split neighborhoods) and Sports Boosters (they have a TAG day as well)
6. Mission of the EBPO to support students. We would like to hold virtual social events. A Zoom session was scheduled for students tonight but only a few came. Future events are encouraged yet those present agreed they should be interactive as it makes socializing easier.

- a. Ideas include Remo (a platform that a parent used for a virtual conference) and the use of breakout rooms (perhaps each room has an activity)
  - b. Any other ideas? Email [president.ebpo@edisonband.org](mailto:president.ebpo@edisonband.org)
7. Report from Mr. Mitchell. Virtual band is a challenge, yet students are rising to it. He encourages everyone to play and participate. Your student should be practicing. If you have questions- please reach out to him.
8. November meeting will be cancelled. Stay tuned if there will be a band student hangout
9. Shopping on Amazon? Denote EBPO (Edison Band Parents Organization), Alexandria, VA) as your charity and the and gets a small percentage of the sale
10. Thank you! Reach out if you have questions or suggestions for virtual student hangouts