

The Band Booster Club  
The organizational elements necessary for success  
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Below is a general outline that I will follow during this session. My comments and suggestions are based on personal experience and research. There is a vast amount of material published on the inner dynamics necessary for an organization to be successful. So, as we move through this session please understand that I selected areas specific to the Band Booster Club as an organization. I will open the floor up for your questions and contributions as time allows.

1. Establishing a professional working relationship within the Band Booster Club. Communication, teamwork and leadership.
  - A. The Band Director and the parents.
  - B. The Band Booster officers and committee heads.
  - C. The Band Booster Executive Board and the general membership.
  - D. The Band Booster Club and the campus/district administration.
  - E. The Band Booster Club and the local community.
  - F. The Band Booster Club and the students.
  
2. The elements of democracy necessary to maintain a healthy Band Booster Club.
  - A. The bylaws of a Band Booster Club.
  - B. How executive and general meetings should be run.
  - C. The election of officers and appointment of committee heads.
  - D. The chain of command.
  - E. Giving everyone a voice and getting the “new” parents involved.

Resources for further study on how to establish, maintain and foster a successful organization can be found in your local library, bookstore and many professional publications. I encourage you to read material from the business sector. Study professional writings about successful companies, teams, public and private organizations. Read autobiographies and stories about successful people to gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a true, effective leader.

Resources for specific governing documents pertaining to Band Booster Clubs, such as bylaws, can be found on the web sites of various band programs throughout Texas. You can also discover many helpful tips by attending the meetings of successful Band Booster Clubs. Also, always remember there are many experienced, successful band directors both active and retired, that can be of assistance to you.

Thank you and may the Pitch be with you,

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