

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
8/9/2021
6pm, LAAMS Band Room

Board Members Present: Tim Ostrow (Band Director), ~~Veronica Grannan (President, had Open House for her Students)~~, Melissa Cantrell (VP), Jen Heeg (Secretary), Kathy Mortensen (Treasurer)

Other Parents Present: ~~Lisa Aaronson (Communications Coordinator)~~

Meeting Called to Order at 6pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) As of July 31st, 2021

I. Booster Account: \$10,962.64

- Summer Purchases (\$1,565.54)
 - Florida Band Workshop
 - Cadence Music
 - Jazz Fronts (BGWC Grant)

II. Trip Account - \$1,434.43

III. Mrs. Mortensen will renew our liability insurance for FAME and a potential CCPS band camp.

b) Internal School Band Account

I. Mr. Ostrow spent ~\$8,000 on repairs/cleaning, instruments/accessories, and music.

- An updated report will be presented next month.

II. Estimated balance of ~\$6,500-7k

2) Old Business

a) BGWC Grant Request

I. Need to purchase a band trailer to fulfill our grant.

- Mr. Eyrich has offered to have the LBHS Boosters assist with the purchase as the price has gone up considerably since March and they purchased their grant items with funding to spare.
- The Treasurer - Please contact Mr. Eyrich at Philip.eyrich@yourcharlotteschools.net to ask for the difference. We have a grant for \$5,500.

b) Recruitment and Retention - Scheduling for the 2021-22 school year

I. As of 8/9/2021, we currently have 88 in two beginning bands (44 in each), 34 (winds) in intermediate, 42 (winds) in advanced, 22 in percussion ensemble, and 31 in jazz band.

- When added together (217) and averaged over six periods, Mr. Ostrow works with an average of 36 students per class.

II. Mr. Ostrow requested to recruit at 6th grade open house on (8-6) to help fill the beginning band classes.

- Mr. Ostrow was able to speak in the gym with administration and invite parents to sign up by seeing him in the band room after the classroom schedule walk-through.
 - Hand out band brochures at open house.
 - Display school instruments.
 - Freshmen students played a duet of the National Anthem
 - Thank you to Toby R. (trumpet) and Tristen S. (tenor sax)

c) Band polos need to be washed.

I. Ms. Cantrell and Ms. Mortensen each took two boxes to clean.

3) New Business

a) Review Band Handbook

I. Open House Letter:

- Handbook Contract QR Code.
- Returning students do NOT bring instruments the first day.
- Parent invite to Pizza Social.
- Special Note to Beg. Band Parents.

II. Calendar is posted on our band site and school site:

- Auditorium is booked at LBHS for 4 performances. 2 in December and 2 in April.
- FBA Events are taking place this year!

- We are hosting the lock-in until midnight in April.
- All bands may attend the Universal Trip in May.

b) Student Materials:

I. Intermediate, Advanced, Jazz, and Percussion Students:

- Request students rent-to-own an instrument unless it is a tuba, euphonium, French horn, double reed, or sax (lottery). All of these students should supply their own accessories and cleaning materials.
 - A letter will be sent home with an "Instrument and Accessories Selection Guide" as well as a "Local Vendors" list on the back.
 - Students that cannot acquire materials by Friday, August 20th are asked to contact Mr. Ostrow to request assistance.
- Folders and music are provided by Mr. Ostrow
- Percussionists may purchase a pair of sticks and a practice pad for \$20.

II. Beginning Band Students:

- Will be loaned a Jupiter Instrument Test Kit
- Folders and music are provided by Mr. Ostrow
- All accessories and cleaning supplies will be provided for the first semester of "exploratory beginning band."
 - Working Inventory: 16 flutes, 21 trumpets, 27 clarinets and 20 trombones.
 - 88 students with 84 winds available.
 - Some students will play percussion with sticks and a practice pad.

c) Band Parent Pizza Social, Thursday, August 12th beginning at 5:30pm in the cafeteria

I. Supplies needed:

- The Treasurer will use the Sam's Club card to purchase water and paper plates. We have plenty of napkins.
 - 200 small *half-size bottles* of water.
- The Treasurer will order 20 large pizzas from Dominoes and make sure to get the school discount (\$6 for a large cheese or pepperoni pizza).
 - Please have them delivered to the cafeteria gate at 5:10pm.
 - If we run out, we might need to order more!

II. The Booster Board will serve the parents and students pizza.

III. As the parents eat we will discuss the following around 5:40pm:

- Introduce the board and explain what they do.
- Explain the process for beginning band kids to get instruments.
- Seek sponsorships with our band parents.
- Ask parents to sign up on paper volunteer sheets.

IV. Volunteer Sheets

- Order of operations for volunteers:
 - Volunteer forms are completed, collected, and sent to the front office for a background check.
 - Parents sign up at on paper at the pizza social or through a link on Remind to a google form.
 - The Communications Coordinator sends the parents an e-mail/phone call one week before an event to remind them and tell them what to do.
 - They will be asked to stop by the front office in every case with an ID to complete a Raptor scan and background check.
 - Mrs. Thompson will put their name tags in Mr. Ostrow's mailbox.
 - Mr. Ostrow will bring them to each event where parents can get their name tags.

d) Beginning Band "Basic Training" Event, Wednesday, August 18th from 4-7pm in the Cafeteria

I. Purpose: For beginners to receive their instruments and accessories and learn fundamentals of playing their instruments so they can take them home. Clinicians have been hired to go over the following basics:

- Parts of the Instrument, Instrument Assembly, Instrument Holding, Tone Production / Sticking for Percussion, and Instrument Cleaning and Maintenance

II. Schedule

- Students will be organized in the cafeteria and will receive their instruments and accessories.
 - Row A for flutes, Row B for Clarinets, Row C for Trumpets, Row D for Trombones, and Row E for Percussion

- Students will eat a pizza dinner at 4:45pm
 - The treasurer will order enough pizza for 88 students and 6 adults to have 2 slices each (cheese and pepperoni).
- Following dinner, the clinicians will be in sectionals with the students across campus.
- At the conclusion of the event, students will return to the cafeteria to be receive take-home instructions. They will be dismissed by instrument with specific instructions.

III. We have 5 paid professional clinicians that have been invited to assist in testing. The clinicians will arrive in the cafeteria at 4:30pm.

- Beth Morrison for flute, \$70
- Les Kraus and Michelle Hall for clarinet and sax, \$70 each
- Philip Eyrich for trumpet – \$70
- Corey Hoeben for trombone and euphonium, \$70
- Mr. Ostrow will work with percussion.

IV. It would be nice to have a parent assist as needed.

4) Good of the Order?

a) This year's meetings will take place the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6pm.

5) Closing Time:

a) 7:01pm

6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

a) Wednesday, September 1st at 6pm.