

Booster Meeting Agenda

3/12/2018

6pm, Ainger Band Room

Board Members Present: Veronica Grannan (President), Elana Lamparello (VP), Gabriele Extejt (Treasurer), Andrea Mazar (Co-Treasurer), and Dori Mann (Secretary), and Tim Ostrow (Director)

Parents Present:

Guests Present:

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

- 1) Treasurer(s) Report
 - a. General Balance - \$2,156.02
 - b. Trip Balance - \$3719.55
- 2) Old Business
 - a. Recruitment
 - i. The Advanced Band and Jazz Band have been performing as part of the "Step Up" Days for the 5th graders from our feeder schools.
 - ii. We have 125 kids that signed up at Ainger stating they want to be in band.
 1. On 25 of these students turned in their intent forms.
 2. Mr. Ostrow is collaborating with the ES music teachers to get the forms.
 - b. Jazz MPA
 - i. The kids played very well and earned straight 1's from the judges.
 - ii. Our bass amp failed between the warm-up room and the stage.
 - c. Solo and Ensemble
 - i. We had 91 superiors, 6 excellents, 1 good, and 6 DNA's (Did not arrive).
 1. The DNA's were a result of the students not being prepared or a family emergency. 5 of the 6 DNA's were ensembles of 2 to 5 players. The kids didn't come in on Monday's and Friday's for extra help.
 - a. Consider adding a requirement that ensembles rehearse before or after school once a week for five weeks leading up to Solo and Ensemble.
 - ii. Bus invoice
 1. For our two buses to BRHS and back, the fee came to \$463.48. The trip invoice is in the payments box.
 - a. We need to write a check for the amount out to L.A. Ainger Middle School and give it to Cathy Rice, Principal's secretary, in the front office.
 - b. Mr. Ostrow will ask PTO for reimbursement.
 - iii. Medals were distributed in class.
 1. Students are encouraged to wear all MPA medals to future performance on their left breast.
 - d. Articulation with LBHS Band
 - i. The AB/VPE barbecue went well. Mr. Eyrich had a pep band perform with a full drum line. He also had 1 color guard performance. He included a GREAT recruitment video made by a junior band student and finished with a "All About HS Band" PowerPoint. Concluding his sell, the HS band parents fed the kids and their parents burgers and hot dogs and gave the kids HS Band T-shirts with pins and a band packet.
 1. The packet included all information needed to know about band including the band calendar with commitments, fees, and expectations.
 2. There were very few parents in attendance. The kids stayed until 6:15pm.
 - ii. 22 of 41 eighth graders signed up for HS Band. That's 54%. There were an additional 2 students that signed up that are not currently in band.
 1. Of the remaining 19 students or 46%, the students said they are doing the following:
 - a. 1 Culinary
 - b. 1 Drafting

- c. 1 Team Sports
 - d. 2 2D Art
 - e. 3 TV Production
 - f. 4 Theater
 - g. 1 that said "I forgot"
 - h. 2 FSW
 - i. 1 Moving out of the area
 - j. 2 Venice HS, Continuing in band
 - k. 1 Lakewood Ranch HS, Continuing in band
 - 2. When I asked these students if they would take band if marching band was not required, 6 said yes. This would change the percentage to 68%.
 - 3. The overall percentage of 8th graders that will continue in band next year, even if at schools other than LBHS is 25/41 or 61%. If marching band was not a requirement, the overall percentage would be 31/41 or 76%.
 - iii. Other issues that reduce continued involvement:
 - 1. More choices of electives in HS
 - 2. AP
 - 3. Hope
 - a. Offer a PE credit for marching band
 - 4. Registration night in the cafeteria at LBHS
 - a. Find a way to make this equitable.
 - 5. LBHS Guidance department
 - 6. Not knowing special conditions for students that participate in other school clubs and organizations.
 - a. Example: A student that wants to play an instrument and do cheerleading. What is the "If ---, Then" formula?
 - 7. Peer pressure
 - a. "Clicks"
- 3) New Business
 - a. Boca Grande Woman's Club Grant and Parade
 - i. Mr. Ostrow has submitted a wish list including:
 - 1. \$5000 for instrument repair and maintenance
 - 2. \$2000 for new music
 - 3. \$5000 for a copy machine
 - ii. Mr. Ostrow has been accepted to meet with the board at 8am on Wednesday, March 21st.
 - 1. Brooke Andrews and Madisyn Perry will perform a sax duet before Mr. Ostrow speaks.
 - iii. The Jazz Band and some PE members will perform in the Boca Parade.
 - 1. See newsletter
 - 2. Chaperones
 - 3. Trailer
 - 4. Bridge Toll
 - b. Concert Band MPA
 - i. An Update Newsletter was sent out with Bus Forms. Bus forms were due at the end of quarter three.
 - 1. Reviewed newsletter
 - ii. We still have a final after school rehearsal on Thursday, March 15th. David Wing from Woodland MS will provide feedback to the kids and Mr. Ostrow.
 - 1. Payment.
 - iii. The performance will take place at Venice HS on Thursday, March 22nd. We perform on the main stage at 7:30pm.
 - 1. Missing Music Scores?
 - a. Need 5.
 - i. Elana, Zac, Gabrielle
 - 2. Chaperones
 - 3. Trailer
 - a. Zac Extejt
 - c. Band Lock-in
 - i. Mr. Gibson has approved Friday, April 13th for the band lock in. Mr. Ostrow has requested to have April 20th as the lock in date since the FSA window was moved back. This will allow us to host a parent chaperone meeting on March 10th which is after Spring Break.

1. Parent meeting at 6pm on Thursday, April 12th.
 - ii. Sign Up Genius
 1. Stuff needed (drop off in the front office at Ainger)
 2. Chaperone time-slots
 - a. 7:30- midnight
 - b. Midnight-7:30am
 - d. Universal Trip and Performance
 - i. 39 students made the initial payment.
 - ii. This includes 5 Flutes, 1 Oboe, 7 Clarinets, 1 Alto Sax, 1 Bari Sax, 1 Bass Clarinet, 6 Trumpets, 3 Trombones, 3 Euphoniums, 3 Tubas, and 4 Percussionists.
 - iii. Outstanding payments?
 1. Mr. Ostrow must complete the packet.
 - e. Spring Concert CHANGE
 - i. Due to the calendar change of FSA, we are not able to host our spring concert and rehearsals on the calendar times we set in July of last year. As such, Mr. Ostrow has requested and been approved for the following:
 1. Intermediate Band Rehearsal, Wednesday, March 16th from 4-5:30pm
 2. Beginning Band Rehearsal, Thursday, March 17th from 4-5:30pm
 3. Advanced Band Rehearsal, Friday, March 18th from 4-5:30pm
 4. Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7pm at LBHS
 - ii. In addition, the concert itself will serve as the band EOC Exams.
- 4) Good of the Order?
- 5) Closing and Next Meeting.
 - a. All were in favor of ending the meeting at 7:14pm.
 - b. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 12th at 6pm in the band room.