

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
1/7/2021
6pm, LAMS Band Room

Board Members Present: Mr. Ostrow (Band Director), Veronica Grannan (President), Kathy Mortensen (Treasurer), Jennifer Heeg (Secretary)

Other Parents Present: Amanda McGinty (Communications Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order at 6pm

- 1) Treasurer(s) Report
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 - I. Booster Account: \$6,178.51 as of 1/31/2021– EB&T
 - II. Trip Account: \$1,434.29 as of 1/31/2021- EB&T
 - III. Purchases last month:
 - Used Marimba from Jeff Mael for \$700
 - Cadence Music - \$38.85
 - b) Internal School Band Account
 - I. Referendum Account: \$0
- 2) Old Business
 - a) CCPS MPA (April 10th)
 - I. Approved and then cancelled by the superintendent.
 - Band directors met twice to deliberate. Details were provided to the county office, but in the end, the superintendent does not want students from seven schools occupying the same space for a prolonged time period even if time is permitted between ensembles.
 - It was recommended that we bring in our own adjudicators and host our own events pending approval from our own administrators.
 - Additionally, there are no county guidelines for in-door performances in CCPS; however, principals have authority to approve or deny requests.
 - b) Spring Concert Performances
 - I. Jazz Band Performance with LBHS JB
 - Approved by our principal.
 - Thursday, February 25th beginning at 6pm.
 - Taking place at the LBHS Quad with outdoor seating.
 - Families bring chairs.
 - Attendees must wear masks.
 - II. Beginning Band and Jazz Band Spring Concert
 - Approved by the superintendent.
 - Thursday, April 22nd beginning at 7pm at LBPAC
 - Audience at 25% capacity.
 - 70 students performing
 - Two tickets per student.
 - 140 reserved tickets at 19% capacity (752 seats).
 - Assigned seating with map and seat chaperones. Three empty chairs between each couple.
 - The performance will be recorded and later shared with student's families.
 - Other mitigations:
 - Attendees must wear masks.
 - Students will continue to distance to the extent possible on stage and will use instrument masks.
 - When an ensemble is not performing, they will be in the black box theater.
 - This performance will be 30-45 minutes long instead 1.5 hours.
 - In the case we have an influx of COVID cases in our area, the performance will be cancelled and recordings will be made to share with family.
 - III. Intermediate and Advanced Bands Spring Concert
 - Approved by the superintendent.
 - Tuesday, April 27th beginning at 7pm at LBPAC
 - Audience at 25% capacity.
 - 81 students performing
 - Two tickets per student.
 - 162 reserved tickets at 21% capacity (752 seats)
 - Assigned seating with map and seat chaperones. Three empty chairs between each couple.
 - The performance will be recorded and later shared with student's families.
 - Other mitigations:
 - Attendees must wear masks.
 - Students will continue to distance to the extent possible on stage and will use instrument masks.
 - When an ensemble is not performing, they will be in the black box theater.
 - This performance will be 30-45 minutes long instead 1.5 hours.
 - In the case we have an influx of COVID cases in our area, the performance will be cancelled and recordings will be made to share with family.
 - c) Beginning Band Transition
 - I. When the CCPS MPA was cancelled, our principal was no longer comfortable with our plan for hosting in-door concerts in April without approval from the County Office. Mr. Ostrow decided not to push for beginning band parents to rent to own at this time as he believes it would be a hard sell to parents with no live performance in sight.

- II. Since the April in-door performances have now been approved, here is the new plan for transitioning that needed to be modified due to timing:
- Host after school rehearsals with jazz band in the cafeteria.
 - 43 Beginners with 27 jazz band = 70
 - Tentatively:
 - Tuesday, March 9th from 4:15-6:30pm with a pizza dinner and a movie.
 - Tuesday, April 20th from 4:15-6:30pm with a pizza dinner and a movie.
 - At these rehearsals, students will perform with pathway instruments and get to hear and see them. This includes saxophone(s), bass clarinet, French horn, euphonium, tuba, and percussion.
 - Mr. Ostrow will speak with students about their instrument choices in March and April. A letter will be sent home stating that "Your child would like to play _____ next year. Here are your next steps."
 - The letter will need to be signed and returned.
 - Choices for students and parents will include:
 - I will rent to own.
 - Parents choosing this option will put contact info down for Mr. Ostrow to call.
 - I need a school instrument.
 - I intend to transfer to a pathway instrument (school instrument).
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 - At the spring concert, parents will be able to rent to own from Cadence Music in the cafeteria following the performance.

3) New Business

a) Rehearsathons:

- I. As we are not permitted to host social events this year such as the annual band lock in or EOY Disney trip, Mr. Ostrow is recommending that we have "rehearsathons". Students will rehearse from 4:15-5:15, eat a pizza dinner outside of the cafeteria from 5:15-5:30, and then watch half a movie from 5:30-6:30pm.
- IB with some AB/PE Members (~50 Students)
 - Thursday, March 25th and Thursday, April 8th
 - AB with some PE/LBHS Members (~50 Students)
 - Tuesday, March 30th and Tuesday, April 13th

b) BGWC Grant

- I. Mr. Ostrow did an interview for the WC. They held a virtual gala and are requesting grant forms be filled!
- Mr. Ostrow will request:
 - Copy machine service, a new band trailer, lockers, jazz stands, music

c) BB Exploratory Class

- I. As there will not be "Step Up Days" or a Registration Night this year for rising 5th graders and their parents, Mr. Ostrow has proposed the following which has now been approved by admin, the county office, and the superintendent:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10alhfAk9C3wjmp1jWHLHsCIIxwGrRkEX/view?usp=sharing>

d) Purchase Requests

- I. Replacement bar for marimba ~\$64.95.
- Select the following bar from this site and order: <https://www.steveweissmusic.com/product/adams-soloist-padouk-replacement-bars/mallet-instrumnt-parts#full-description>

Adams Soloist Marimba		
Padouk Replacement	ADM-	
Bar-F5	MSPDF5	\$64.95

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- II. New "foot" for 3 octave marimba \$110
 - <https://www.lonestarpercussion.com/Stand-Hardware/Parts/Adams-PMA107-Leg-with-Wheel-for-Voyager-Frame-Player-Side.html>
- III. Donation to the North Port HS Percussion Association for \$100 (NPHS OPPA)
 - Ms. Lorianne Keeney came into the band room on Monday after school and helped fix the percussion instruments for two hours.
 - Write a check out to "NPHS OPPA" and mail to 7363 Spring Haven Drive North Port FL 34287 for "Percussion Tech".
- IV. Essential Elements Jazz Standards Books
<https://www.halleonard.com/search/search.action?menuid=1845&seriesfeature=EEJPA&subsiteid=6&dt=item#products>
 - 4 Alto Sax
 - 3 Tenor Sax
 - 1 Bari Sax
 - 4 Trumpet
 - 2 Trombone
 - 1 Guitar
 - 2 Drums
- V. Motion by Grannan to purchase all of the above. Second by McGinty.
 - The motion passes.

4) Good of the Order?

- a) We all look forward to next school year!

5) Closing Time

- a) 7pm

6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

- a) Wednesday, March 3rd at 6pm in the Band Room