

Board Members Present: Veronica Grannan (President), Trey Creech (VP), Kristen Fisher (Secretary), and Kathy Casale (Treasurer)

Other Parents Present: Andie Cardwell

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) Treasurer(s) Report

- I. Booster Account: \$8,799.96 as of 04/20/2020– EB&T
 - Income:
 - \$5,000 grant award from the BGWC.
 - Balance of BGWC grant = \$3,471.93
 - Expenditures:
 - Total cost of iPad and accessories was \$1,528.07
- II. Trip Account: \$8,303.33 as of 03/03/2020- EB&T

b) Internal School Band Account

- I. Referendum Account: \$4905.38
 - No outstanding payments remaining at this time.

2) Old Business (February Review)

a) Recruitment

- I. Registration Night, Thursday, March 5th
 - 101 Families registered.
 - 49 Signed up for Band.
 - 7/49 signed up for Band in the band room, but did not register in the media center with the school.
- II. Open House in August.
 - As not all parents attended registration night, Mr. Ostrow will request to speak at Open House in August. This is pending that LAMS will hold an Open House session(s) this coming year.
- III. MRES – STEAM Night, Thursday, March 12th from 5-7pm.
 - Mr. Ostrow, Alex Harris, and Mr. Klispie performed instruments that students requested to hear. Students were not permitted to playtest instruments as coronavirus was just becoming a known issue.
 - We handed out brochures and displayed our bulletin board as well.

b) Concert Band MPA

- I. The students performed very well on the stage and in the sight reading room. Straight “Superior” ratings, or all A’s, were earned from all four judges.
 - The students only had time to listen to 2 of the 3 stage judges’ comments in class prior to spring break.
 - The recorded judges’ comments and judge’s sheets are posted on www.aingerband.org under the News section.
- II. Superior Concert Band Medals were pre-ordered and paid for along with Superior Jazz Band Medals in early February.
 - No medals have been received at LAMS yet.
 - The owner of the company has passed in an unrelated to COVID19 illness.

3) New Business

a) Florida schools have been closed!

- I. Due to Coronavirus, school has been cancelled for the remainder of the school year. Students are taking their classes online for Band using Google Classroom and Smart Music. Directions for joining Google Classroom are posted to <https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam>.
 - Assignments are posted each Monday in the “Stream” section of Google Classroom.
 - Mr. Ostrow is holding Virtual Google Meets on weekdays from 1-2pm including:
 - Tuesdays: All Beginning Bands
 - Wednesdays: Intermediate Band
 - Thursdays: Advanced Band and Jazz Band
 - Fridays: Smart Music Session for All Bands
- II. Mr. Ostrow and other exploratory/elective classes are assigning 30 minutes of work a week in Google Classroom. For Band classes, this includes note reading assignments, rhythmic equations, and music history/listening assignments.
 - Mr. Ostrow received approval after speaking with administrators for a new grading policy. Beginning the week of April 27th (Week 5), students will have two options for Band Assignments including:
 - 30 minutes of Smart Music practice each week.
 - Students are still required to complete the assignments for the first 4 weeks.
 - Students must choose this option in a GC assignment to participate before the 5th week begins.
 - 30 minutes of Google Classroom assignments each week.
- III. Google Classroom Statistics:
 - As of today, 5/203 Band students have not signed into their Band Google Classroom.
 - Calls have been made and administrators are aware.
 - As of today, 26/203, or 13%, have zeros for a grade in their Band Google Classroom.
 - Mr. Ostrow is reaching out to these students through Remind and GC.
 - All assignments can be made up.
 - As of today, 71/203, or 35%, have failing grades in their Band Google Classroom.

b) Retention

- I. 8-9th Grade Retention
 - Registration Night at LBHS.
 - Mr. Eyrich was available at a table to answer student and parent questions.

- 20 students signed up for Band. Not all students registered.
 - Since we have been quarantined, rising band students have been invited into a freshmen LBHS Band google classroom. Mr. Eyrich has made Mr. Ostrow a shared teacher. This is not a class for assignments, but rather for communication.
 - Students have been invited to vote on next year's marching band show music. There are two marching shows to vote on.
- II. 6-7th Grade Retention
 - Typically, students complete a retention slip following an energetic and successful Spring Concert. This year, students will complete a Google Form in their Band Google Classrooms. They will be asked a few questions, including:
 - Do they intend to stay in band next year?
 - Do they want to be in jazz band?
 - Do they want to be in percussion ensemble?
 - As we were not able to have an EOC scale test, placement into the Intermediate, Advanced, and Jazz Band will be based on the students' performance for the 3rd quarter.
 - Generally speaking, 6th graders will mostly move into Intermediate Band and 7th graders will mostly move into Advanced Band.
 - Students that want to be in two bands have the following options:
 - IB/AB and JB
 - IB/AB and Percussion Ensemble
- c) Universal Trip Update
 - I. Universal has closed their parks through the end of May.
 - II. Refunds:
 - A Remind was sent out on April 13th that the trip was cancelled. Parents were asked to e-mail Mr. Ostrow their child's name and their current location so that the boosters could mail refund checks.
 - A google sheets file was shared and Mr. Ostrow updated the form that week. Parents that e-mailed Mr. Ostrow are highlighted on the form in bright green.
 - Any missing information will be taken from FOCUS by Mr. Ostrow and posted on the sheet. This will include phone numbers. These names will appear on the Google Sheet in blue. The boosters are asked to contact the blue names to verify addresses.
 - After names have been verified, Kathy Casale will mail refunds to the parents.
 - Kathy will draft a letter to go along with the refund.
- d) BGWC Parade
 - I. The parade was cancelled as well as the grant meeting with the BGWC board.
 - We did receive a check for \$5,000. The grant spelled out that we need to spend it on items 2-4 below and save \$1000 for item #1.
 - Mr. Ostrow sent in a request for just under \$12k. We requested grant funding for:
 - Item 1: \$8000 for instrumental lockers
 - Item 2: \$1,400 for copy machine service and maintenance
 - Item 3: \$1,260 for a new classroom iPad, pencil, and adapter
 - Item 4: \$1,165 for a moveable drum set cart
 - Mr. Ostrow does not want to spend any of this money until we know where we stand in late July. We might see a redistribution of referendum funding for the arts over the summer resulting in significantly less funding. We also will likely not be able to seek sponsors through the boosters in August given the economic state of the world.
 - We might need this money to repair and clean our instruments. Mr. Ostrow is also looking into purchasing information for an ultrasonic cleaner for instruments.
- e) Booster Board
 - I. LAMS Band Boosters
 - We are looking for new board members for 2020-2021 school year. We will need the following positions:
 - VP, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Current 6/7th grade parents will be invited via Remind to join the board for our May virtual meeting on the 7th at 6pm.
 - Mr. Ostrow will call some current 6/7th grade parents in advance that have been helpful to the program. Hopefully, some might be interested in assisting.
 - In the case that we do not fill the positions, we will hold elections in August.
 - II. LBHS Band Boosters
 - The LBHS Band Boosters are looking for board members as well for the 2020-21 school year. They will need the following positions:
 - President, VP, Secretary (no names submitted), Treasurer and Co-Treasurer
 - Current rising 8th grade parents will be invited via Remind to join the board for their virtual meeting on May 12th at 7pm.
- 4) Good of the Order?
 - a) Band lockers
 - I. We are postponing purchasing of band lockers at this time. Mr. Ostrow will let the PTO president know that we are not purchasing the lockers at this time; however, we will keep the funds in the school band internal account for a future purchase.
- 5) Closing Time
 - a) 7:35pm
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
 - a) Thursday, May 7th at 6pm