

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
5/16/2019
6pm, Ainger Middle School Band Room

Board Members Present: Veronica Grannan (President), Gabrielle Extejt (Treasurer), Heather Dragon (Secretary), Gabrielle Extejt and Laura Parla (Treasurers)

Other Parents Present: Trey Creech (Communications Coordinator), Amanda McGinty, Catherine Christian, Kathy Casale, Walter Fisher, Kristen Fisher, Andie Hill

- 1) Call to order at 6:02pm
- 2) Treasurer(s) Report
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 - I. Booster Account: \$14,793.58
 - II. Trip Account : \$1,192.59
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Rehearsathon and Lock-in
 - I. What went well:
 - The google Registration form
 - Parent
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 - II. What we can improve:
 - Students that left at 12:30am need to be at the gate on time. Consider using the colored wristbands for a half vs. full night.
 - Consider parent pick-up with the bus loop in reverse and through the front area.
 - The cafeteria needs a DVD player!
 - b) Spring Concert
 - I. What went well:
 - Great performance
 - II. What we can improve:
 - 350 programs was too much.
 - Recommend to hand out at the two middle doors.
 - Sell the t-shirts cheap to get rid of them! Inform the parents in advance.
 - c) School Board Performance on May 14th
 - I. The jazz band was scheduled to perform before the meeting for about 20 minutes.
 - Mr. Ostrow gave a "state of the band" address and played two video recordings of the jazz band.
 - The board was thanked for their financial support of the arts next year in the amount of \$15k for MS bands and \$25k for HS bands.
 - Mrs. Cara Reynolds was also thanked for her arts donation of \$2,500 to each band in CCPS for instrument repair and maintenance.
 - II. All State students were recognized including Nathan Soto and Julia Lehman
 - III. Unexpected Issues
 - CCPS doesn't have enough drivers to accommodate performances at certain times. We needed a handicapped bus for a student. The bus company called Monday morning, May 13th, and told Mr. Ostrow that they could only get a bus at 12:45pm. They would drop us off and then pick us up following our performance around 5:30pm.
 - Mr. Ostrow is considering getting a CDL to drive a bus for the band.
 - Mr. Dionisio (Superintendent) and Mrs. Ellen Harvey (Fine Arts Curriculum and Instruction Specialist) sent Mr. Ostrow and LAMS administration an e-mail on Monday, May 13th cancelling our performance. This was shortly after Mr. Ostrow informed Mrs. Harvey. It was deemed "extravagant" to bring a jazz band to the school board-even if the boosters paid for the bus.
 - Please note:
 - LBHS Jazz Band performed with their jazz band at the April meeting.
 - Mr. Ostrow has done it before over the last 12 years.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Retention
 - I. LAMS Retention
 - 94 current 6th and 7th graders signed up for band for next year. Four 6th graders and three 7th graders opted to not continue. One 7th grader is moving or not attending LAMS next year.
 - Students are auditioning for placement in IB/AB/JB right now.
 - Results will be posted before school is out and delivered to the front office.
 - Consider adding a percussion ensemble class due to the currently low numbers in beginning band. It would include nine 7/8th grade percussionists plus students interested in doubling.
 - II. LBHS Retention
 - 24 of 42 8th graders signed up for HS Band.
 - LBHS is hosting a mini band camp on Friday, May 17 from 5-8pm and Saturday, May 18 from 9-noon at LBHS.
 - b) Recruitment
 - I. An e-mail directed at the 80 students that did not sign up for band on registration night in March was sent out earlier this week. Parents were alerted to the fact that their child could take band AND one exploratory class. A link to a google form indicated their choices.
 - As of today, two of these students signed up for band.

- Many of the e-mail addresses did not go through.
- II. Instrument Test Drive Night - Wednesday, May 22nd.
- Current 5th and 6th grade students have been invited via a flier. The flier should have been administered by office staff at EES, VES, and MRES the week of 5-13.
 - Boosters:
 - Hand out brochures to students and parents.
 - Give them the test drive guide.
 - Direct them to try three instruments and then see Mr. Ostrow at the end to turn in their form and sign up.
 - Don't let them leave without closing!
 - Testers:
 - The ES music teachers have also been asked to assist for \$60 each.
 - Tricia Buckstein, Flute from EES
 - Susan Betz, Horn from VES
 - Alan Klispie, Trumpet from MRES
 - Mr. Ostrow has asked LAMS and LBHS band students to assist in the test drive.
 - LBHS students are signing up via a google form sent by Remind from Mr. Eyrich's account.
 - Need Clarinet, Trombone, Euphonium/Tuba, Percussion
- c) Purchase Requests
- I. HDTV, Mount, HDMI Cable, and Audio Cable – Approved.
 - II. Legere Plastic Reeds for Instrument Testing – Approved.
 - 1 reed https://www.amazon.com/Legere-Soprano-Clarinet-European-Signature/dp/B01C04NL7M/ref=sr_1_4?crid=3EQS60C1ZE0HU&keywords=legere+clarinet+reed+european+signature&qid=1557601665&s=electronics&prefix=legere%2Celectronics%2C154&sr=8-4
 - 2 reeds https://www.amazon.com/Legere-BB2-5-Soprano-Clarinet-Standard/dp/B000XZUOPS/ref=sr_1_8?crid=3EQS60C1ZE0HU&keywords=legere+clarinet+reed+european+signature&qid=1557601665&s=electronics&prefix=legere%2Celectronics%2C154&sr=8-8
 - III. Sanitizer Spray for Testing – Approved.
 - 5 Bottles https://www.amazon.com/Roche-Thomas-Mouthpiece-Disinfectant-RT55/dp/B0002F6PJl/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2NGN6UQN9D4ET&keywords=instrument+sanitizing+spray&qid=1557601891&s=gateway&prefix=instrument+sani%2Caps%2C155&sr=8-2
 - IV. Music to Order – Approved.
 - Digital Download – Don't Stop Believing <https://www.iwpepper.com/Don%27t-Stop-Believin%27-/10084113.item#/submit>
 - V. Florida Music Director Summer Workshop – Approved.
 - \$229 for the Event: <https://sites.google.com/view/florida-band-director-workshop/home?scrylbrkr=ed71ace0>
 - \$42.50 per Night for a Hotel: Mr. Ostrow will room with Mr. Eyrich. The boosters can reimburse Mr. Ostrow.
 - VI. Adapter for Trombone and Euphonium – **Wait for Mr. Ostrow to speak with Mr. Harvey**
 - <https://www.ergobrass.com/trombone/>
 - <https://www.ergobrass.com/euphonium/technical-details/>
- d) Officer Elections
- I. Review duties of each member.
 - President
 - Veronica Grannan (Nominated in absence)
 - Trey Creech/Kristen Fisher – PASS
 - VP
 - Trey Creech
 - Kristen Fisher/Andie Hill - PASS
 - Secretary – TY Cards
 - Kristen Fisher
 - Heather Dragon/Trey Creech - PASS
 - Treasurer(s)
 - Catherine Christian
 - Laura Parla/Second Kathy Casale – PASS
 - Kathy Casale
 - Trey Creech/Second By Walter Fisher - PASS
- e) Committees
- I. Communications Coordinator
 - Andrea (Andie) Hill
 - Kristen Fisher/Kathy Casale – PASS
- 5) Good of the Order?
- a) \$15k from CCPS. This money will be available next school year and will not be earmarked. We can spend the money through the school secretary as we see fit for our needs.
- 6) Closing Time
- a) 7:28pm
- 7) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
- a) Thursday, August 1st at 6pm at the San Casa Event Center