

**L.A. Ainger Band Boosters**  
**5/07/2020**  
**6pm, Virtual Google Meet**

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

**Other Parents Present:** Andie Cardwell (Communications Coordinator), Amanda McGinty, Jennifer Heeg, Adam Heeg, Kathy Mortensen, and Jay Mischa Hampton

**Meeting Called to Order at 6pm**

- 1) Treasurer(s) Report
  - a) Treasurer(s) Report
    - I. Booster Account: \$9,882.34 as of 5/7/2020– EB&T
    - II. Trip Account: \$1,433.70 as of 5/7/2020- EB&T
      - \$425 in donations.
  - b) Internal School Band Account
    - I. Referendum Account: \$4905.38
      - No outstanding payments remaining at this time.
- 2) Old Business (February Review)
  - a) Quarter 4, Virtual Band
    - 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.
      - During Week 4, students were given the option to choose how they want to be graded for weeks 5-9 in band. Students could complete 30 minutes of work in Google Classroom or 30 minutes of practice a week in Smart Music. Students that did not complete the assignment in time (one week) are being graded on Google Classroom.
      - Mr. Ostrow is holding Virtual Google Meets for students on weekdays from 1-2pm including:
        - Tuesdays: All Students that Opted for Google Classroom Assignments
        - Fridays: Smart Music Session for All Bands
    - II. Virtual Band Statistics:
      - As of today, 4/203, or 2% of Band students have not signed into their Band Google Classroom.
        - Calls have been made and administrators are aware.
      - As of today, 20/203, or 10%, 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 through May 28<sup>th</sup>.
      - As of today, including the two sections above, 74/203, or 36%, have failing grades in for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Unfortunately, this is the trend across the county for non-core classes.
    - III. Smart Music Incentives
      - Mr. Ostrow would like to recognize and reward the “Top Practicer’s” per grade level for Smart Music Users.
        - Consider a family meal (~\$50-75) paid for the winning students at the end of the quarter.
- 3) New Business
  - a) Universal Trip Update
    - I. Universal has closed their parks through the end of May.
    - II. Refunds:
      - All refunds were mailed out Thursday and Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. A Remind text was sent to parents to let them know to expect it in the mail.
        - Thank you Kathy Casale, Booster Treasurer, for mailing refunds with letter to parents!
  - b) Retention
    - I. A Google Retention Slip Form was Assigned the 5<sup>th</sup> Week on Google Classroom. Below are the results as of 5/6/20 by grade level.
      - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 49 of 68 Responded. Currently 42 Yes’s and 8 No’s.
      - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 36 of 57 Responded. Currently 37 Yes’s and 0 No’s.
      - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 31 of 39 Responded. Currently 43 Yes’s and 8 No’s.
        - The remaining 46 students that did not complete the form will be retained. If they want a schedule change, they can request one at the beginning of the school year. A Remind was sent for late students stating the following:
          - All students, grades 6-8, need to complete the Band Retention Slip found in GC so that I can send the front office class lists for next year’s bands. If your child did not complete the Band Retention Slip Form last week, here is a link to the form: <https://forms.gle/bz4WAewoo5xWELee6>
    - II. Band Placement for 2020-2021 School Year
      - Intermediate and Advanced Band: 64 wind players have elected to continue band.
        - 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters.
          - Generally speaking, regarding wind players, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will mostly move into Intermediate Band and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will mostly move into Advanced Band.

- Percussionists will be placed in percussion ensemble and will rehearse once before each concert during the school day with the IB or AB.
    - Percussion Ensemble: 17 students have expressed interest in this ensemble.
      - This class includes 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade percussionists and wind players from IB/AB that want to double or switch over to percussion.
      - Currently have 13 returning percussionists and 4 wind players that are interested.
    - Jazz Band: 42 students have expressed interest in this ensemble.
      - Members of this ensemble will need to be in Adv. Band.
      - Selection will be based on instrumentation and ability.
      - Max section numbers to fill include:
        - 10 Saxes, 6 Trombones, 6 Trumpets, 3-4 Drummers, 2 Bassists, 2 Pianists, 2 Guitarists
    - Lists will be posted during the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> in Google Classroom, sent to students and parents through Remind, and posted on our band website [www.aingerband.org](http://www.aingerband.org) under the "News" section for the month of May.
  - c) Instrument and Uniform Returns
    - I. Mr. Ostrow and Admin will be collecting instruments during grade level drop/pick-ups next week.
      - We can collect instruments in cases and uniforms (vests and ties from our 7/8th graders) during the grade level drop off/pick-ups.
      - Mr. Ostrow will send students a checklist for their instruments for prepping their instruments for drop off.
        - Students should know how to clean their instruments as Mr. Ostrow does not allow them to leave campus without showing him (in August) and students must have the appropriate cleaning supplies.
      - Mr. Ostrow and admin would collect both types of instruments and label them with painters tape (School Rental or Rental Return).
      - Instruments need to be quarantined for 3 days. After that, according to the NAFME (National Music Ed Association), there would be no virus present.
      - After three days have passes, Mr. Ostrow can come to the band room and check inventory. Stragglers could drop off instruments in the front office.
      - If students do not return the instruments, Mr. Ostrow will call home. If they don't reply, their info will be given to admin and our school resource officer to collect.
      - Cadence Music in Fort Myers will come to pick up instruments in a truck in late May or early June for summer cleaning and maintenance. They do that every summer. It would correspond with LBHS Band pick up.
    - II. Mr. Ostrow will also recommend an evening drop for all after the original drop/pick up.
  - d) Booster Board
    - I. LAMS 2020-2021 Band Boosters Elections
      - We are looking for new board members for 2020-2021 school year!
        - The board assists the band director in organizing and funding purchases, projects, and events for the benefit of the band student population.
        - All board members meet once a month at a time they agree on for the duration of roughly one hour.
        - Although band parents can voice their opinions and attend all meetings, board members are the only voting members.
      - President: (Veronica Grannan)
        - The president communicates directly with the band director about the needs of the program.
          - The president collaborates with the board to serve the needs of the band students and the band director.
          - The president assists the band director and oversees events and projects related to the band program.
          - Veronica Grannan, PASS
      - Vice President: (Andie Hill)
        - The VP fills in for the president if the president is not available.
        - The VP is available to also assist other board members.
          - Andie Hill, PASS
      - Secretary: (Jennifer Heeg)
        - The secretary records minutes for monthly meetings and keeps track of attendees at the meetings.
        - The secretary organizes volunteers for events and projects.
          - Jennifer Heeg, PASS
      - Treasurer: (Kim Nachtwey might be available in August)
        - The treasurer collects funds and writes receipts.
          - The treasurer keeps records of all funds for our booster general and trip account.
          - The treasurer gives a monthly report to the board of funding in the accounts at our monthly booster meetings.
        - The treasurer works with the board to file taxes and other paperwork to keep our organization in alignment as a non-profit organization.
          - Kathy Mortensen, PASS
          - Kim Nachtwey, PASS as the Assistant Treasurer
      - Committee's
        - Communications Coordinator
          - Amanda McGinty
    - 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be invited via Remind to join the board for their virtual meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- 4) Good of the Order?
  - a) Mr. Ostrow can do a drive by performance of "Happy Birthday" for your child. Please contact him if you are interested!
  - b) THANK YOU TO OUR AWESOME 2019-20 BAND BOOSTERS!!!!
- 5) Closing Time

- a) 7:07pm
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
  - a) End of July, Dates and Times TBD by the newly elected board.