

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters  
8/1/2019  
6pm, Beef O' Brady's in Englewood

**Board Members Present:** Veronica Grannan (President), Trey Creech (VP), Kristen Fisher (Secretary), Catherine Christian and Kathy Casale (Treasurers)

**Other Parents Present:** Andie Hill (Communications Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) Treasurer(s)

- I. Booster Account: \$14,793.58 (from May)
  - o Update as of 06/01/2019 - \$11,194.66
  - o We are missing one plaque the Woody Herman plaque from Venwood Awards. Catherine will reach out to Venwood and inquire.
    - Add \$750 from the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Club (Donation)
- II. Trip Account - \$1,192.59 (from May) – No Change

b) Internal School Band Account

- I. \$1,571 for Repair and Maintenance, Account ID 7200.
- II. \$2,500 for Repair and Maintenance from the Reynolds Arts Grant, Account ID \$29300
- III. \$9,243.60 from the Referendum. To be used to purchase new instruments and repair and maintenance. Mr. Ostrow is working to request this account can be used for purchasing instrument lockers to replace the black lockers in the band room.
  - We spent 5756.40 on brass summer repairs at Cadence Music.
  - We are waiting for woodwind summer repairs from Larry Mynett.

2) Old Business

a) Scheduling for 2019-20

- I. 3 beginning bands, intermediate band, advanced band, and jazz band.
- II. As of 8/1, the front office scheduler reported 65 currently in beginning band, 44 in intermediate, 55 in advanced, and 32 in jazz band.
  - When added together (196) and averaged over six periods, Mr. Ostrow works with an average of 32.667 students per class.
- III. Mr. Konrardy, AP, informed Mr. Ostrow that he will need to recruit or teach something else as there are not enough students in some of the beginning bands. Period 2 has 13 students, period 7 has 16, and period 6 has 36. Obviously, the classes aren't leveled due to other class scheduling constrictions.
  - Mr. Ostrow requested to recruit at 6<sup>th</sup> grade open house to help fill the smaller beginning band classes. 6<sup>th</sup> grade open house takes place on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm.
  - Mr. Konrardy agreed to:
    - o Allow Mr. Ostrow to speak in the gym with administration and invite parents to sign up by seeing him in the band room after the classroom schedule walk-through.
    - o Hand out band brochures at open house with the PE waiver form attached.
    - o Display school instruments.
  - Mr. Ostrow is also working with Mr. Eyrich on getting LBHS band members to perform at open house.
  - If we do not have enough students as of Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, then we will combine the two smaller beginning bands and add an exploratory music class.

3) New Business

a) Room Prep, Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am

- I. Put up improvisation posters in the back room on the wall.
  - We have a tall ladder.
- II. Move chairs, stands, tubas and percussion back into place in the band room.
- III. Move chairs, stands, and rhythm section instruments into position in the jazz band room.

- b) Student Materials Prep:
- I. Music Books
    - BB:
      - 2 Pocket Cadence Music Folders with the following inside:
        - Write student names with a sharpie on the cover.
        - Open House Handouts - Pages 1, 11, 12, and 13 copied front and back.
        - Instrument Test Drive Guide
    - IB/AB/JB:
      - 1" View Binders with 5 tabs
      - Place students names on the covers
      - Put the Open House Handouts in the inside pocket - Pages 1, 11, 12, and 13 copied front and back.
      - 5 tabs will include:
        - Notes
          - Scales for each Instrument
        - Rhythms
          - Rhythm Practice 1-8
        - Warm-ups
          - Consistency Warm-ups No.1-3
        - Theory
        - Literature
  - II. Review purchases. See purchase list for board approval.
    - Approved purchase of music through Cadence, accessories through Amazon.
    - Purchases for IPad Pro are on hold pending pricing with teacher discounts. Also waiting for the 86" TV to be installed by the county.
- c) Open House Prep, Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm beginning in the gymnasium
- I. 120 brochures to be handed out with the PE waiver form attached.
  - II. Boosters to help distribute brochures and answer questions.
    - If you cannot answer a question, refer them to me. I will be available after the walk-throughs at the end of the night in the band room.
  - III. Instruments to be displayed on tables along with the band info board.
    - Tablecloths?
- d) Band Parent Pizza Social, Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm in the cafeteria
- I. Supplies needed:
    - The Treasurer will use the Sam's Club card to purchase water and paper plates. We have plenty of napkins.
      - 200 small *half-size bottles* of water. We currently have about 100 large bottles.
    - The Treasurer will order 20 large pizzas from Dominoes and make sure to get the school discount (\$6 for a large cheese or pepperoni pizza).
      - Have them delivered to the cafeteria at 5:45pm.
  - II. The Booster Board will serve the parents and students pizza.
  - III. As the parents eat we will discuss the following around 6:10pm:
    - Introduce the board and explain what they do.
    - Explain the process for beginning band kids to get instruments.
    - Seek sponsorships with our band parents.
    - Ask parents to sign up for volunteer sheets.
      - This year we will use a google form on school chrome book laptops to register.
  - IV. Volunteer Sheets
    - Order of operations for volunteers:
      - Volunteer forms are completed, collected, and sent to the front office for a background check.
      - Parents sign up at the pizza social or through a link on Remind to the google form.
        - The Communications Coordinator sends the parents an e-mail two weeks before an event and a phone call one week before an event.
        - They will be asked to stop by the front office in every case with an ID to complete a Raptor scan and background check.
          - Mrs. Pickett will put their name tags in Mr. Ostrow's mailbox.
          - Mr. Ostrow will bring them to each event where parents can get their name tags.
- e) Instrument Test Drive, Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm in the Cafeteria

- I. Purpose: For beginners and their parents to “test drive” their top three instrument picks with professionals. After their testing, they will work to acquire an instrument with Mr. Ostrow in the teachers’ lounge.
    - Parents that cannot afford an instrument or accessories can complete a request for materials from our band site. We will have laptops set up.
  - II. Cadence Music will be on the cafeteria stage renting instruments and selling accessories.
  - III. We have 6 paid professional clinicians that have been invited to assist in testing.
    - Beth Morrison for flute, \$100
    - Les Kraus for clarinet and sax, \$100
    - Jennifer Jordan for trumpet – \$100
    - Susan Betz for horn, \$100
    - John Jordan for trombone and euphonium, \$100
    - Amanda Miller for tuba, \$50
    - Mr. Ostrow will work with percussion.
    - Kevin Devitt to help close with Mr. Ostrow in the teacher’s lounge, \$50
  - IV. The booster board is encouraged to attend to:
    - Hand out the test drive forms at the entrance.
    - Provide instructions on what to do. Instructions will also be posted on the screen in the cafeteria.
    - Before parents leave, ask them if they met with Mr. Ostrow in the teacher’s lounge.
- f) Beginning Band Basic Training, Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-7pm starting in the cafeteria.
- I. Purpose: For beginners to learn the fundamentals of playing their instruments and accelerate the process to take instruments home.
  - II. We have the same 6 clinicians coming in to teach the kids the basics in teachers’ classrooms around campus. The clinicians will arrive in the cafeteria at 4:30pm.
    - Students will be organized and eat a pizza dinner before going to their rooms to work.
    - The clinicians will be in sectionals with the students across campus.
    - At the conclusion of the event, students will return to the cafeteria to be receive take-home instructions. They will be dismissed by instrument with specific instructions.
- 4) Good of the Order?
- a) This year’s meetings will take place the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6pm.
    - I. Exception is for September’s meeting due to Band Night at LBHS for AB.
- 5) Closing Time:
- a) 7:30pm
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
- a) 08/29/2019 Beginning at 6:00pm.