

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
9/6/2018
6pm, Ainger Middle School Band Room

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

Other Parents Present: Bethany Ramirez (6th Grade mother of Natalia Lopez), Trey Creech (Communications Coordinator)

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) Treasurer(s)

I. Booster Account: \$4,530.08

• Copier

- Gabriele will put us on an annual contract. This was not done when the machine was purchased.

II. Trip Account - \$1,245.95

2) Old Business

a) Band Handbook Contracts and Medical Forms

- I. We are still collecting these forms that were due on Friday, August 17th. These will be counted as a zero in the gradebook as a written assignment by the end of the quarter.

b) Beginning Band

I. Retention

- After MANY schedule changes at the beginning of the year, as of today, we are holding at 74 beginning band students. The schedule changes were for a variety of reasons and not always band related.
- Mr. Ostrow and the front office agreed that students would not be able to change until after the test drive on August 20th and written consent would be required. This procedure was largely ignored for band and a variety of subjects.

II. Recruitment

- The only class that Mr. Ostrow could recruit from this year was 5th and 6th hour art. We were successful at recruiting 5-10 students between the two periods.

c) Sponsors

I. Currently at \$1,600.

II. The website is set up and the sponsor form has been updated.

III. Thank you letters and band pictures were mailed out to last year's sponsors. A new sponsorship form was mailed with the thank you letter.

IV. Sponsorship forms were distributed at the Parent Pizza Social on August 16th.

V. Sponsorship forms will not be distributed to the students until the Remind texting app is updated with parent phone numbers. Mr. Creech has been working on this.

VI. Boots on the ground...

d) Parent Pizza Social, August 16th

- I. We had a large number of parents and students attend. We ordered 15 pizzas for the event and had to order more (3). We should have ordered more. We used to order 22.

II. CCPS Volunteer forms were collected and given to the front office.

III. Volunteer lists were filled and these lists have been posted on the executive board site.

IV. Mr. Ostrow did not introduce the board as most members were absent.

e) Instrument Test Drive, August 20th

- I. Thank you to Veronica Grannan for helping guide students and parents at the door.

II. All of our clinicians were present and did a great job.

III. Mr. Eyrich and three LBHS band students assisted.

IV. Cadence Music was on hand with eight employees to rent instruments and sell accessories. Cadence Music had 36 rentals that night.

V. We had 5 no shows. Some of these students quit or were tested in class.

f) Beginning Band Basic Training, August 23rd

- I. The same clinicians that helped the students play test the instruments came back to help the kids achieve the following:

- Tone Production
- Assembly
- Holding
- Cleaning and Maintenance

II. In addition, the clinicians took inventory for Mr. Ostrow so he could assess the kid's needs.

- Accessories and instruments have since been distributed.

III. Between clinicians and a pizza dinner we paid about \$800.

g) Professional Development Day with Jim Matthews at Ainger.

I. This event, was the best PD CCPS band directors have ever had.

II. Thank you to Laura Parla and Gabriele Extejt for supplying lunch. Mrs. Ellen Harvey, CCPS fine arts supervisor, has ordered a check to reimburse the band.

3) New Business

a) Pledge to Practice

I. Suspended until we have Remind working.

b) Pool Party

I. Flyers were distributed in class on Wednesday and the news was posted this week on the Band News board in the classroom.

II. Volunteers have been asked to report at 10:30am to the pool.

- Volunteer duties include:

- Monitoring the students. No running, stay safe, and be kind.
- Helping students and parents sign in at the gate.
- Collecting cash/checks for attendees.
- Monitoring the entrance (sharpies)

III. Mr. Ostrow will bring the following supplies:

- Tables
- Cash box
- Sign-in paperwork (phone number list) + pens
- Sharpie
- Plates
- Napkins
- Water
- Coolers
- Ice (Heather Dragon will pick up)
- Chips

IV. Pizza needs to be ordered from Dominos. Order an even mix of cheese and pepperoni with enough for 80 attendees to have two slices each. The pizza needs to be delivered at noon to the pool.

- We can order more pizza as needed.

c) All State Auditions

I. Nathan Soto (clarinet) and Julia Lehman (trumpet) have been registered to audition for the FBA All State MS Band.

- Both students and our principal, Mr. Harvey, have signed off on the All State contract explaining the conditions if a student is selected. Students that are selected will perform with the All State band on January 9th through the 12th.
- Mr. Ostrow has asked them to reimburse the band for entry fee's at \$20 each.
- We have been meeting on Monday and Friday mornings for an hour to review audition materials.
- Mr. Ostrow would like to host a mock audition at Ainger on Wednesday, September 19th. Students from other local schools would be welcome to play for their band directors as they are walked through the All State script.

d) All State Honor Band

I. Mr. Ostrow would like to nominate five students for the All State Honor Band.

- This ensemble requires a \$15 fee and is not an auditioned band. The students and Mr. Ostrow will need to complete recommendation forms. Only one student will be selected by the honor band committee.
- This ensemble is made up of 7th and 8th grade students that are nominated by their band directors.

e) Disney Trip

I. Workshop ticket \$122 (Any park 1 day) for students, \$92 for chaperones.

II. Meal ticket \$16 for lunch

- III. Performance at 7am
- IV. Gabriele and Laura will verify the exact prices and will update the newsletter/payment stubs.
 - This should be dispersed to students and parents by mid-September.
- V. Payments will be due in October, November, and early January.
- VI. Final payment to Disney is January 16th.

4) Good of the Order?

5) Closing Time

a) 7:14pm

6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

a) Thursday, October 4th beginning at 6pm.