

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters  
5/4/2022  
6pm, LAAMS Band Room

**Board Members Present:** Tim Ostrow (Band Director), Veronica Grannan (President), Melissa Cantrell (VP), Jen Heeg (Secretary), Kathy Mortensen (Treasurer)

**Other Parents Present:** Lisa Aaronson (Communications Coordinator), Tina McAskill (VP Elect), Cierra Beno (Secretary Elect), Katie Mullins, Vladi Vadura

Meeting Called to Order at 6pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

- a) General Account: \$10,013.41 as of 5/4/2022
  - I. Donations from the BGWC in the amount of \$9,866
- b) Trip Account: \$2,923.06
  - I. A refund was sent to Universal Studios on 5/4/22 for \$1,305
    - It takes 6-8 weeks for processing.
- c) To Do:
  - I. File taxes in July
  - II. Figure out how to show Ms. McAskill donation. As a chaperone, she paid for a student that lost his ticket before entering the park.
- d) School Accounts (Ms. Lynn Skulski)
  - I. Internal School Band Account – \$0
  - II. ESSER Account (Repair/Maintenance/Cleaning) – \$4,200

2) Old Business

- a) Recruitment:
  - I. Parents have been directed to register their child on the school website and will complete a Google Form for Exploratory selections in 6<sup>th</sup> grade:  
<https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/domain/4105>
    - As of 5/4/22, have 55 students that have selected Beginning Band as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 15 as their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, and 15 as their 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
      - Mr. Ostrow is hoping for a total of 90 students with mostly 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices.
      - Students will be directed by the front office staff and school website to complete the preference form.
    - On our Registration Night in early April, some jazz band students allowed the testers to take the Jupiter Kits home and keep them!
      - These need to be ponied to PCMS next week.
- b) Solo and Ensemble No. 2 at Woodland Middle School on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>
  - I. Between Solo and Ensemble 1 and 2, we had a total of 76 superiors, 9 excellents, and no good, fair, or poor ratings.
  - II. What went well?
    - The judge's comments were constructive and encouraging.
    - The host site was a great location for us.
  - III. What is in need of improvement?
- c) Jazz Band and Beginning Band Spring Concert (Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - I. What went well?
    - The kids sounded great!
    - It was nice to have the jazz band and beginning band perform together at the end.
    - The transition with the piano player was very nice.
    - It was 38 minutes long!
  - II. What is in need of improvement?
    - Maybe have the jazz band play less.
- d) Intermediate and Advanced Band Spring Concert (Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - I. What went well?
    - The prank with the smiley face on Mr. Ostrow's BALD head.
    - They sounded great!

- II. What is in need of improvement?
  - If the high school is going to perform after us, we should leave the decorations up.
  - It would be nice to fill the auditorium.
    - Do more advertising.
- e) Universal Studios (Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - I. We had 133 students attend and 27 adult chaperones
  - II. We need to refund the following students:
    - Gianna Colonna – Her refund has been in the front office for pick up since February. Her mother is also not answering her phone.
    - Maddy Hulback (Decided not to attend)
    - Ayden Karamitsos (Decided not to attend)
    - Meadow Rigney (Mom did not want her to attend – donation)
  - III. What went well?
    - With the exception of the gentlemen being disrupted in the boys restroom, the rest stop with the waters and donuts went well.
    - The lanyards that were donated by the PTO were a huge help for the students to not lose their tickets and gift cards.
    - Students all found their groups quite easily in the morning and boarded the buses quickly.
  - IV. What needs improvement?
    - The lines were quite long everywhere. This included the ticket booth to pick up our pre-ordered tickets.
      - Perhaps next year, we can send the rental vehicle in earlier so the treasurer can get the tickets before the students arrive OR mail it to us in advance.
    - It would be nice to have more teacher chaperones next year.
    - Issues that occurred:
      - Two chaperones on bus two got into a verbal altercation on the way to Universal.
        - Mr. Ostrow spoke to each chaperone separately. They agreed to not engage with each other again upon threat of being dismissed and driven home in the rental SUV with Mr. Eyrich.
      - A chaperone stopped often to vape and was seen by her students as “abandoning the group”.
        - This chaperone was sent to join another group with another adult while Mr. Ostrow absorbed her students.
      - A chaperone allowed three members of her group to wander on their own while she waited in line at Starbucks.
        - This same chaperone also lost her son. Mr. Ostrow ended up picking up all 4 students. She was later 25 minutes late to the buses and Mr. Ostrow sent another chaperone to get her.
      - A student lost his ticket before entering the park. The chaperone ended up purchasing him another ticket.
        - We will need to reimburse her.
      - Throughout the day, 4-6 times students claimed that their chaperones were not allowing them to do what they wanted.
        - To resolve this, Mr. Ostrow contacted their chaperones and asked them to vote with their students or consider joining another group so students could split. The chaperones were able to resolve this.
      - Throughout the day, 2 times students reported via Remind that they lost their group. In both cases, Mr. Ostrow was able to reunite the students with their groups.
      - We had one student steal from a store.
        - The chaperone caught the act and had the items returned.
        - The school security officer was alerted to the situation when we returned.

### 3) New Business

#### a) LAMS 2022-2023 Band Boosters Elections

- I. We are looking for new board members for 22-23 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.

- II. Treasurer: (Currently Kathy Mortensen)
  - 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.
    - Nominations: Katie Mullins nominated by Melissa Cantrell
    - Results: The motion passes. Katie Mullins is replacing Kathy Mortensen for the incoming school year.
      - She will need to be added to the bank account and Ms. Mortensen removed.
- III. Communication Coordinator: (Currently Lisa Aaronson)
  - Nominations: Vladi Vadura nominated by Melissa Cantrell
  - Results: The motion passes. Vladi Vadura is replacing Lisa Aaronson for the incoming school year.
- b) School Board Performance
  - I. Mr. Ostrow will be recognizing our programs accomplishments this year and recognizing our All State musicians who will also be performing.
- c) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Jazz Band Performance
  - I. The Jazz Band has been asked to perform May 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:45pm with a start time of 6pm.
- d) Retention
  - I. Review the Band Retention Google Form.
    - Students will complete this the week of May 16. Mr. Ostrow will then conduct interviews and recommend placement. Parents will receive a letter they will need to sign and return for retention.
    - Google Form: <https://forms.gle/3YHzJZuzJCj2THvj9>
    - Retention Letter: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cDGuGWVvKEKr6Cnr7JcLGJ5kKR9v8vWvX/view?usp=sharing>
- e) Purchase Requests:
  - I. Kathy will order the remaining items from the BGWC grant.
  - II. Mr. Ostrow is requesting the boosters fund the FL Band Directors Summer Workshop.
- 4) Good of the Order?
  - a) We need a handyman to fix the tuba racks. The wood tuba rack needs an overhaul.
    - I. It has not been fixed yet.
      - Sophia's grandfather, Lauren Lombardi has volunteered.
      - Randy, Tom Davel and Mark Hertz volunteered!
  - b) The Charlotte County Jazz Society will be donating a new sound system for the band room!
  - c) TY to the BGWC for their generous grant!
- 5) Closing Time:
  - a) 7:39pm
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
  - a) Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Location TBA