# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

October 2010

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz & Pep Bands www.DHSBandBoosters.com



Message from the Band Director

#### PARENTS... WE NEED YOU!!

Welcome to the most enthusiastic and effective support group in our community, the Davis High School Band Boosters. Now that your student is an active member of the band, we hope you will take advantage of this outstanding positive family experience. It is the opportunity to join your son or daughter in the attainment of a mutual goal, something you do not want to miss.

At a time when young people are making crucial decisions concerning personal behavior, ethics, integrity, morals, and an array of vital life choices, wouldn't you like to be around to have some influence on their direction? Band parents enjoy this unusual vantage point, and all of the band members benefit from such a healthy relationship.

Band parents are also integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply a polite sideline audience, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. WE NEED YOU!!

I often think there is as much pride in our band parent organization as there is in the band itself. Many of our parent participants have found hidden social benefits for their own growth and develop-

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ment. Not only do our boosters work hand-in-hand with our band program, but they relish the exchange with other parents who share a common interest.

You may think there are not enough hours in the day to add one more responsibility to your schedule. This is a legitimate consideration; however, we are sensitive to the situation. You will find everyone is willing to make the necessary accommodations so all parents can become involved. It is a chance that will only come around once in life for your student.

Our next scheduled Band Boosters meeting is Wednesday evening, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the DHS Band Room. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a brief meeting to meet our veteran members and get a bird's-eye view of our band program. You will also enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number one fan club — our band parents. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group. I urge you to attend our meetings, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents" who ensure our students are at the front of life's parade.

# DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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- ~ Have Fun
- ~ Make Friends
- ~ Be Amazed

Personal regards, Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands





Baskin Robbins Ice Cream!
Support Davis High School Band Boosters

Bring this flyer to:

#### Baskin Robbins at the E Street Plaza

Thursday, October 21st 6:00 p.m. until closing (10:00 p.m.)

At least 20% of all purchases benefit the DHS Band Program!



You MUST have this flyer with you at time of purchase.

Thank you for supporting our Band Program!

# Message from the Band Booster President

Dear Band Boosters,

We're off to a fast start this year. The Band Booster BBQ held for the students, just after school started, was a fun, easy and nice way to socialize with friends. We have the "Davis Jazz & Beat Festival" coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and a handful of volunteers have been putting in the hours to help make this a success. There will be a great raffle event at this festival, directly following the DHS Jazz Band performance. ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to go out and sell some raffle tickets. The proceeds go directly toward offsetting the cost of their Spring Band Trip. This is just one of many fundraising opportunities that will exist during the year. But students, you need to take the initiative to step up and help make it happen. Sign up for the Band Car Washes (Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>), go to the food sponsored events that pop up occasionally, sign up to help setup, serve or clean up at Coconut Grove, and more. Those who take advantage of these opportunities will benefit in multiple ways: friendship building, team building, cost reductions... all good things. And parents, don't let the kids have all the fun. You can be part of it, too! Just volunteer to help out at various events and enjoy many of the same rewards that the kids do. We have concerts coming up on the horizon, and will need parents to help with baking, setting up, driving, & many other things. All of these are made possible through the Band Boosters. The Direct Donation campaign is also about to kick off, which will provide another means to give to the DHS Band Program. If you are not able to spent the time helping at the various events, consider sending in a donation to help the program. This is another one of our main fundraisers of the year.

The Band Boosters provide a vital function to the DHS Music Program. We are the support network that allows your sons & daughters to grow, play, and perform musically in one of the best high school band programs in California. None of this would be possible without the teamwork that goes on between the Band Boosters and our great Director, Mr. Lange. Mr. Lange can only do so much with the very limited funds that the School District provides, and that is where we step in. We help with supplies, sheet music purchases, new instruments, and the repairs on existing instruments. We also have trips that the students take, whether it is the Concert & Symphonic Bands going to an adjudicated concert in another town, the Jazz Band going to a Jazz Festival in Stockton, Reno, or Monterey, or all the DHS Bands going on the Spring Band Trip. We help make all of these possible.

This year, the bands have been invited to return to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. This is an exciting and fun trip, and a great time for the students. This is one of the main reasons that we fundraise during the year, helping to offset the trip costs. We are also here to give every student the opportunity to go on the trip. That means, if you are in need of financial assistance to be able to attend the trip, we can confidentially help you with that, too. We want all of the kids that want to go, to have the ability to go. In subsequent years, we will be traveling to San Diego and then to Anaheim for the Disneyland Trip. Lots of fun for all!

So, a "BIG THANK YOU!!" goes to all of you who have already offered time and assistance to the Band Boosters, and also to all of you who are about to volunteer for something. We need your help.

It is going to be an exciting and fun year!! Get involved and give a few minutes of your time to help out the kids.



Cheers, ~JAH

John Horn, DHS Band Booster President

## AGENDA for Band Boosters Meeting Wednesday, OCTOBER 6, 2010, 7:30 pm, Room PA-3

- I. Approval of Minutes
  - A. June 2010
  - B. August 2010
- II. Music Director's Report
- III. Student Report
  - A. General Information
  - B. Pep Band
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Car Wash
  - B. Davis (Natsoulas) Jazz Festival
  - C. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers
  - D. Direct Donations
  - E. Rent-a-Band
  - F. Playathon

- G. Coconut Grove
- H. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales
- I. Victoria Spring Trip
- J. Jazz Band Update
- K. Scrip
- L. Others?
- VI. Old Business
  - A. BB positions that need to be filled ASAP
    - 1. Coconut Grove Chair(s)
    - 2. CD/DVD Coordinator
- VII. New Business
  - A. Clothing Swap
  - B. Other

# MUSIC NOTES



# Raffle Prizes

Would you like to contribute a prize to the Band Boosters upcoming raffles? We are collecting donations of goods and services to serve as raffle prizes for the Davis Jazz Festival on October 9, 2010, and "An Evening at the Coconut Grove" on March 12, 2011. Last year, we were able to host two successful raffles because so many local businesses and band parents contributed wonderful prizes! We ask you to consider contributing merchandise or services to the Band Boosters this year. Some examples of past raffle prizes include event tickets (River Cats, Mondavi Center), electronic devices and games (an iPod; Guitar Hero), original art pieces (paintings, ceramic sculptures, photographs), and a weekend getaway at a vacation cabin. Please contact Lynne Rumery if you wish to contribute a prize (753-4301 or lynnerumery@gmail.com). As always, your contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your continuing support!!!

Joyce Hamaguchi



# Booster Website

Thanks to the great work by Wes Young, Band Boosters Vice President, the DHS Band Boosters website has been updated! It now includes a lot of useful information, including the Band Student Handbook, seating audition music, a full (and recently updated) Calendar of Events, and more. Check the website regularly for information on upcoming events at:

www.DHSBandBoosters.com

You can also find a link to our site on the DHS website's Music Department page.

Thank you Wes!

# Scrip

Using Scrip is a wonderfully easy and effective way to raise funds for our band program. Nugget, Safeway, and Savemart all provide a 3% return to Band Boosters for every dollar spent via Scrip. If you don't already have a Nugget card, please ask the cashier for an application, and sign up with the "Davis Senior High School Band Boosters" as the beneficiary. For Safeway, please sign onto www.escrip.com with your Safeway club card number in hand and follow the simple instructions, again designating "Davis Senior High School Band Boosters" (ID# 137316731, zip code - 95617) to benefit. This needs to be done every year, so for those of you who are already signed up, please remember to renew your commitment. (You can also change the beneficiary from your child's previous school to Band Boosters by signing in online, and you can sign up for many other vendors, such as Macy's, Round Table Pizza, Big O Tires, and others as well). Savemart has the easiest program of them all! Please just pick up one of their cards at the next concert (or call or email me with your request, and I will send one to you), and present it to the cashier before your groceries are rung up. The card has been pre-scanned to benefit the Band Boosters, so there's no application or registration required at all. Donations to our bands will significantly increase if we have excellent participation in the Scrip program. It's not very often you can get something for nothing, right?!

Please contact me with any questions or requests for cards and applications (lynnerumery@gmail.com or 753-4301). Thank you very much!

<u>Lynne Rumery,</u> SCRIP Coordinator

# Davis Jazz Festival

Join the DHS Band Boosters at "The 4th Annual Jazz and Beat Festival" on Saturday, October 9th from noon to 6:00 pm. As reported on the John Natsoulas Art Gallery website (http://www.natsoulas.com/html/jazzweb/index.html), this Davis Jazz Festival is a creative collaborative weekend filled with "poetry readings and painting improvisation set to the rhythm of live jazz". The DHS Jazz Band will perform with the Rio Americano High School Jazz Band and the Brubeck Institute Jazz Band, alongside performance painters creating their works inspired by the flow of the music.

The **DHS Jazz Combo will also perform** along with jazz combos from CSUS and UC Davis, as well as with professional groups such as the Ross Hammond Trio and Yolo Mambo - just to name a few! Check out the full schedule of performances at http://www.natsoulas.com/html/jazzweb schedule.html. Festival events begin on Friday October 8th with poetry readings at the John Natsoulas Gallery Indoor Stage. Musical performances will take place on Saturday, October 9th on the Armadillo Music E Street Stage, the Davis Commons Stage and — for those looking for more poetry and jazz — at the Boy Scout Cabin.

#### Spotlight events for the DHS Bands:

- DHS Jazz Combo: Sat., Oct. 9th, 1:45
   2:30 pm, Armadillo Music E St.
   Stage
- DHS Jazz Band: Sat., Oct. 9th, 4:15 5:00 pm, Davis Commons Stage
- Raffle Prizes: Announced between 4:00 & 5:00 pm, Oct. 9th, Davis Commons Stage

So... come to the Davis Jazz Festival, support the new roster of musicians in our Jazz Band and Jazz Combo - maybe even win a raffle prize - and enjoy the event with your fellow DHS Band families. Hope to see you there!

Joyce Hamaguchi



# Car Wash ~ Oct. 2

### Car got dirt? We got soap!

Bring that car in for a quick cleaning, and tell your friends and neighbors, classmates, relatives, AND the guy bagging your groceries to join the fun!

What: Car Wash

Date: Saturday, Oct. 2nd
Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Where: DJUSD District Office

Parking Lot (across 5th St. from

the Farmers' Market)

Students working at the car wash will earn money towards their travel costs. Questions? Contact Theresa Lucas at theresalucas09@comcast.net or 757-1735.

See you there!

P.S.

The next car wash is Saturday, November 6th.



# DHS Bands 2010-2011 (Partial) Calendar

DHS PA-3

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236 E St. **IPAB** 

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10/1 Fri

10/2 Sat

10/6 Wed 10/9 Sat

10/15 Fri

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10/18 Mon

10/19 Tues

10/29 Fri

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Pep Band @ Football

**Outreach Band Rehearsal** 

**Outreach Band Concert** 

10/21 Thurs Baskin Robbins Fundraiser

10/21 Thurs Outreach Band Concert

October '	10	
Pep Band @ Football	6:15pm	DHS PA-3
Car Wash	9am-1pm	DJUSD
Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
Davis Jazz Festival	noon-6pm	Downtown
Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
Homecoming Parade	1:00pm	Central Prk

6:15pm

7:30pm

7:30pm

6-10pm

7:30pm

#### Pep Band @ Football 6:15pm November '10

11/6 Sat	Car Wash	TBA	TBA
11/10 Wed	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
11/14 Sun	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7:00pm	IPAB
11/15 Mon	Symphonic Band Concert for Davis Jr. High Schools	1:30pm	IPAB
11/15 Mon	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
11/16-11/18	Rent-A-Band Rehearsals	Afterschool	DHS
11/17 Wed	Jazz Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:30pm	IPAB
11/19 Friday	Jazz Extravaganza Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
11/30 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB

### December '10

12/16 Thurs	Winter Rhapsody Combined Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
12/15 Weds	Combined Band Rehearsal	2:30pm	IPAB
12/13 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal	7:30pm	IPAB
12/4 Sat	Delta College Jazz Festival	All Day	Stockton
12/1 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3

## January '11

1/5 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
1/22 Sat	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom
1/22 Sat	Playathon Begins	TBA	DHS MPR
1/23 Sun	Playathon Final Concert	TBA	DHS MPR

# February '11

2/2 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
2/9 Weds	Elementary Concert (DHS Band Students Needed)	TBA	IPAB
2/12 Sat	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/13 Sun	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/16 Weds	Festivity of Bands (Symphonic Band)	ТВА	IPAB
2/17 Thurs	Jazz Choir Cabaret Concert	7:00pm	IPAB

### March '11

3/9 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
3/12 Sat	<b>Coconut Grove</b>	ТВА	MPR
3/17 Thurs	<b>Adjudication Concert</b> Symphonic & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
3/27 Sun	Capitol Jazz Project Concert with DHS Jazz Band	TBA	IPAB
3/28-3/31	Symphonic & Jazz Band Auditions	TBA	DHS PA-3

# April '11

4/1-4/3	Monterey Jazz Festival (tentative)	TBA	Monterey
4/13 Weds	Band Boosters Meeting	7:30pm	DHS PA-3
4/16 Sat	UCD Picnic Day (Pep Band Parade and Parking)	TBA	UC Davis
4/19 Tues	Secondary Concert (Symphonic Band)	7:30pm	IPAB
		<b>7:30pm</b> TBA	<b>IPAB</b> Reno

The months of May and June '11 will be posted in future newsletters. The full calendar can also be found at www.DHSBandBoosters.com



### BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR PEP BAND

Pep Band is, arguably, one of the most enjoyable things about being in the band. It is so fun that we frequently have 120 or more students participating at a single game. No longer do we have pep band, but now it is PEP BAND!

Having this much participation is GREAT, but it is quickly becoming more and more difficult to make sure everyone is doing the job of cheering on the team. (If you have observed, I sit facing the band at all times.)

There seems to be many misconceptions about the rules for Pep Band participation. Too many students do not know the proper behavior at these events and we have now had a couple of incidents that make it necessary to establish clear guidelines. Please understand that when you tell your parents that you are with the Pep Band, your safety is MY responsibility.

I have listed the major points in the list below, and am willing to discuss any and all of these rules:

- You must stay with the band the entire time we are at the game. If you wish to leave the group, please ask permission. DO NOT climb off the back row of the bleachers.
- If your parents insist that you must leave the band earlier than the end of the game, you must bring a note from your parents.
- You will have the first 8 minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the game to visit the snack bar. You must be back with the band when the field clock reads 4:00 minutes remaining in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- Do not play your instrument unless doing so with the entire group.
- Cheering is good Cursing is bad. Let's keep all cheering POSITIVE. Do not disgrace our school by saying something that might put down the opposition!
- Only students enrolled in the band program may participate in Pep Band.
- Non-band students may not sit in the band area. If you wish to sit with your non-band friends, please sit next to the
  edge and have them sit outside the group.
- You may not use school saxophones, or bass clarinets for Pep Band. Period!!
- I do not think it is wise to leave your instrument unattended on the bleachers during your break; however it is your instrument and is up to you. Do you think it is good to eat a lot of junk food during the break and then blow it into your instrument?
- Please take the new horns with you on break. Do not leave them on the bleachers to get scratched, dented, damaged, etc.
- Costumes have become a super part of Pep Band, however you may not dress to mock or defame any group. Boys
  may not dress as girls.

If any student willingly breaks any of the above rules, the following will be implemented:

- Any points earned at this event will be forfeited.
- 50 points will be deducted.
- · Parents will be informed.
- The student will be forbidden from participating in Pep Band for the remainder of the school year.

I have read and understand the above behavi	or standards for Pep Band and agree to abide by them.
student signature	parent signature
student name (printed)	

This form must be signed and returned before you will be allowed to participate in Pep Band.



# The "Dress Blacks" Uniform

The Concert and Symphonic Bands wear "Dress Blacks" as follows...

MEN: Tux, or black suit, or black coat and black slacks, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and

nice black shoes (please, no sport shoes).

**WOMEN:** Black dress, or black top and black skirt, or black top with black slacks and dress black

shoes. The dresses and tops must have sleeves! All slacks must be slacks (please, no jeans or tight-fitting pants). If the skirt is short, you must wear black tights with black shoes.

1. Men, if your suit / tux / coat from last year does not fit anymore, how about donating it to DHS Bands for use by younger students?

2. Parents, don't let your student talk you into an expensive purchase. Many times a black coat can be purchased at thrift stores for a small amount of money.

3. Women, all dresses must be completely black (no white ruffles or collars, etc.). If you intend to purchase a new dress this year, make it all black! Furthermore, last year I was concerned about the propriety of some dress lengths. Let's be sensible this year -- no shorter than 2 inches above the knee at the most.

Our dress blacks set the stage for the outstanding musical performances of our Concert and Symphonic Bands!

Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands

### 2010-2011 Band Booster Officers & Chairs

President: John Horn Co-Vice Presidents: Julie Hochman

& Wes Young Treasurer: Joyce Hamaguchi

Secretary: Kathryn Shickman

List Server Co-Coordinators: Joyce Hamaguchi

& Wes Young

Newsletter Editor: Joyce Boulanger Website Coordinator: Wes Young Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers: Katie Horn Concert Coordinator: Peggy Bernardy All-Band Trip Coordinators: Katie & John Horn Scrip Coordinator: Lynne Rumery Direct Donation Drive: Joyce Hamaguchi & Kathryn Shickman

Car Wash Co-Coordinators: Theresa Lucas

& Joyce Hamaguchi Rent-A-Band Coordinator: Maki Kuper Playathon Coordinator: Sandra Weisker Davis Jazz Festival: John Horn Jazz Band Liaison: David Cross

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Concert CD/DVD/Video Orders
Publicity Coordinator

These positions are still open! Please contact John Horn if you are interested in volunteering.

daviddorseycross@yahoo.com





# Band Booster Minutes ~ June 2, 2010 □

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

We viewed the animated DVDs from the Disneyland Band Trip workshops. We may consider showing these at the first Band Booster meeting in the fall.



Minutes - The minutes from the April, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

<u>Music Director's Report</u> - Mr. Lange said a highlight of the trip was the workshops at Saddleback College. We had to cancel Picnic & Pops because of threatening inclement weather. We have the last Jazz Band concert coming up on Friday 6/4/10 and all classes are practicing for graduation. Students should show up to the UCD football field wearing casual blacks. Performance begins at 7:00 p.m. and students who wish to leave may do so at 7:30 p.m. or so. The Band Boosters will supply water for the band members at the graduation ceremony. A case of water will be provided to the Jazz Band at their final concert.

<u>Student Report</u> - Mr. Lange announced that this year's road crew captain, Madeline Hamaguchi, did an incredible job. Stephan Waterstraat is the new road crew captain. The new Pep Band leader is Duncan Sommer.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Joyce Hamaguchi reported on the financials to date. The end-of-year report is still being generated as we close our books for the year. Donations came from the Direct Donation Drive and from the donations at the door from concerts. Most of the Scrip comes from Nugget Markets. Students raised \$14,450 toward their own travel expenses through participation in five Band Boosters fundraising events: Coconut Grove, Davis Jazz Festival, car washes, Playathon, and Rent-A-Band. Donated funds mostly go toward purchases and maintenance of instruments, sheet music, and reducing the overall costs of the band trips. President Mike Choy states that obviously, if we didn't have the Band Boosters program, we would have a very different music program. Davis is definitely fortunate to have such a strong Booster program. We thanked Joyce Hamaguchi for her work as Treasurer.

#### Committee Reports -

- A. <u>Concerts, CD/DVD Sales</u> We have a deficit of about \$600 because we gave CDs and DVDs to those donating over \$250. We had some special expenses for audition purposes at Disneyland and Monterey. We have never tried to make money from our CD sales. It is provided as a service to those who want to purchase them and to record our bands for the archives. If anyone is interested in purchasing DVDs from previous concerts, they should contact Tom Estes directly.
- B. <u>Disneyland Trip</u> This awesome trip was lots of fun and everything went very well. Everyone was busy. Peter Matlock will provide detailed results of the trip survey. Students loved time at Disneyland. The House of Blues party received very mixed reviews. Saddleback feedback was mixed, as well. Students who went to Victoria last time reported that they loved the pool party, and performing on the steps of Parliament. They wanted more suggestions of what to do with their free time in Victoria. This year five students requested financial assistance. There is still \$650 to collect.
- C. Monterey Trip Kids performed really well. It was a great trip. There were some very high end bands at the festival.
  - D. Reno Trip The Jazz Combo Group did a fantastic job and took first place in their category.
- E. <u>Picnic Day Parking</u> We will continue with this event as it is really easy and takes only a few people. There was a problem with people requesting to park there for free to attend the Farmer's Market. We should have a sign stating that the lot is for Special Event parking for a fee.

#### **Old Business**

A. <u>DHS Regulations on All Booster Clubs</u> - This is still in process. Things are progressing and there is good communication occurring. Two meetings with the School Board will occur this summer. All the Booster clubs will be receiving the latest revisions to review before the next School Board meeting.

#### **New Business**

- A. <u>Need to Reserve District Parking Lot Next Year</u> for car washes and Picnic Day parking. John Horn has already begun this process. John asked which locations brought in the most money for car washes. Joyce will send information to John. We may consider having fewer car washes. They are a lot of work and difficult to schedule. John is also making arrangements to schedule and reserve rooms for Coconut Grove and other events.
- B. Important Band Event Dates for Next Academic Year A preliminary band schedule can be sent out by listserv to band families now.
- C. <u>Summer Band Booster Planning</u> planning for Davis Jazz Festival, soliciting business donations plans, and the Victoria trip will continue through the summer months.
- D. New Parent Information the Purpose of DHS Band Boosters, the organization of DHS Band Boosters, and available volunteer positions will be made available to all band families.
- E. Other John Horn would like to consider acknowledging <u>music awards</u> at the senior awards night. Mr. Lange prefers to present the awards at the final concerts.

Band Booster Officers - The slate of officers for 2010-2011 was presented at the meeting:

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John Horn - President; Joyce Hamaguchi - Treasurer; Kathryn Shickman - Secretary; Julie Hochman - Co-Vice-President. John provided a description of the Vice President's job. There were no other individuals present interested in being nominated for Vice President. A motion was made to vote in the proposed officers. Unanimously approved. John Horn will be approaching another individual about serving as a Co-Vice-President. This individual can be voted in at the first Band Booster meeting in the fall.

Peter made a motion to thank and acknowledge Mike Choy for his outstanding job as our President over the last few years. Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary

# Band Booster Minutes ~ August 31, 2010 □

<u>Welcome</u> - Mr. Fred Lange welcomed all to the first DHS Band Booster meeting of the 2010-2011 school year and encouraged all to get involved with our Booster program. The success of our band program is due in large part to the contributions of the parents. Being involved in Band Boosters is a great way to spend time with your student and friends and have fun. The purpose of the Band Boosters organization at DHS is: to raise funds to support the costs of enriching the band program; to organize and chaperone band trips and other band events; to offer administrative/logistical support for all hand performances and activities, and to provide a means of com-



to offer administrative/logistical support for all band performances and activities, and to provide a means of communication between the Director and the parents of students in the band.

<u>Minutes</u> - Band Boosters President, John Horn, requested that the minutes from our JUNE meeting and this AUGUST meeting be printed in our next newsletter and then approved at our September meeting.

<u>2010-2011 Officers</u> - Wes Young was voted in as the Band Boosters Co-Vice President. The slate of officers for the 2010-2011 school year is: John Horn, President; Julie Hochman and Wes Young, Co-Vice Presidents; Kathryn Shickman, Secretary; and Joyce Hamaguchi, Treasurer.

<u>Music Director's Report</u> - Mr. Lange reminded parents he is not an officer of the Band Boosters, but attends meetings to give his input. He encourages all parents who would like to discuss anything regarding their student to contact him to set up a convenient time to talk. The Boosters meetings are not an appropriate time for this.

<u>Pep Band Director's Report</u> - Student, Duncan Sommer, will be the Pep Band Director this year. The Pep Band is the 4<sup>th</sup> band at DHS that performs at home football and basketball games and other special school and community events. Rehearsals and games always have a theme and students are encouraged to dress up. This is the social part of band and also a way for students to earn valuable points towards their grade. Parents are needed to help chaperone all football and basketball games.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - Treasurer, Joyce Hamaguchi, reviewed our finances from the last school year. Donations totaling \$21,000 were received. Scrip and restaurant events brought in an additional \$2,600 and \$600, respectively. These all go to the general fund and then are allocated as needed. Students raised money toward their own travel expenses through several different fund raising activities: Davis Jazz Festival \$1,300; car washes \$2,700; Coconut Grove \$10,500; Rent-A-Band \$1,000; and Playathon \$4,000. On average, students raised around \$140 each towards the band trip. Students are encouraged to participate in our fundraising events as they are a great way to earn money towards the band trip and are a great way to bond with band friends.

<u>Committees</u> - All in attendance received a "Band Boosters Information & Volunteer Positions" handout that provides detailed information about all volunteer positions. The major positions were described briefly and the coordinators were introduced. Parents were asked to complete the blue volunteer sign-up sheet and return it to John Horn. There are a few key positions that need to be filled as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary