



DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

DHS Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM by President John Horn

Announcements:

Introductions: By John of new Committee Members:

John Horn, President
Wesley Young, Vice President
Ron Mikalson, Treasurer
Cheryl Walker, Secretary

Playathon Scheduled January 17th, 2016

Raffles: We have scheduled 2 raffles, and will need donations. First in October.

Director's Report:

Enrolled Students: 129

70 Symphonic Band
35 Concert Band
24 Jazz Band

Budget from DJUSD: \$2,900 budgeted; most money set aside to purchase music. Will last a few months.

Equipment: There will be a new projector installed in the band room. New CD player and amplifiers also. Speakers are functioning OK. 2 unidirectional microphones will be available in 1 month – these will be used for reference recordings.

District Band: Numbers growing, after a lull caused by 3 retirements in 5 years that affected all levels of the educational program. The resulting new hires are starting to pay off. Holmes is now going to 4 sessions, and the other jr highs will have 3 classes this year. Elementary enrollment is up as well.

Performance Calendar: Was sent home with kids. Changes:

September 10th: Pep Band Rehearsal

September 12th: Band Day at UCD. Not mandatory. Rehearsal 1pm. Will play at halftime.
Check Web – is all afternoon + evening, 1-9pm.

Curriculum Revisions / Updates:

- **Jazz Band:** There are significant differences in abilities, and teaching in past has catered to those with higher levels. This year will focus on individualized teaching. 1 day / week will separate into combos with advanced / intermediate players on block days. Less ensemble music. There will be a percussion ensemble at every concert.
- **Symphonic Orchestra:** Needs wind, percussion and brass. In previous years, students could take both classes, but it was hard not to play for extended periods of time. Solution for this year is that there will be Symphonic Orchestra practice 1 day / week. More opportunity to play and for school-based learning.
- **Jazz Combo** will still play with Jazz Choir Cabaret and Madrigal Dinner.
- **Musical Bandage:** Jocks vs band geeks
- **1st Symphonic Band Concert** will feature *Gifts* from local composer in 5 movements that represent 5 French provinces where Allied armies fought to liberate France during World War II.

Grading: There will be a video for each group in locker on School Loop

Need Instruments: 3 baritone saxaphones. Bassoon to be acquired in swap.

Contract: Mr. Slabaugh noted that his original contract included a stipend, and he only received ¼ of the original amount promised. It was split among all the teachers. He went to the superintendent who reinstated all secondary stipends.

Sectionals: Tuesdays 3:30-5pm. Need to attend 1 in Fall.

June's Meeting Minutes were never approved. Since then, Phil is no longer able to be VP, and minutes need to be amended. Also, must check to see whether in official minutes that \$ will be transferred to the trip fund for final expenses in Treasurer update. Katie motioned to accept minutes with additions and corrections. Wes seconded. Voted to accept minutes with changes as described.

Pep Band: Teddie Knox and Kyle Horn are the Pep Band Directors this year. They introduced themselves and described the series of rehearsals and events planned for this year's group. Includes: 1st football game September 18th. Football games. Homecoming events week of October 5-9th. All in master schedule. Music needs to be memorized – if it's sent home it disappears. Uploading to School Loop possible, but may be copyright issues.

Monday Night Football Fundraiser: John rolled out this year's plan and presented grid. Sign up for your squares. Costs \$50 for season per square, and there are 100 squares. Last year made about \$2,100.

Data on Students and Families: John reported that he got about ½ of incoming sophomores entered. About 97% of Concert Band 80% of Jazz Band info in place. Registration going well.

2016 Trips:

Disneyland: Entire group with all 3 bands going to Disneyland in the spring after last AP Exam. Katie described 3-year plan for San Diego, Disneyland, and Victoria, BC. They will be there for 4 days, and typical events will include some university-based clinics, exchanges perhaps with pep bands. At Disney, will be able to make several recordings in their studios with animation – it's as if you're a Disney musician. 2 days at Disney. Need to go through evaluation / feedback from last year to guide planning; Phil will work on this. Katie noted that All West buses had already been reserved. She's working on hotel and events, which will allow for estimation of cost per student – which will only be estimates, as fundraising success will determine final costs. All students go, and cost per student represents recommended family donation. Packets will be generated.

New Orleans: Jazz Band will attend French Quarter Jazz Festival. Likely stay close to Convention Center and walk through French Quarter. Multiple venues for performances, both formal and informal. Music Clinic at local university will be planned. Professional musicians will be playing and provide great opportunities to hear amazing music. Great educational experience.

Dates for both trips discussed. Trying to avoid track and other sports. Some students may have to fly down after other commitments.

Fundraising: Need volunteers to make these things happen and to come up with new ideas

Non-Car Wash?

Direct Donation Drive in October. Last year there was a labels issue. Needs to be: To the Parents of "Child's Name". Use mail merge using excel.

Lamppost Pizza fundraiser; kids will play and portion of revenue from band family purchases will be returned to Band Boosters. Possibly October 8th.

Leadership / Succession: The Horns have been leading Band Boosters for 9 years. We desperately need a President-in-training and Trip Coordinator-in-Training. Many of the leaders will need to be replaced. John has been documenting his processes. Calendar planning begins in March for the following year. May need to be 2 people to take it all over. Discussion ensued with ideas of how to facilitate this:

- Include 9th graders in pep band and get their parents involved. Problem is that they're not covered by our charter. They're included in sports teams – why not band?
- Encourage Jr. High Band Boosters to become more active and grow leaders who will be ready to take on high school organization by the time they get there.
- Relative health of the 3 Jr High programs and their parental support groups discussed. Some have serious issues. There has been difficulty identifying parent leadership.
- Discussed elementary school level. Montgomery – struggling; Pioneer doing well. Largest at North Davis, which Tom teaches. No elementary music coordinator.
- DHS Band Boosters is a 501c3 organization with charter and tax-free status. We have bylaws and officers. Must always have a President and Treasurer.
- Discussion of issues regarding separation between band director and parent organization.
- Try to get a big crowd for "trip meeting" in October. Get all parents to come Oct 7th.

Treasurer Report: Ron Mikalson

- He needs to purchase Quicken. Will cost \$60-70. Approved
- Needs to submit paperwork to get permission for 2 raffles. Jazz at the Commons on Oct 17 and Coconut Grove March 6th.
- Approval to shift funds in the amount of \$10,000 from General to Trip to cover balance of expenses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM – minutes compiled by Cheryl Walker, Secretary

Next Meeting: Band Boosters, October 7, 2015 @ 7:30 PM