

DHS Band Booster General Meeting March 3, 2021

Due to COVID-19 and distance learning, this meeting was online via Zoom.

Attending: Annika Keeley, Carolyn Fulks, Tom Slabaugh, Clyde Quick, Julie Morris, Stephen Inouye, Jamie Anderson and 10 band families.

Meeting started 7:31pm

Welcome and introductions- Annika

- Board members, band directors and band families introduced themselves.

February minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- Julie

- Julie was unable to print a report due to computer problems.
- There were 2 checks written for sheet music this month.

Directors' Report- Mr. Slabaugh and Mr. Quick

- School should reopen in a hybrid model on April 12.
- Teachers are being surveyed weekly by the district to gather information about who has had the vaccine and how many doses.
- The conditions for opening are that we are in the Red Tier for 2 weeks and that all staff have had the opportunity to receive both doses of the vaccine and then be able to wait 2 weeks after for full effectiveness.
- Regular saliva testing for students will be encouraged.
- A survey will be going out to families from the district to ask if their children will be returning to school in the hybrid model or continue to do distance learning.
- Based on past survey numbers, the band directors expect about 40% of students to return.
- The directors are creating a plan for the DHS music programs of the best usage of rooms or outdoor spaces to meet the social distancing and air exchange requirements, and it will need to be approved by DJUSD and Yolo County Health.
- Some possible spaces to be used are the theater, ASC, and outdoor spaces.
- Another requirement to take into consideration the time frame of classes in order to do the required sanitizing of the classroom. The students can be in the room for 30 minutes, then the room needs 10 minutes of cleaning time, and then no one in the room for 10 minutes.
- The directors are making plans for outdoor concerts in the spring so they are prepared if conditions allow. The hope is that these concerts will happen, especially for the sake of the seniors.
- Tom has been working on videos using student recordings from the year. They are hard to make because it depends on recording quality. He has done a percussionist video.

Advocacy Committee Report- Jamie and Stephen

- The committee met in late February.
- They are compiling a database/archive of articles. Each article will have a summary and be organized by category. Some category examples are brain development or social development.
- Stephen is advocating for a 3rd grade recorder program for the district for the 2022-23 school year in an effort to promote music education at an earlier age. This is a program that all 3rd graders will participate in by giving 3rd grade teachers a prep period. The hope is to inspire students to continue in music by choosing to participate in music programs at the elementary and secondary levels in their future years with DJUSD.
- A written one sheet about the history of DJUSD music program will be written by Jamie, and a video will be done by Stephen.

Senior Gifts – Stephen and Annika

- After a discussion of different ideas, a motion was passed to purchase lawn signs for graduating seniors that are personalized with their name and instrument, create and purchase supplies for printed baby pictures/ senior pictures to be put on a poster boards, and to explore ideas and pay for additional gifts.
- The signs, poster boards, and additional gifts will most likely be given out to the seniors at their homes during a senior car parade like last year because the Senior Concert will not be able to be held this year again. The poster boards are reminiscent of the slide show usually done at the Senior Concert. Graduation music cords would be given at this time as well.
- Annika will send out an email asking for donations from band families to help fund the senior gifts.

Other

- Tom has had thoughts about inviting this year's seniors to the band trip at the end of next school year (2022), if a trip for the next school year happens.

Meeting adjured 8:42 pm.