

DHS Band Booster Meeting September 16, 2020

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

Attending: Annika, Carolyn, Mr. Slabaugh, Mr. Quick and several parents (highest number attending was 17 at one point). Julie attended for about 15 minutes.

Welcome and introductions - Annika

- Interim president, Annika Keeley, and Secretary, Carolyn Fulks, introduced themselves.
- All attending parents along with directors, Mr. Slabaugh and Mr. Quick, introduced themselves.

Goals of the DHS Band Boosters - Annika

- The usual role of the Band Boosters is to support the band by having fundraising activities to support the band program's expenses such as festivals, trips, and instrument repairs.
- This year with Covid- 19 and distance learning, the DHS Band Boosters' three goals are:
 - 1) to ensure the continuation of the organization by having the officer positions filled and to continue to have monthly meetings
 - 2) to support the DHS bands by funding any expenses
 - 3) to advocate for the DHS band program should it become at risk of being cut because of future budgets.
- There will not be as much fundraising this year. Currently, no fundraisers are planned. As expenses occur, direct donations may be asked, but will not be as much as previous years.

Student/Family Contact Information - Annika

- A Google form has been sent out via email. All families are asked to fill in the information and submit it so the Band Boosters can communicate with the families directly.

Treasurer report - Julie

- The DHS Band Boosters are in good financial standing. In our checking account, we have \$ 77,216.50. In our Money Market account, we have \$15,870.97.
- From the cancellation of the Victoria trip in Spring 2020, the Boosters have a \$4,000 credit with Southwest Airlines
- Reimbursement forms, if ever needed, can be found on dhsbandboosters.org

Fundraising – Jamie Anderson

- Current fundraising is in the form of Nugget Script and Amazon Smile
- Nugget Script cards have a website on the back, and you can pick Davis High School Band Boosters as your charity to support.
- To use Amazon Smile go to smile.amazon.com to sign up and select Davis Senior High Band Boosters as your charity. To shop, use smile.amazon.com.
- There is also an AmazonSmile app. Go <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=15576745011>
- Contact Jamie Anderson with any questions.

Director's Report- Mr. Slabaugh

- In distance learning classes, the students in Symphonic Band are working on pieces for a virtual concert in November. There will be 4 pieces total.
- There is too much variance with microphones to have all instruments played at once.
- Students are playing individually with recordings with peer coaching and teacher evaluation.
- A virtual concert will cost about \$1500-\$2000. The directors will be using a different, more timely engineer than used in Spring 2020
- Concert Band will be during the 2nd quarter
- There will be a combined Symphonic and Concert Band virtual concert in December.
- There is hope that starting in January the bands will be able to rehearse together outside, if the county moves to a less restrictive phase/tier.

Director's Report – Mr. Quick

- Through distance learning, Jazz Band is working on performing an album, Lee Morgan's The Sidewinder, in a virtual concert. Students are working in combos.
- Other than performing, students are working on transcribing, improvisation and learning by ear

Band Trips - Carolyn

- No band trips are planned at this time. We have no reservations or deposits made for any trip. In order for a trip to happen, the state would have to move at least two more less restrictive phases/tiers.

Open Positions - Annika

- The position of vice president or president is open. Annika is currently president. The board needs one more position filled, and the person can choose between vice president or president. No one volunteered for the open board position.

- A new position of advocacy was proposed to be added to the board. Jamie Anderson volunteered for that position. Steve and Teresa Inouye and Mirika's mom, Yoko, will assist her.
- This advocacy committee will work on editorials to the Davis Enterprise, conduct letter campaigns and other advocacy activities.
- Mr. Quick will advise the advocacy group as well. He discussed the financial benefits of keeping band programs during times of budget cuts based on the band classes serving more students than teacher FTE which in turn pays for other teachers/classes.
- Mr. Slabaugh discussed past parent campaigns to successfully save the Davis school band programs through active campaigning of bond measures.
- Other points brought up that could be used to advocate for keeping band programs was the district's reliance on attracting interdistrict transfers by advertising strong band programs and large range of electives.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm