

**Harper Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2006**

- I. **7:00 Call to order**, Welcome, Introductions
- II. **Announced need for new Secretary for our organization.** Claire LeFlore was not available tonight to present minutes of last meeting (6/13/06).
 - a. Established that Joyce Hamaguchi (President), Paul Harder & Cliva Mee (co-Vice Presidents), and Madeline Brattesani (Treasurer) would serve as authorized signers for the Harper Band Boosters checking account at U.S. Bank (301 F Street, Davis, CA 95616).
- III. A **sign-up Sheet for parent volunteers** was introduced and circulated by Madeline Brattesani. A copy of this volunteer list is attached with the current volunteers reflected on the list.
- IV. **Band Directors' Report** was given by Jeff DuPertuis
 - a. The **Causeway Youth Band Festival** is organized similar to an Honor Band and will include opportunities for Junior High, High School, and collegiate band musicians. The festival is scheduled for November 18th and, according to the festival advertisement, will offer "a full day of performances, clinics, adjudications, and rehearsals culminating in a 7:30 pm closing concert at the Mondavi Center". 8th & 9th grade students from Davis, Sacramento and possibly other Junior High Schools from the surrounding area are invited to apply. Some further information for this band festival is available at the UC Davis Dept. of Music website. Band Directors were asked to submit lists ranking their students in groups of five for musicianship and balance of instrumentation. Peter Nowlen (UCD), Robert Halseth (CSUS); and guest conductor and composer Frank Tichelli will make the final selections of participants. Mr. DuPertuis does not know how the final selections of musicians will be made. 33 Advanced Band students from Harper expressed interest in participating in this band festival, and Mr. DuPertuis will submit all 33 names for consideration by the due date of October 1. Selected musicians will be contacted by the organizers of the Causeway Youth Band Festival.
 - b. The **Davis Junior High Bands Festival** is planned for Saturday, March 24th and organized by Jeff DuPertuis and Clyde Quick. On this day, all band groups from Holmes, Emerson, & Harper Junior High will participate in adjudicated performances in the IPAB at Davis High School.
 - i. Jeff DuPertuis was recently told that they have been granted the use of the Veteran's Memorial Theater free of charge.
 - ii. The Vet's venue will be used by invited groups. Angelo Moreno (conductor of Davis orchestral groups) has expressed an interest in participating in this Festival. He proposed the participation of three Davis orchestral groups (Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra from the Junior High level and the Chamber orchestra from the High School) and would like to invite three orchestra groups from Napa.
 - iii. All *invited* groups will be asked to pay an admission fee of \$150 each to cover the judges' honorariums.

- iv. The Davis Orchestral Boosters group may be invited to serve as part of the organizing team for this music festival – their orchestra groups would then be exempt from the entry fee and be expected to join the team of Band Boosters in staging this event and would need to contribute to the costs of the festival if necessary.
 - v. Paul Harder and Cliva Mee have agreed to head up the organizational effort for Harper Bands, and to date, Charlie Alpers and Deb Finley have agreed to serve on the organizing committee as well.
 - vi. Food concessions need to be offered in the courtyard of the Vet’s Memorial complex. Mr. DuPertuis stressed the fact that the Band Boosters should offer a broader array of foods for lunch and snacks as these concessions do provide excellent fundraising opportunities.
 - vii. A planning meeting with all three Junior High Band Boosters should take place during this coming month.
- c. **The Band Program at Harper Junior High is growing and there is great demand for instruments.**
- i. The total money allocated by the District for the entire music program at Harper is \$960 for 2 orchestra classes, 2 chorus classes, and 3 band classes.
 - ii. Mr. DuPertuis is investigating the possibility of additional one-time funding from the State of California supporting Physical Education and Music. He has requested to sit on the Site Council to keep apprised of any new funding that can benefit the bands program.
 - iii. Mr. DuPertuis presented a prioritized list of band instruments that are in high demand at Harper along with a list of alternate instrument choices. The full list of instruments and their prices are attached. His recommended list in order of priority is as follows: Baritone Horn (\$1,393); Bassoon (\$2,578); Bass Clarinet (\$846); Oboe (\$901); Tenor Saxophone (\$683); and Alto Clarinet (\$4,327). These instruments will cost a total of \$10,728. Mr. DuPertuis suggested that these instruments be purchased over a 2-3 year period of fundraising. The need for instruments will be indicated in the Direct Donation Drive letter.
 - iv. Mr. DuPertuis stressed that the acquisition of these instruments will help meet the long-term development of the Harper Band Program. In future years, Harper may be able to offer three levels of concert band or choose to offer a jazz band option if enough students clearly reflect this interest during pre-registration when filling out class requests. Instruments and equipment needed to support a jazz band will be addressed when the decision to offer the class is made.
 - v. Paul Harder suggested that the focus of the next Band Boosters meeting be a budget-building meeting to establish our organization’s funding goals for this year.
 - vi. Any instruments purchased through the Band Boosters’ activities become the property of the DJUSD. Harper currently has from 15 to 20 band students using school instruments. Many of these instruments have been borrowed from other schools in the DJUSD because as a new school, Harper has very few instruments available. It was suggested that Mr. DuPertuis send out a reminder notice to parents requesting donations to cover the repair and routine maintenance costs of school instruments.
 - vii. Mr. DuPertuis stressed the overall benefits to the band groups at large when special baritone & bass instruments can be provided to the students. First, Junior High band programs are the typical venue to begin diversifying musicians. This helps the overall

sound of the Junior High bands by adding balance to the instrumentation and prepares the students for the more demanding music of High School programs.

- V. **Treasurer's Report** was given by Joyce Hamaguchi (last year's Treasurer)
- a. See attached monthly Treasurer's Report dated 09/25/06 and the 2006-07 Statement of Annual Revenues & Disbursements for Fiscal year ending on June 30, 2006.
 - b. Last year, the Harper Band program received new instruments, sheet music, and funding for the Bands Festival totaling over \$7,000. These funds were provided by the Harper Band Boosters and the Harper PTO.
 - c. Among the fundraising options, Vinita Domier recommended that the Concert Concessions activity should be cleared by Principal David Inns. The selling of sweets and baked goods may no longer be allowed due to new healthy foods policies in the DJUSD. J. Hamaguchi said she would check with Mr. Inns. Last year, the concessions raised over \$600 (about \$200 per concert at three concerts).
- VI. Cliva Mee presented information on the **Perpetual Plaque**, which will honor two students each year chosen by the Band Directors for their excellence. The plaque will be displayed in the band room. Two plaques were available: \$64.95 plus engraving costs for a 12 item plaque and \$84.95 for an 18-item plaque. By unanimous vote, the 18-item plaque was chosen.
- VII. **Elected Board of Directors for the 2006-07 school year:** Joyce Hamaguchi (President); Paul Harder & Cliva Mee (co-Vice Presidents); Madeline Brattesani (Treasurer); Charlie Alpers; Debbie Finley, Marja Koivunen; Joyce Boulanger; Vinita Domier; and Marjorie Britton.
- VIII. Next meeting date will be Tuesday, October 23, in the Harper music room. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hamaguchi, President