



Branham High School Music Boosters  
November 12, 2015

**Present:** Andrea Ciplickas, Steve Pyle, Any Ratnaparkhi, Babette McKay, Liz Pyle, Gina Boomershine, Michelle Yamashita, Thushari Edirisinghe, Romie Tucker, Rachel Hobbs, Tamara Corini, Dan Seoane, Greg Chow, Lollo Hill, Mary Katayama, Cathy Lang, Norbert Staud, Rosa Lee, Ila Langner, Bruce Porter, Bob Aron, Yvette Young

**Staff:** Diane Wyant, Aaron Reales

**Guests:** Stacy Brown, CUHSD Board Member; Dr. David Putney, Principal

**CTO:** 7:37 pm by Andrea Ciplickas

**Welcome: Andrea**

Thank you to administration for support and pizza throwing at Homecoming and throughout the season. Activities Director Kristina Ravo arranged for senior band students to be recognized similar to football and cheer during Homecoming; very appreciated and special. Ravo attended Independence competition; helped with uniforms, chaperone, operations, and snack. Ravo will teach some dance to winter guard. CUHSD has a new CBO, looking at all boosters and procedures; will have working meetings for best practices; possible audit.

**Special Topic: Marching Band for PE Credit**

Stacy Brown, CUHSD Board Member discussed current status of Marching band for PE credit. She emphasized that board drives what's best for students. 10<sup>th</sup> grade bottleneck is the problem for all students, not only band. Lots of parent emails/questions seeking options. Want schedule relief for all students. Research presented showed marching does include most learning objectives of PE. 2 options: P.E. deferral to upperclass; marching band P.E. Curriculum review process; final approval due in December.

Andrea Ciplickas sent an email to RA families with school board options. Andrea reviewed how our programs are different from other CUHSD schools. Mrs. Wyant said marching and symphonic bands may look different for Branham in 2016/17 SY; will not miss a beat. Too early to discuss specifics. She will work diligently on transition.

**Treasurer's Report & Fundraisers: Steve and Amy**

- Budget: October was very good month; pledge collections at 65% vs 67% same time last year. Statements emailed out today; contact Steve Pyle with problems or questions. One low area is Amazon line item.

- Amazon totals (Kim): Steve reviewed process. October \$105.16, FY \$540 (\$790 last FY). Amazon Smile can be set as Branham Boosters. More info to come.
- Underground Garage Sale (Aron's Home): \$1050 to band. Open to other underground fundraiser ideas coordinated by other families.
- Winter Percussion/Guard: Goodwill donation fundraiser being planned.
- See's Candy and Butter braid (Liz and Yvette): See's forms handed out November 11. Butter Braids 23 students participated; \$1000+ total.
- Scrip (Joy/Babette): Explained to group. Reminder that Thanks for Scripting day with extra rebate bonuses will be Thanksgiving day (scrip now purchases). Sign-up now and register for Presto Pay account to take advantage of bonuses. Last year, one family added over \$40 to their pledge just on this day buying scrip for regular purchases or holiday gifts.

### **Spirit Wear (Kim)**

Bob shirts are in; distributed this week. Spirit wear in November 19 (an A day) after school.

### **Parent Appreciation Dinner/Student Awards (Dec. 5 at 6 pm)**

Annual end-of-marching-season potluck, parent volunteer appreciation, and student awards. FOR FAMILIES/PARENTS and students. VolunteerSpot coming out in next few days to sign-up to help or bring a potluck dish. Portraits available for purchase at event.

### **Casino Night (March 19) and Jazz Café (May 27)**

Large fundraisers provide general funds and enable boosters to lower requested pledge amount. Together they raise over \$7000 for the program. We partner with Sports to gather donations for all 3 events (including Crab Feed). Andrea will coordinate donations this year; asking folks to help with contacting 3-5 businesses each before January. If you can help, please let her know; this needs to be done before end of 2015. Norbert Staud will coordinate logistics of Jazz Café; Dan Seoane will work with school on ambient lighting. Seeking help with marketing, ticket sales, general. Need volunteer who's fresh following DMF/Casino Night/etc. Without coordinator volunteers will need to reconsider large events for future.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Logistics for Friday's exhibition at Leigh: reviewed. Pizza for middle schools.
- Last competition Saturday at Logan: Seniors will be served special dinner (it's a secret) at the prop tables. Volunteers/donations still needed for the day.
- Winter Concerts (dress code, rehearsal dates, concert dates): Dress code is concert black for girls; black pants/jacket with white shirt and dark tie for boys. Explained in course syllabus. Wednesday night, 11/18, 6-815 rehearsal (replaces former marching rehearsal on schedule). Jazz can be colorful. Dress rehearsal is December 7 (no concert dress needed at rehearsal). Two nights are same concert each night, December 8/9. Online tickets at Seat Yourself up soon.

Square reader available at door for credit card purchase. Lollo Hill will manage concessions on Tuesday; Need a coordinator for Wednesday.

- Jazz Band not going to Columbia in spring; looking for another local jazz performance opportunity. Jazz Band may be available for corporate party for reasonable donation fee.

**Director's Report: Diane Wyant**

Jamba Jamboree music being ordered. District Music Festival being planned; will be one of last 2 weeks in March. Joint pops concert will be Thursday, March 3. Ice cream social; proceeds to be split with choir. Next year's marching theme already being planned; will be interactive with audience; want to have audience buy-in (box 6 score—please the audience). Experiments in sound tentative, still to be confirmed.

Move next meeting to: Move to December 17 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjourned:** 8:55 pm to next meeting on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Babette McKay, Secretary  
BHS Music Boosters*