



Branham High School Royal Alliance Booster Meeting

March 12, 2015

Held at: BHS Band Room

Called to order: 7:41 PM

In Attendance: Bob Aron, President; Andrea Ciplickas, Co-Treasurer; Kim Nakata-Guirola, Secretary; Diane Wyant, Director of Bands; Aaron Reales, Asst. Director of Bands; Lollo Hill, WP Parent Coordinator; Amy Ratnaparkhi; Rachel Hobbs; Rosa Lee, Uniform Crew Coordinator; Liz Pyle; Rik Sagar; Babette McKay; Jim Collar; Steve Trigonis; Greg Chow; Brian Thompson, Principal.

Director's Report, Diane Wyant:

- District Music Festival (DMF) – The itinerary and permission slips went out last night on schoolloop. The permission slip is due Monday, the 16th. Please make certain your student gets this turned in by the deadline.
- Guest conductor – Tony Clements whom is the principal tubist with the Symphony Silicon Valley and the Director of Bands at Ohlone College, will be here during 2nd Symphonic Band on Thurs, 3/19.
- Revised jazz schedule will go out soon.
- A group, City of Four, from Massachusetts are playing in the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival and have agreed to come visit us at BHS to do a clinic during 7th period on Thurs, 3/19.
- Spring Concert, assignment went out. If student is doing both nights, they may do their assignment on one of our pieces or go to an outside performance. i.e: we will add Prospect (5/14), Westmont (5/1), Leigh (4/23), and DelMar (5/18) spring concerts to our website so if any students want to do their assignment by attending any of these, they may.
- Video assignments went really well.
- With school work missed to attend District Music Festival, Jim Collar asks of Mr. Thompson to convey to teachers to work with the students when they are attempting to make up assignments. Mr. Thompson said that they should be for all school sponsored activities and that he would work with Mrs. West to put on the calendar (staff calendar?).
- Senior Scholarship prompt is almost done. Will be done in next two weeks once DMF is over.
- New instruments that were bought with bond money have started coming in. The district stayed with Mrs. Wyant's brand suggestions. The purchases are great quality instruments that should last many years.

Treasurer's Report, Bob Aron for Steven Pyle:

- 64% of the pledges are in.
- Statements went out today. If you did not receive yours, please email Steve at steve@cpasllp.com
- Tax return will be signed by President, Bob Aron, and mailed.
- 2016 Fiscal Year Budget meeting dates will be set in the next few weeks and will take place in April & May. These are open and encouraged for all boosters to attend. Dates and place will be published as soon as they are set.

Fundraising:

- Amazon Associate's participation has grossed FYTD \$1,630.00
- Underground FUNraisers -
 - First Zumba class \$230, and
 - Jazz & Hor-d'oeuvres by Bob Aron \$880.Any questions, please contact Lollo at lollo.hill@gmail.com
- Armadillo Willy's raised \$134.
- Casino Night – Status is 170 tickets sold. The goal is 200.
Update (3/24) RA goal was to sell 100 and we sold over 90. In overall total, 217 were sold.
- SJ Team Tix Selling:
Saturday, April 25th from 6:15 - up to midnight
Signupgenius.com link: www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA4AD2FA31-team1
Any questions, please, contact Kim at kjng710@gmail.com
- Sports Basement -
Friday, April 17th
Call time is 5:30 PM at BHS.
Jazz Band will perform on Friday, April 17th.
Performance will be 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
Any questions, please contact Lollo at lollo.hill@gmail.com
- Rock Bottom – still waiting to hear confirmation on Mondays in April and May.
- Saber Cats games are being sold by BHS as a whole, but credit will go to dept. that buys tickets.
- Relay for Life -
April 24th - 25th from 6:00 PM – 6:00 PM at Ida Price Middle School. Our very own Robbie Chow is the coordinator. Target is donating \$1000.

Winter Percussion:

Next competition is this Saturday, the 14th, at Mountain House HS, in Tracy, at 3:14 PM. (Pretty cool – they're doing this on pi day, 3-14 at 3:14!) One more competition to go after Mountain House and that will be championships at Independence HS on **Sunday, March 29th** at 1:42 PM.

Winter Guard:

Next competition is this Saturday at Oak Grove HS at 5:51 PM. WG also has one more competition to go after Oak Grove and that will be championships at Independence HS on **Saturday, March 28th** at 11:40 AM.

Please note that the performances for each ensemble are on different days this year

Portraits:

Bob is now working on these. Also, once started, now realize that these are slow going this year because there are 3 photos for each kid. Regular uniform, Hawaiian shirt, and goofy shot. So please, have a little more patience...Thank you.

Booster meetings:

- There are only two more to go for this year! BUT in addition to the regular booster meetings, there will be additional meetings set up to plan next year's budget as mentioned in the Treasurer's report. These dates will be published soon. It is encouraged that all boosters (all parents/guardians) come. The goal is to have the budget ready for approval at the May booster meeting.
- Special note that the April booster meeting will be on Thursday, April 16th, 2015. Spring break is during the normal second Thur.
- Board nominations will be done at April's meeting with the board elections held at the May meeting (5-14-15).

Future year's tax filings:

The graduating class of 2016, will also mean our Co-Treasurer, Steve Pyle, will be graduating. It is strongly suggested that we use Steve as the organization's hired CPA for subsequent year's tax filings and out-of-the-ordinary IRS issues that do come up once in a while.

District Music Festival coordination:

Volunteers needed are only 31% filled at this point. The need occurs mostly for parent chaperones in the middle of the day.

Adjourned 8:27 PM