



## Branham High School Royal Alliance Booster Meeting

January 8, 2015

Held at BHS Band Room

Call to order – 7:45 PM

In Attendance: Bob Aron, President; Steven Pyle, Co-Treasurer; Kim Nakata-Guirola, Secretary; Diane Wyant, Music Director; Rondi Masters, WG Parent Coordinator; Theo & Lollo Hill, WP Parent Coordinators; Patrick & Cherie Pakele; Tom Kiefer; Eva Bryne; Amy Ratnaparkhi; Norbert Staud; Rachel Hobbs; Steve Trigonis; Jim Collar; Romie Tucker; Greg Chow; Yvette Young, Food Crew Coordinator; Thushari Edirishnghe; Brian Thompson, Principal.

Director's Report, Diane Wyant:

- Marching Band for PE Credit:

All band directors met at the district office with Mary Streshly on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup>. Each director was asked what their program is like. Directors from other schools were surprised that Branham uses the football field during the school day. There was a sense that the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CACE) did not feel that these initiatives should be parent driven and Mr. Thompson reiterated that the normal process for changes to curriculum of this type are usually teacher and staff driven. However, the process will continue on, as it is already being considered at the district level. Jim Collar also suggested to Mr. Thompson that adding a 7th period P.E. could help scheduling classes for some students. There was also some discussion regarding the equity of student athletes receiving P.E. credit for after school sports.

On a related note, starting next school year, the District will no longer allow students to use the BYU online course (Phys. Ed for Recreation) to satisfy sophomore P.E. credit, due to union objection and district policy. Mr. Thompson explained that online courses should be used for making up classes that have already been attempted on campus, and not as a replacement for course curriculum. Students most affected by this decision are those that have already taken one semester of BYU P.E. and will not have the opportunity to finish the sophomore P.E. requirement through the BYU program.

- Experiments in Sound:

Next Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Clinics are only during 2<sup>nd</sup> period, Symphonic Band. Concert Band students are welcome to join during 2<sup>nd</sup> period with permission from their 2<sup>nd</sup> period teacher. The time of performance changed to 7:30 PM to accommodate district board meeting - marching band for PE item.

- Jamba Jamboree:

Jamba Jamboree is coming up in two weeks on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:45 PM and Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

- Jamba Jamboree (cont'd.):  
Performance is 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the cafeteria. Mrs. Wyant will resend the SchoolLoop message which originally had the wrong dates. Kim Nakata-Guirola is coordinating the event.
- District Music Festival:  
No word from district as yet. We will not be doing CMEA as suggested last month. Not doing because musical was moved to same date.
- Spring Concert:  
Diane will check on PAC availability. We are looking at the performance dates of May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Music stands need repair.  
Anybody with a wrench to tighten nuts and some screwdrivers can do this. Please contact Mrs. Wyant to work out time.

#### Treasurer's Report, Steven Pyle:

- Statements did not include Dec scrip
- 62% of pledges collected to date, compared to 61% this time last year.
- Need to get Concert Band roster.
- WP not billed as yet. Need to get the team list for this as well.
- Still have not cleared up what the WePay deposits are from.
- Tax return is 95% done. It will be done the end of January and filed.

#### Jamba Jamboree:

Bob sent Larry a note about use of the cafeteria on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We did submit a request a couple of months ago, but it is not on the calendar.

#### Middle School Night:

- Tues, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
- We need a couple of parent volunteers to cover Q&A of 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents at our display table. Babette McKay, Bob Aron, Andrea Ciplickas, Norbert Staud, and Greg Chow offered to be there.

#### Experiments in Sound:

- We are the only school in state that does this. Improvisation is on the higher end of achievement level.
- Suggestion - It will be good to have guest artist Thollem/Diane explain what the process is that the students do leading up to the concert so the audience has a better understanding of the importance of what the students are doing.
- Tickets are being sold online and will be sold at box office.

#### Fundraising:

- Team SJ Ticket, Kim Nakata-Guirola:  
Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
There are only 5 spots left. Go to our website and click on the fundraising tab to find the sign-up.

#### Fundraising (cont'd):

- Sports Basement, Lollo Hill:  
No date as of yet. Suggestion made to find out when they do change to spring equipment and try to get date then.  
Diane will talk to Joey Sanchez. Josh Harvey, alumni for bass player.
- Rock Bottom, Bob Aron:  
Will make contact w/ manager.
- Casino Night, Bob Aron:  
Tickets are for sale and I will get item added onto band store.
- Casino Night, cont'd.  
Kristen Henderson is acquiring donations. Julia Wilbanks is putting silent auction packages together.
- Underground Fundraising, Lollo Hill:  
The first event scheduled is Zumba Class on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the choir room. Suggested donation is \$15.  
Jazz 'n Hors d'oeuvres Café, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM at Bob & Yvette's house. Music 8 -11. Two hours of live jazz by Tom Wieske (drums), Gus Kambeitz (bass), Noel Catura (sax), and Bob Aron. Suggested donation is \$30.  
A special calendar page is set-up and will go public soon.
- Amazon:  
YTD earnings \$1,403.00!  
We are trying a special "commission". A second Amazon button is on our website advertising a 30 day trial membership for Amazon Prime. Anyone who clicks on that button and signs-up for the 30 day trial, will earn RA \$3.00 whether they sign-up at the end of the 30 days or not.
- Electronic Recycle fundraiser, Romie Tucker:  
Checked on conflicts and there are none. I am waiting to hear from Green Mouse to get available dates.
- Mixed Bags:  
Bob will contact Emily Vinik and ask if she wants to coordinate again. It would be nice to do in spring.

#### Winter Guard:

Evaluations at James Logan this Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.

#### Winter Percussion:

Meeting on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, with Parent Coordinators & Andrea to organize season.

#### Band Portraits, Bob Aron:

Not complete as yet.

Senior Picnic:

We need to get a date chosen. Did in the middle of May last year.

Todd Ryan: NAMM

The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) convention is being held in a few weeks in Anaheim and Todd is doing a one hour presentation for Pi-ware software. He will be using our field show in his demonstration. This will be Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Bob Aron will be attending the convention and go to his presentation.

Adjourned: 9:04 PM

Minutes done by  
Kim Nakata-Guirola  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
BHS Music Boosters  
1/13/15. KN.