



Branham High School Royal Alliance Booster Meeting  
December 18, 2014  
Held at BHS Band Room

Call to order - 7:39 PM

In Attendance: Bob Aron, President; Steven Pyle, Co-Treasurer; Andrea Ciplickas, Co-Treasurer; Kim Nakata-Guirola, Secretary; Dan Wilbanks, Vice-President; Theo & Lollo Hill, WP Parent Coordinators; Darlene Hilton-Nickel; Romie Tucker; Greg Chow; Liz Pyle; Amy Ratnaparkhi; Norbert Staud; Diane Wyant, Music Director; Rik Sagar; Rachel Hobbs

Director's Report, Diane Wyant:

- Winter Concert:  
The students did a great job. Then consider we had such a short rehearsal lead-time is even more fantastic. The dvd's were received today and is a recording of the 2<sup>nd</sup> night only.  
Ideas for next year -
  1. Sell chocolate roses for parents to buy and then give to students. Prospect HS did this and 'made a killing in sales'.
  2. Package deal on tix, 2 nights for reduced \$ because a lot of families do go both nights.
  3. Communicate to Anne Murphy to do general seating so families may sit according to where their student is seated on stage.
- County Honor Band auditions were held:  
It is Tzelzin's first year auditioning and was placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> chair out of 4 in oboe. She will also play all the solo English Horn works. It is Lauren's first year also, and was placed in 6<sup>th</sup> chair out of 12 flutes, which is fantastic because this is a very large, competitive instrument group. This is Lindsey's third year and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> chair out of 12 trumpets.
- Experiments in Sound is coming up the second week we get back from break: Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 7:30 PM in the PAC.  
This is an extra-ordinary learning and fun experience for the students and an entertaining one for the audience. It is improvisation with guest musical artist, Thollem McDonas. Music is made right there on stage.  
We need to change start time to 7:30 PM because of the district meeting for marching band for PE credit.  
Tickets will be \$10.00  
We need to talk to Anne Murphy ahead of time to make sure seating is general. No classes will be missed. Clinics will be during 2<sup>nd</sup> periods. Concert band students may join in 2<sup>nd</sup> period.

- District Music Festival:  
Have not heard anything from the district as of yet. Maybe the district will put it on hiatus?  
If this is the scenario, I'm considering going to CMEA on a Wednesday and then also on a Saturday. Then we will do movie music for the Spring Concert. It is also noted that if District Music Festival does happen, Tom Wieske did say at the Winter programs meeting, Winter Percussion will probably not do Indy Championships held on that Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring Concert:  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, is dress rehearsal. Performances will be Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Two nights worked out great for Winter Concert, so this will be done again.

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

- 61% of pledges have been collected to date. This takes into account Scrip, Yankee Candle, and See's Candy.
- Still need contact info for David Baltas and Raul Davila.
- Our tax return is on extension. Draft out to board by end of next month.
- Statements went out today. They include Winter Guard amounts. They do not include Winter Percussion amounts as the team is not chosen as yet.
- We received 3 direct deposits from WePay in November that we cannot trace how they came to us. If anybody knows anything about these, please contact me at booster\_co-treasurer1@bhsroyalalliance.com.

#### Marching Band for PE Credit, Andrea Ciplickas:

At the district board meeting held Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a good turn-out by Branham HS and Leigh HS. Both Westmont and Prospect had concerts that night. All board members are in favor of this. There was resistance by the head of curriculum by stating that "...brochures are already made up so cannot add anything." But the board members were unanimous in push-back that there is nothing to add as Marching Band (Symphonic Band in Fall) already *is* a class. It now has to be understood that it counts as PE credit. Board gave her action items to come back with to next district meeting.

*It is important that students still make their own petition & comment entries in addition to the emails they have already submitted.*

As anything can still happen at this point, an option for this year's freshmen is rather than signing up for PE at BHS, is to do it thru BYU online.

Next district meeting is Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

#### Jamba Jamboree:

- This will be held Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM and Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Dinner will be provided to the students on Friday.
- We do need volunteers to help with food donations, set-up, registration table, chaperoning, food line, parents meet 'n greet, and final clean-up. Sign-up for these will be announced and distributed upon return from break.

Jamba Jamboree, cont'd:

- Registration flyers and holiday cards with pictures from this year's field show were dropped off this AM to Dartmouth. Tia Baker will address class and pass these out tomorrow at Price.
- T-shirts will be given out and need to get that order to Dan W. by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

Database:

This will be preferable to keep all student data on as opposed to a manual spreadsheet as we currently do. Romie Tucker will look into some that will meet our needs.

Middle School Night:

This is Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. We have a table set-up with band flyers, trophy's, and a monitor with a slideshow. A couple parent volunteers are needed to man the table for Q&A.

Fundraising:

- Team SJ Ticket, Kim Nakata-Guirola:  
The next one is February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from 6:15 PM – up to midnight. Sign up is on website under the fundraising tab.
- Sports Basement, Lollo Hill:  
Sports Basement had to cancel the December date. Lollo Hill is trying to get February or March date on a Saturday or Sunday. We do need bass player. If we cannot find someone, will ask Joey Sanchez from Prospect again. He participated in the Winter Concert and was fantastic.
- Rock Bottom, Bob Aron:  
Discussed with Rock Bottom to do the last Monday of April and the first 3 Mondays of May. Bob will need to coordinate Monday dates with AP dates. We are looking to something different each week. Maybe guitar on 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.  
Idea came up to invite Prospect to either join us one of the Mondays or do their own Monday. Liz Pyle to contact Charles.
- Casino Night, Bob Aron:  
The event will be held on a Saturday at the Elk's Lodge on Alma St. Bob has signed up PST (Pacific Standard Time) to come out of retirement for this event. Julia Wilbanks will be assisting on auction baskets and decorations and Kristen Henderson has volunteered to solicit auction donations from local businesses.  
Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
Where: Elks Lodge, 444 W. Alma Ave, SJ, 95110  
Price: \$50  
Menu: Rib-eye  
Hoping to get caterer to do Hors d'oeuvres as marketing opportunity.

- Underground Fundraising: Lollo Hill:  
We have our first event! It will be a Zumba class given by Lollo Hill. Date is still TBD, but will take place in January, so keep on the look out. Dan Wilbanks will develop a website page that will display the calendar of events as parents coordinate them.
- Amazon:  
YTD \$1,100.00!
- Electronic Recycle fundraiser, Romie Tucker:  
Romie will contact Larry Lopez for a date to do this. We discussed and are hoping for the end of February.  
This is an event in which we will advertise thru out the community for people to bring their electronics to be recycled on a particular day to BHS. We will receive a % of the amount from recycling company.

Winter Guard:

Sunday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 – 9:00, in the large gym is their exhibition show. They have completed the choreography, which is unheard of for WG teams! Please come out and support them this Sunday.

Winter Percussion:

This week-end, Saturday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Dec 21<sup>st</sup> are tryouts.

Band Portraits, Bob Aron:

Suggestion was made to have what sizes/poses people will want on survey along with Spiritwear before printing them.

Adjourned: 9:02 PM