



Branham High School Royal Alliance Booster Meeting  
February 12, 2015  
Held at BHS Teacher's Lounge

Call to order – 7:46 PM

In Attendance: Bob Aron, President; Kim Nakata-Guirola, Secretary; Andrea Ciplickas, Co-Treasurer; Dan Wilbanks, Vice President; Diane Wyant, Music Director; Yvette Young, Food Crew Coordinator; Rachel Hobbs; Romie Tucker; Thushari Edirishnghe; Theo & Lollo Hill, WP Parent Coordinators; Rik Sagar; Brian Thompson, Principal; Steve Trigonis; Greg Chow; Norbert Staud; Babette McKay; Jim Collar; Liz Pyle;

Director's Report, Diane Wyant:

District Music Festival:

It is on and will be held Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Orchestra and choir will rehearse on site. SJSU has not given us our move-in date yet. It will either be 4 PM on Tuesday, the day before or 4 AM the day of. Rehearsal sites need to be found because SJSU now charges for each room used. Alternative would be to have only Jazz and Symphonic kids rehearsing downtown. The Itinerary will be released two weeks prior. The Symphonic band is already sounding great.

Spring Concert:

In the PAC

Dress rehearsal will be on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Concert & Jazz performance.

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is the Symphonic Band performance.

A video assignment went out to the students on schoolloop. It will be due when we come back from break. This is required especially if they trying for a principal chair at District Music Festival. Smartmusic – we do not use and will not adopt it. Video assessment is better. Video should upload to schoolloop and gmail ok.

Marching Band PE Update, Brian Thompson:

This will not happen for the 2015-2016 school year. The District Board asked to put it in for 2016-2017. Each school's band program is run different, so the directors will have a lot more work next school year in that they will have to plan the program. There will be structure set-up as far as credits for what class, the number of semesters, will also be worked out next year. Mary Streshly is looking into CTE (?) ruling as to requirement of having Band Director only or does there also need to be a PE teacher instructing the class.

We are allowing deferment for next year's sophomores. But note: student must pass the PE test in 9<sup>th</sup> grade in order to be in sports PE, to defer, etc. in their sophomore year. The deferment must be done on Aries.

The curriculum work for the 16-17 school year starts this April, of 2015. Then finalizations are done in October/November. So, it will start with the Band Department, Curriculum Dept, Group Dept, the Cabinet, then goes to the Board of Trustees for approval.

“Course 2 PE requirements are already exceeding with what we do in Marching Band,” Andrea Ciplickas.

There is no set standard model. Which has it's pros and cons. There will be a lot of work on the part of band directors to decide the structure of the program to meet the demographics of each school.

“Any questions, please, email me,” Brian Thompson.

Treasurer's report, Bob Aron (for Steve Pyle):

63% of pledges collected to date, compared to 68% this time last year.

Statements went out today. If you did not receive, email Steve.

Tax return is done and awaiting board's approval.

WG, WP, Concert students have pledges added to their pledge notices.

Need Jazz band roster.

Fundraising:

- Amazon FYTD \$1,534.00
- Underground FUNraisers:  
The first event, the Zumba class on Jan 17, brought in \$232.00!  
Jazz: Mar 7<sup>th</sup> is sold-out  
Yoga: will be re-scheduled
- Casino Night:  
**BAND NEEDS TO SELL TICKETS!!!** There was a tweak on our website store with the casino night ticket item. It is now fixed.  
Features:  
\$50.00  
Rib-eye steak  
PST entertainment  
We are doing a ticket sales contest for students: The top 4 ticket selling students will win lunch at La Victoria's.
- Sports Basement:  
The students prefer to do this after WP is done. The most ideal would be the week-end after spring break, which is April 17, 18, & 19. Diane needs to confirm minimum conflicts with students.  
You have to mention that your purchase gives 5% to BHS, even if it's a sale already with big discount. It seems that not all sales clerks are aware of this. We had to very nicely ask for a manager to confirm this.
- E-waste recycling:

Have to find off-site venue, cannot be done on BHS. Alternative is to take to their site on Meridian/Race St. If you have any ideas for venues, please email Romie at romietucker@yahoo.com. We have to schedule at least 30 days ahead.

- Rock Bottom:  
Bob is waiting to hear from manager for end of April, beginning of May Monday's.
- Suggestion: Marching Band Competition in SF during Fleet Week.  
It is usually the same week-end as Cupt. TOB, but on that Sunday. HOWEVER the prize money ranges from \$6,000-\$10,000! It is a stand-still competition. It is at least worth looking into.
- Armadillo Willy's:  
Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, arranged by Mike Fang. Thanks, Mike! Mark your calendars.
- Mixed Bags:  
Emily Vinik is coordinator. It will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Garage Sale, one-day event:  
This needs to be set-up. It is ideal to do in the spring, but need to find a location to do with great traffic.

Winter Guard:

Indy Competition (Independence HS) this Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:35 PM. Entry fee is \$10.

March 14<sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove High School

March 28<sup>th</sup> are Indy Championships

Marc is planning to do auditions for next year in April.

Winter Percussion:

Indy Competition (Independence HS) this Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Entry fee is \$10.

Next competition is in Granite Bay on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jamba Jamboree:

Total participants: 117

Dartmouth: 105, Price: 12

6<sup>th</sup> grade = 0    7<sup>th</sup> grade = 50    8<sup>th</sup> grade = 67

Mrs. Wyant talked to Mr. Lopez about Main Gym use from now on. Looks like gym use cannot be guaranteed. Alternative is to do one night 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grades and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on a second night.

Senior Picnic:

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Need a coordinator

Jazz Café:

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Need a coordinator

Senior scholarship:

Need a coordinator (freshman parent). Need to get prompt early to get to students. Will be distributed to seniors on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Adjourned: 9:11 PM

Minutes done by  
Kim Nakata-Guirola  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
BHS Music Boosters  
03/05/15. KN.