

01/25/10 All Bands Parent Meeting

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Helen Weary called for approval of minutes from December 14, 2009 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting. Motion was made, first, Pat Mahler, seconded by Leah Moore; vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- 3) Report from Band Directors - Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

Winter Band Concert

- The Concert went well, but there was issue of conduct of kids not on stage. There was some distraction due to talking. May need to section area in auditorium for seating kids, and have a parent chaperone on each side.
- Ticket Orders need to be streamlined, copies of order forms available in Band room. Maybe make payment available through Pay Pal.
- Friday night was good except for parking due to basketball games.

Jazz Bands

- Concert was a success and both bands did well. Guest Artist, Bob Mintzer was impressed. When senior Andrew Ohanian went to USC to audition, while in a room with other students, Mr. Mintzer walked by and said hello to Andrew, who had obviously made an impression.

SCSBOA Honor Band/Orchestra (Jan. 22-24, 2010)

- Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow were at the conference the day before the concert and the day of the concert. There were some senior students who were not able to participate due to college tryouts.

CBDA Honor Band (Feb. 19-21, 2010)

- Mr. Corrigan again mentioned that out of 40 CD's submitted, 17 were accepted by CBDA, the most from any one school in the state.
- Mr. Corrigan will leave for conference in Fresno on Friday.

Indoor Drumline Program

- 26 kids have enrolled
- Fee is \$200

SCSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival at Samohi, Thursday and Friday March 4-5, 2010)

1. Will require student volunteer sign-up
2. Parent volunteers needed to sell medals, sell food, chaperone students in Band Room, man the gates, run errands, feed Judges, etc.

3. Parent or adult (college) student volunteer to pass out and pick up MP3 recorders from judges and transfer to CD. Mr. Sakow will train volunteers, but they need to be reliable and techno savvy.
4. There are only 12 rehearsal days to Festival – noted on Board for the kids to track.

Stairway Performance, Thursday and Friday (March 25–26, 2010)

- Orchestra will perform Thursday and Band on Friday
- Jazz and Choir will perform both dates

Mr. Corrigan mentioned that there is a Jazz Band Festival scheduled for March 6, 2010. Both Jazz Bands would perform.

Orchestra performance at Disney Hall, March 13, 2010 (SAT Exam that morning)

- 4) Concert Band Business – Lace Bencivengo (not present)
 - Lynn Leavitt said 50/50 raffle made about \$219
 - Need to plan Spring Reception for incoming 8th grade families, including meeting the band directors.
 - Smaller Band group(s) should consider participating in Battle of the Bands event
- 5) Fundraising

Mr. Corrigan discussed possible one day invitational Band Festival with Guest Judge, possible dates April 17th or April 24th, 2010. There would be an admission fee and our band would play as host. One day event would only require volunteers from about 9:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. There was interest and discussion on scheduling and coordinating the event.

Mr. Corrigan also discussed possible guest conductor for Pops Concert that can bring in more attention and attendance to the concert like the Jazz Band concert had attracted. One name mentioned was possibly Lee Thornburg.

We are still planning for concert in October or November of 2010 to help raise funds earlier in the schoolyear.

Landmark Theatre tickets: Leah Moore has tickets for sale; remember that 100% goes to Band program.

Marching Band merchandise sales: (pajama pants, sweatshirts, beanies, coolers) email Pat Mahler

- 6) Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

Chuck presented updated budget: Income and Expenses. We are still in deficit but with possible Festival and with definite increase in Band Fees, we should be able to balance the budget.

- Tax receipt letters for donations are ready and will be available at both this Band Parent Meeting and at the Marching Band Social. After that, all letters will be mailed out. If there is a discrepancy, or someone needs a duplicate, or didn't get a donation receipt letter, please contact Mimi Winship at winsm@juno.com. This is for 2009 taxes; any contributions made after Jan. 1st will be indicated for 2010.

7) Equity Fund – Richard Bencivengo

Richard gave overview of Equity Fund. Superintendent Cuneo inherited the current system, but may be able to make it easier to deal with. Any/all input by the group is needed and encouraged. The School Board has committed to readdress the system. With the current budget crisis the Equity Fund is definitely needed. The Band Parents have willingly brought their Equity Fund contributions up to date and support the Equity Fund's goals of "bridging the achievement gap." We look forward to working with the administration and the board in formulating new streamlined policies and procedures for the Equity Fund in the future.

8) Marching Band Business – Leah Moore

Marching Band Closing Social – January 29, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

- Need volunteers to come at 4:00 pm for set up.
- Uniforms: Keiko Kuyama indicated that there were still 10 uniforms still not turned in.

Minutes submitted by Martha Herrera, Band Secretary