

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

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Attendees: Carlos and Adriana Aquino, Linda McElligott, John Burwell, Cheryl Melidosian, April Perryman, Michelle Leslie, Theresa Aparo, Jennifer Gutman Bertisch, Allison Amram, Jennifer Vigliano, Niki Tsagaratos, Melinda Abbitt, Matt Lapointe, Ken Berke, Eve Julian, Jeanine Munoz, Jane Ashton.

Welcome and Introduction (Carlos): The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. The approved minutes from the November meeting are on the band website.

Financial Update (Cheryl):

- We are starting our winter season with \$7,000 in the bank.
- Statements went out today to anyone who owes money from marching band.
- Tag days will still go towards the money due for students.

Band News (Mr. Fulton):

- Swing and Sweets has been moved to March 11. Last year we made about \$2,500 dollars. We could make more if we fill it up. It's a great night of music. Soon we will have tickets printed and get letters out. We are asking all band students to have a goal to sell 10 tickets each (\$10 per ticket). It is a two hour concert and sweets, and was a lot of fun last year.
- Spring Concert will be high school band and orchestra together. Mr. Smith will hopefully be here again. It's incredible music of American composers.
- It costs a lot of money to run this program. We are missing a lot of people. Maybe we can find a different way to collect money. Maybe something saying "donations will be accepted."
- April Perryman stated that Middle school families should help collect the money since they will get some of it.
- Band Banquet date to be determined. All bands together for end of year celebration. We need a venue for 200+ people. Middle school is not included in this.
- In process of interviewing staff members for next year's marching band. We will use the gym wheels again. Marty McCart was the arranger from last year, hoping he will work with us again. Ralph did great job on the tapes, judges loved the drill. Ralph will be writing the drill again but we will not be bringing him over like last time, need someone else.
- 43 students will be attending a leadership conference tomorrow in Tampa (Fran Kick). Mr. Wood initiated this. It will help the band program, and will help students become who they want to be, even if never intending to be a band officer.
- Indoor percussion is well on its way, fired up, producing cool sounds. This time doing concert instead, which is educationally a better way. Musically they are learning skills they can apply to marching band. They are all learning how to play more instruments. Their first competition is January 30th in the Orlando area. Mr. Bowlus had the second ranked open class concert group in the nation last year in Colorado. He took them to W.G.I. (Winter Guard International) and blew them away. We will go to WGI in Orlando in March.
- We decided not to do Winter Guard. Would have needed to pull Wind players for it and take them away from what they are supposed to be working on, which wouldn't help them for

marching band. We didn't have the 20 we needed to make it work (only had 13-14). We will have some new faces in the Fall. About ten kids will be moving up from middle school guard. We have a small guard of four students (Mikey, Drew, Natalia, and Maria) who will be doing a Solo and Ensemble Competition. Mrs. Benoit is working with them. She will be on the guard staff next year.

- We have chosen our music for MPA. Lincolnshire Posy by Percy Aldridge Granger, a great composer.
- Friday, January 22nd, will be a Wind Ensemble Camp, from 3:00-9:00 pm. We will have guest conductor Matt McCutcheon from USF, and a clinician for each section. It will be a great jumpstart for MPAs. We are taking three bands to MPA this year. No one else in the County is doing this (three bands). Most schools only take one band. We are going to Palm Harbor for two days (one day for middle school and one for high school), March 16 and 17.
- We are hosting Jazz MPA here in the auditorium, Feb. 19th (approx. 4-9 pm). We can have concessions. We hosted it two years ago, and made \$200-\$300. There will be about 10-12 bands from North Pinellas. Some bands won't eat here. Three bands of ours will play, including both jazz ensembles. We will be premiering our new jazz band (which plays some of the Snarky Puppy Music), named Attention Deficit Disorchestra.
- It will cost too much money to travel out of state. A trip to Orlando costs \$400-500 per student. We will plan for next year a good trip out of state. Financially we can't do it this year. We like to take a bigger trip at least every three years (a 3-4 day trip). In-state trips to Orlando can go in between. When we get more support from the community, we can do more trips.

Fundraisers (Michele):

- BJ's spirit night - you need to have the flier so the restaurant can scan the barcode. 15% for us. Its on Facebook and can be printed from there. Copies are also in the band room.
- Sam's Club tag days - We have a very nice area in the shade. There is some space available in the following Saturday at Sam's. Some kids involved at practice at school where they may be a little late to practice if they are doing the third shift at Sam's on 1/23.
- Walgreens at Sandy Point is a new site for tag day (February 6th).
- Color run, won't work out. If anyone has ideas for fundraising, let us know. Michele has been looking into a fishing day.
- Threshers may be in the Spring (a tag day outside the baseball game).
- Mr. Burke said the company he works for is across street from Raymond James stadium and could arrange a tag day before a Bucs game near the parking lot.

Upcoming Volunteers Needed (April):

- We need people for soccer game concessions - see sign-up genius.
- We can use help with pictures. We only have mostly marching band. We need pictures of other bands for the end of year banquet slide show.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.