

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTER MINUTES

September 2020

I. Call to Order (Adela Meitz): 7:06pm

Virtual meeting called to order by Adela Meitz. Executive Board Members in attendance: Adela Meitz, Cinda Lester, Galinda Tuney, Christina Coyle, and Band Director Greg Hensel. General Board Members in attendance: Leslie Opila, John Ford, and Sharon Gresik. Members in attendance: Matt Plass, Jodi Townsend, Kinga Makena, Lynn Hope, Allison Henderson, and Tracy Hauppa-Kenyeri.

II. Band President's Report:

No Band President for this year due to Covid-19.

III. Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary (Adela Meitz)

Motion of approval of minutes by Galinda Tuney

Motion seconded by Christina Coyle

Time of Approval: 7:15pm

IV. Band Director's Report (Greg Hensel):

2020 Marching Band

- A LOT of summer planning took place. After countless meetings and safety drafts we were pleased to have our first small groups of percussion and color guard students come to campus in person to practice.
- Once we got a feel for the small groups, we felt confident that a band camp could take place, heavily modified of course.
- Since we spent a considerable amount of money on show music and design last Winter, we thought it best to table the show for next year (assuming we will have a normal competitive season in 2021). The students voted on several show theme ideas and settled on the music of Queen.
- We have hired Rob Reder (audio recording) and Nic DeGrazia from Bitter Jester Studios to help us create a music video style production. We are hopeful that students (especially seniors) will have something they can take away from this season and look back with fond memories of what we were able to accomplish without thinking too much about what was lost.
- We are hoping for a final video to release to families in November (post-production will take time)

Concert Band Info

- Now that we are several weeks into the school year, we feel confident that MOST students are set up to succeed from home with understanding of the tools and resources available to them.

- We are still working on issues of percussion instruments for students. As we find solutions we are considering cost and long-term feasibility. Rentals may be our best option at this point.
- Music Education is happening! Although at a slower pace, we feel that students are definitely making progress in the virtual format.
- Nearly every band has now completed tutorial assignments in MusicFirst and have begun work on their first performance piece.

Misc. Items

- Senior Signs for Marching Band - it would be great to have a team of parents that would be willing to make senior yard signs. Our hope is to deliver these signs to homes and take a picture with seniors by their sign. Galinda Tuney volunteered to head this project.
- Booster Scholarships from the Spring - we need to make sure that students who received scholarships have also received the financial reward connected to it. Greg Hensel and Adela Meitz will follow up with the former Treasurer to determine if payments were made.
- Music Notes Newsletter - my ultimate goal is for this to become a band booster produced media. I believe that this can be used to advertise the boosters, update everyone on everything DGS Bands. I could also see this as a money-maker, utilizing sponsorship. \$200 bucks for the year to put a company logo in the newsletter? That could add up quickly with several sponsors and offset the cost of some other line items throughout the year. This is a long-term goal.
- Welcome to DGS Bands, Dr. Sugg!
- Nomination Committee to fill open positions:
Dr. Matt Plass (freshman parent) - VP of Hospitality/Concert Band - matt.plass@gmail.com

V. President (interim-Adela Meitz):

There are multiple open board positions that need to be filled. Attendees volunteered for the following open positions and will be voted on at the October meeting.

Executive Board Positions

President	Adela Meitz
Secretary	Allison Henderson
Treasurer	Alex Hewawissa
Comptroller/Charms Coordinator	Lynn Hope
Vice President of Hospitality (Concert Band)	Matt Plass
Vice President of Student Accounts	Phil and Cheryl Sumida
Vice President of Volunteers	John Ford
Vice President of Ways & Means	Tracy Hauppa-Kenyeri

General Board Positions

Banquet Coordinator	Jodi Townsend
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Members will reach out to other band parents that may be interested in filling remaining positions.

VI. VP of Music Bowl (Cinda Lester and Melissa Melendez):

No report

VII. Treasurer:

No report

VIII. Jazz (Glenn Williams via email):

- Jazz Band auditions are Completed. Over 60 students participated virtually. Classes are meeting virtually Tuesday through Friday at 7am.
- D99 has supported a subscription to Music First, an online music platform. Students are interacting with three software applications: Soundtrap, Practice First, and Sight Reading Factory. Soundtrap is a sequencing/recording studio software where students can play along with backing tracks and record their own parts in addition to recording with other students.
- ILMEA will hold District auditions and the District Festival this year virtually. Students wishing to audition should complete the ILMEA audition preference form in Google Classroom and await further instructions as they become available.

IX. VP of Ways and Means:

No report

X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle):

No report

XI. VP of Student Account:

No report

XII. VP of Uniforms (Glenda Wells):

No report

XIII. VP Volunteers:

No report

XIV. VP of Hospitality (Galinda Tunney):

No report

XV. Coordinator Reports:

Spirit Wear Coordinator (Leslie Opila):

Show shirts are in the works to be ordered.

Inquiry about opening the webstore for band merchandise. Multiple members approved of the idea. Masks may be included.

Equipment Coordinator (John Ford):

No report

Jazz Coordinators (Sharon Gresik):

No report

XVI. Miscellaneous:

XVII. Announcements: Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5th 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

XVIII. Adjournment: 8:10pm