

**Community High School District 99 – South Campus
Mustang Band Boosters
March 8, 2010**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Jama at 7:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were Cathy Jama, Kathy Gabric, Karen Rooney, Alene Ackerman, Paul Meek, Laura Sorce, Lynn Strantz, Jill Pruett, Wally Olewinski, Lynn Filla-Clark, Cathy Olewinski, Gary Kral, Craig Roselieb, Pat Tanabe, Jan Colip, Bob Schreck, Nadine Bahaveolos, Maria Garza, Mary Ann Hays, & Joe Strantz.

Guest: Andrea Swick (Student Band President), Brian Vanderjack, Bonnie Peterson, Terri Piekarski, Bill Shumanek, and Kathy White.

- II. **Student Band President Report:** Andrea Swick reported that students are excited now that the 2010/2011 Marching Band season has started. New styles are being learned and those students going on the Florida are busy practicing. Jan Colip and Pat Tanabe will provide Andrea information for student help needed for the Spring Banquet on April 22nd.

- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Lynn Strantz presented the minutes for vote and Laura Sorce made the motion to approve the presented February 1, 2010 minutes and they were seconded by Wally Olewinski for approval. The Board unanimously approved the minutes at 7:09 p.m.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Meek reported the following:

Total cash receipts during the month of February were \$30,696, while total cash disbursements were \$6,036. The primary sources of cash were as follows: Orlando Trip Payments - \$26,137; NIU Jazz Event Tickets & Door Receipts - \$1,820; and Winter Guard Fees - \$1,600; Booster Fees - \$250.

The major categories of payments during the month were: NIU Jazz Event Expenses - \$2,178; Purdue Jazz Trip Expenses - \$1,875; Winter Guard Expenses - \$1,077; and Water for last Marching Band Season - \$438.

Total Cash On Hand at February 28 = \$77,952

Student Accounts balance shows a difference of \$92.80 from the balance reported by the Student Accounts Coordinator due to timing differences related to an item placed on the Booster Credit Card that will be paid in March but has been deducted from Student Accounts in February.

Within the next week, the final payment for the Orlando trip will be made. This payment will be for \$34,000.

A separate reporting section has been added beginning this month to encompass the activities of the Winter Guard. A separate budget for this activity will also be developed for the 2010-2011 Booster year.

2010/2011 Budget Update

The proposed 2010/2011 budget should be ready for presentation at next month's meeting.

- V. **Secretary of Student Accounts:** Laura Sorce reported the following:

The balance in Student Accounts, as of January 31, 2010, was \$10,203.59. Revenue in February was from the Cheesecake Sale, totaling \$738.75. Expenses in February were for Music Lessons & Expenses, and for Orlando Trip payments. Total expenses were \$514.07.

The balance in Student Accounts, as of February 28, 2010, is \$10,428.27.

- VI. **Band Directors' Report:** Craig Roselieb reported on the following:

A. Florida Trip – Intent Form – Deposit & Payment Information

- Final numbers: 63 students, 6 adult chaperones, and 2 Directors are signed up for the trip.

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- Performances have been finalized for the Florida trip and a full itinerary has been sent to all participating families and is available on the MBB web site. For the two scheduled workshops, Craig Roselieb will find out whether non-chaperone parents may attend these workshops.

B. Marching Mustangs

- Fall calendar planning has been completed by the music department and the calendar should be finalized on Monday, March 15th.
- Week of ISU competition: due to a calendar conflict with choir, practice will be held on Monday and Thursday of that week, and Craig will look into the possibility of holding a Friday practice at another local school should a field be available.
- Youth in Music – October 2nd: The Minnesota trip plans will be solidified in April dependent on (a) whether or not the University of Minnesota field house is available, and (b) whether or not the Boosters will pick up the cost of bus transportation, estimated at \$7,500. Should the trip take place, plans are to perform at a High School competition on the Saturday afternoon, followed by an evening YIM performance at the Dome. If the YIM trip does not take place, other alternatives for an overnight trip will be considered.
- Additional Marching Band Fee: Due to school budgetary restrictions, there will be an additional fee of \$55 per student, payable to Downers Grove South, to offset some of the costs of bus transportation to and from competitions during the upcoming season.
- Craig Roselieb will look into the University of Illinois Band Championships as a possible addition to the Marching Band calendar for this upcoming season.
- Competition fees: In order for competition fees to be paid by the school, Craig will discuss with competition venue schools whether they will accept the DGS application, with fee payment deferred until July 1st, when the 2010/2011 school budget comes into effect.
- Craig requested that the Board vote on paying the upcoming season's music arrangement with this year's Booster funds. Wally Olewinski made a motion which was seconded by Karen Rooney. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 7:30 p.m.

C. Band Field Trips - Chaperone Needs

- North Shore Concert Band Festival (Wind Symphony) on March 18th – Wally Olewinski will contact Ron Hornish on the number of chaperones needed.
- ISU Jazz Festival (Jazz Ensemble) on March 20th – 4 chaperones needed.
- Vandercook (Symphonic Band) on April 22nd – at least 4 chaperones needed.
- ISU (Wind Ensemble) on April 24 – at least 4 chaperones needed.

D. Winter Guard

- Craig attended the Winter Guard performance at Lake Park on March 6th and said that they are unbelievably, exceptionally brilliant, and encouraged all Board members to try and attend their last performance at Lincoln Way East on March 21st.

VII. President's Report: Cathy Jama reported the following:

- **FOFA:**
 - The lollipop fundraiser is completed, but final revenue numbers are still being processed. However, it should be noted that Rochelle Burks outsold all students by selling 19 bags of lollipops with the profit of \$22 per bag being deposited to her student account – over \$400.
 - The DGS Choir trip to New York was a great success: The clinics were terrific and the performances were great.
 - Jim Gracey is the new Choir Boosters President.
 - This year's musical is Godspell and performances will take place in April.
 - The FOFA cookie dough sale kicks off on March 3rd.
 - Note cards are still for sale and the results of the logo competition will soon be unveiled.

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- **MBB Scholarships:** Three applications for private lessons scholarships were received and, as all applicants had completed the required amount of service credits, all were approved. Notifications to the successful applicants will be forthcoming.
- **Corey Parkinson:** Corey, a DGS Band alumni, is afflicted by Marfan Syndrome, a disease of the connective tissue that can result in life threatening problems, and his parents will be holding a fundraiser, with all profits going to the National Marfan Foundation, in the hopes that a cure may soon be found. Details on this fundraiser were circulated at the meeting.
- **Fundraising Committee:** Cathy Jama and Kathy Schreck have been working on putting together an Adult-only fundraiser. This will take place on April 11th at Wine Styles on 75th Street. Further details will be sent out soon.
- **Nominating Committee:** The 2010/2011 slate of Board members is almost complete and should be finalized and made available for vote at the next Booster meeting.

VIII. Vice President of Membership's Report: Alene Ackerman reported the following:

- A. **Marching Mustangs:** As of 3/8/10 93 intent forms, 83 contracts, and 29 medical forms have been received for the Marching Mustangs. A total of \$5,600.00 has been collected.
- B. **General Band:** As of 3/8/10, a total of \$4,750.00 in Booster membership dues has been submitted for the 2009-10 school year. \$250 for Membership fees was submitted to the treasurer. There are currently 91 families that have joined the Mustang Band Boosters. We have also received matching funds from one Corporation.
- C. **Orlando:** There are 63 students and 6 adult chaperones who will participate. \$2,603.65 remains to be collected. All money should be collected by March 12th.
- D. **Winter Guard:** All winter guard fees have been paid.
- E. **Medical Forms:** All medical forms for the upcoming season are due by April 15th.

IX. Vice President of Ways & Means Report:

- A. **Butter Braids** (Nadine Bahaveolos): Orders are still being processed and a full report should be available for next month's meeting.
- B. **Market Day** (Tracy Danko): No report.
- C. **Store Fundraisers** (Ellen Casey): Karen Rooney informed the Board that Jewel are no longer offering Shop & Share days and that store fundraisers look to be a thing of the past.
- D. **Plant Sale:** Plant Sale information was posted to the website last weekend and information was emailed to our communication lists. This year we have added several new colors and varieties, and a whole assortment of new Hanging Baskets and Patio Pots. Orders are due by April 9th (that's a REAL date with just over a week for leeway). Pickup at our school will be on Saturday morning, May 1st -- the day after Prom and the week before Mother's Day.

Unfortunately, Mike Klimczak received an email today confirming that the Hunsinger Family will not be placing a separate order this year as their business has also been feeling the effects of the economy. This will have a significant impact on the fundraiser. Last year the Hunsinger's placed an order for \$7,170 worth of plants, responsible for \$1,290 in profit to the Band Boosters.

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On the good side, interest in this year's sale appears good. Over 150 people have already accessed the website to download the Order Form and Plant Descriptions since they were posted last weekend.

- E. **Restaurant Fundraisers** (Debbie Spiewak): Refer to the President's report, Fundraising Committee section.

X. Vice President of Communications Report: (Kathy Gabric)

- A. Mustang Band Fanfare: Articles are now being taken for the April 1st Fanfare. The due date for all articles is March 24th.
- B. Website: Posted updated information for Student Account Balances, Plant Sale & Butter Braid Fundraisers, and for Orlando Itinerary. Created mail list for the Orlando Trip attendees.

If anyone has a picture of the Winter Guard in action, please forward it to Mike Klimczak or Kathy Gabric so they can include it in the photos on the home page. And a Big Congratulations to the Winter Guard for their phenomenal success in their inaugural season!

An updated Fine Arts calendar has been posted on the school web site and this needs to be updated on the Booster web site.

XI. Parent Coordinators' Report: Joe Strantz reported the following Jazz Band news:

Jazz Ensemble @ Hackney's - The Jazz Ensemble will be the opening act for the Brass Tracks Jazz Orchestra on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at Hackney's Restaurant on LaGrange Road in Palos Park. The students will perform one set, from 7:30-8:00 PM, then will have the opportunity to stay and hear the BRASS TRACKS jazz orchestra perform their first. Specific itinerary information will be distributed to the students in class.

DGS Jazz @ Jilly's - Both Jazz Lab Band and Jazz Ensemble will share the stage at Jilly's Restaurant in Naperville on May 4, 2010 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Jazz Lab Band will perform from 6:30-7:00 PM. The Jazz Ensemble will perform from 7:00-7:30 PM. A professional jazz ensemble will conclude the evening. Students will receive more information about this event near the end of April.

Spring Jazz Concert - The annual Spring Jazz Concert will be held in the DGS Auditorium on Tuesday, April 20, 2101 at 7:00 PM. In addition to both jazz ensembles, there will be special performances by the Fine Arts Honors Program Jazz student musicians.

Fishel Park – Jazz in the Park will still take place on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 starting at 6:30 PM. While aspects of the venue remain slightly unclear (i.e. there is no longer a band shell), the date is confirmed and the event will occur.

XII. Spring Banquet

Spring banquet is currently scheduled for April 22, 2010. Check in will be at 6:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held in the DGS Cafetorium with the program following in the DGS auditorium. Food will be catered this year by Buona Beef. The menu includes Buona Beef, Lemon Chicken and Mostaccioli Marinara, House Salad & Caesar Salad, Assorted Beverages & Dessert. The cost is \$14.50 per person. Volunteers to take tickets at the beginning and help with clean up at the end will be needed.

Cathy Jama will provide a guest list to Pat Tanabe & Jan Colip. The Senior PowerPoint will be run and, during the dinner, music from previous concerts will play in the background. Pat and Jan will provide a digital copy of the reservation form to Kathy Gabric for posting on the web site. An email will be sent to "Everyone" requesting

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photos of band students which will then be incorporated into centerpieces for the event. Winter Guard will also participate in the Banquet.

XIII. Volunteer Coordinator's Report: (Wally Olewinski)

Wally thanked the following people who volunteered their time at 3 events in February: Metamora Music Festival - Lynn Filla-Clark, Pam Swick, Jill Conniff and Tom Tedeschi; Jazz Café - Lita Proksa, Laura Sorce, Steve Ruth and Julie Ruth; and NIU Jazz Concert - Lita Proksa, Laura Sorce, Sue Seelander, Carol Tedeschi, Diane Kowalski, Jim O'Dell and Debbie O'Dell.

XIV. Social Activities Coordinators' Report: (Alice Luetger)

Refreshments went well for the Feb and March concerts. Thank you to Molly Irish and Carol Ann Fatora who helped in Feb and March respectively. Alice will finish up with the two May concerts.

XV. Equipment Coordinator's Report: (Gary Kral). No report

XVI. Marketing/Public Relations Report: (Jill Pruett). No report.

XVII. Videography: (Matt Luetger)

More videos were sold with the "last chance" offer which generated approximately another \$105. There are still 3 videos to distribute and money collected.

XVIII. History/Traditions Secretary's Report (Mike Klimczak): No report.

XIX. Uniform Coordinators'/Color Guard Coordinators' Report:

A. Uniform Coordinators' Report (Terri Vanderjack & Cheri Kirkpatrick): Uniform fittings (new & refits) for the Orlando trip are almost complete.

B. Color Guard Coordinators' Report (Jan Petrukovich, Maria Garza & Mary Ann Hays): Winter Guard continues its so far, perfect season winning class SRA in each competition it has entered: Jan 24 Naperville North - 69.8; Feb 13 Lincoln Way North - 79.1; Feb 20 Lake Central - 81.5; Feb 21 Chesterton - 84.9; and March 6 Lake Park - 87.4.

The Guard would like to thank Downers Grove South for their support with fees, use of the minibus, and practice space. In addition, the Guard would like to thank Lace School for gymnasium practice space, the fabulous floor crew, Nancy Segredo for her video talents, and parent drivers and helpers.

There is one more competition on Sunday March 21st at Lincoln Way East. The competition begins at 10:00 am. Next year the winter guard will be moved up to class SAA.

Winter Guard just began a fundraiser selling World's Finest chocolate bars.

Winter Guard had an articles and pictures in the Trib Local section on March 4th, and also had an article in both the Woodridge Bugle and Downers Grove Bugle last week.

Winter Guard is included in the Mustang Marching Band By-Laws. During discussions on how to set up for next year's budget, it was proposed that half of the remaining funds in the Color Guard budget line item be moved to a new line item for Winter Guard. The amount in question is approximately \$2,000, and the proposal is to move \$1,000 of this amount to the Winter Guard fund.

Karen Rooney made the motion, seconded by Lynn Strantz, to split the existing Color Guard funds, moving \$1,000 to the Winter Guard fund. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 8:40 p.m.

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The proposed budget for the 2010/2011 Winter Guard season is \$4,550 for next year, which will be funded through student fees and fundraising efforts. This budget does not include travelling to major regional competitions, which would add an additional \$2,000. Fees for the upcoming season will need to be reviewed. As the 2010/2011 season schedule is unlikely to be available until November, it was agreed that a tentative budget would be prepared for Winter Guard.

XX. Music Bowl Coordinators' Report: (Lynn Filla-Clark & Cathy Olewinski)

- Cathy Olewinski is nearing completing on the drafting of the application letter for Music Bowl.
- Wally Olewinski made a motion, seconded by Lynn Filla-Clark, to approve the appointment of Bonnie Peterson and Terri Piekarski as Music Bowl Co-Chairs. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 8:24 p.m.

XXI. Miscellaneous, Unfinished Business & New Business:

2010/2011 Season Marching Band T-Shirt Design Contest: This year's theme is Beyond the Storm and t-shirt design competition details will be released soon.

XXII. Announcements: The next Booster meeting will be held on Monday, April 5th, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Orchestra Room.

XXIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.