



BLACK AND SILVER BRIGADE
BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03pm

Present: Jay Davis, Director
Aimee Ingle, President
Carol Buccelli, Secretary
Naura Rivera, Co- Treasurer
Dana Butler, Co-Ways and Means
Approximately 25 Booster Band Families.

Rob Ingram, Asst Director
Niki Gibbs, VP
Christina Sullivan, Treasurer
Amber and Derek Strawn, Ways and Means

OPENING AND WELCOME: Aimee Ingle, President

BOARD REPORTS:

SECRETARY: Carol Buccelli

- Minutes from Feb Booster Meeting approved
- The Charms calendar is up to date

UPCOMING DATES:

3/18 & 3/19 – LGPE performances/recordings during school

3/22 – Drum Major Audition Clinic from 2:00-4:00

3/23 & 3/25 – Leadership Interest Meetings 1 & 2 from 2:00-3:00 on both days

If there are any questions on events listed in the calendar please let us know.

VICE PRESIDENT: Niki Gibbs

- There are no items in the store currently.
- Please get in touch with her if you know of anyone who wants to sponsor the band,

TREASURER: Naura Rivera/Christina Sullivan

- Treasurer's report was approved and seconded. As of 3/16/21

Main Account Balance	\$27,823.92
Ms. HOCO	\$2,450.45
Escrow	\$22,389.26
- Profit & Loss for 2020/21

Income YTD:	\$107,246.08
Expenses YTD:	\$106,714.28
- Naura has been posting payment as people have been sending them in. As of today, we have \$8,449.37 in outstanding fees. She still has tuxes and dresses from Wind Symphony that will be billed to some accounts.
- Naura will be sending out statements weekly. If you have any questions about your child's account please shoot her an email.
- Credits for the mattress fundraiser have not been received yet. Please remember that due to COVID things happen a bit more slowly than we are used to them happening in the past.
- We are in the process of making the band an official nonprofit organization. The BSB would be a completely independent and separate entity from the school. By doing this, we will open up the door for a lot more charitable donations from companies and sponsorships that we currently don't have access to. This will help the band financially.
- If you have any questions about the band's finances please email Christina or Naura.

WAYS & MEANS: Amber & Derek Strawn & Dana Butler via Aimee Ingle

- Fundraisers: Traditionally we do the Vidalia onion sale in the spring. This is a major fundraiser for our students to pay their band fees. With Covid restrictions still in place, we are working hard to find a way to make the logistics work. As soon as we have more information, we will post it. We should be making a decision by the middle of April. At this time, we are unsure if we can hold the sale, but are hopeful we can make something work.
- One of the forthcoming fundraisers will be a Band Cookbook. Keep an eye out for posts concerning this coming later in April. The cookbook will be used to raise much needed funds for the band and the Miss HOCO Pageant. We will be selling it during the Miss HOCO pageant next year.
- There was a question about fundraisers in connection with Band trips from a parent. Currently, trip plans are being made for the Spring of 2022. All Davis needs is approval from the school system. Universal is what is being talked about. It would happen the week right before Spring Break next year. We are looking to what the band does to look much more normal next year. The question that stands out about the trip would be how will we handle accommodations? and typically that would be quad rooms for students. Those details would need to be agreed on by the school system.

PRESIDENT: Aimee Ingle

- It is nomination time for the upcoming Executive Board. Nominations are now open for the 21-22 year. All seats are available for nominations. You can submit your nominee to Tomieka Waller by emailing her at tomieka.waller@gmail.com. Nominations can be for other band parents or you can nominate yourself. All executive members work together as a team and current executive members are more than will to talk about the job responsibilities with you. All on the Exec Board have the support of their fellow board members, directors, and parents. It's a great way to give back to the band. When you submit your nomination, please make sure you include what position you are nominating them for and their contact information. The executive board positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Ways and Means, and Co-Ways and Means. Positions held by current senior parents are Secretary, Vice President, and Co-Treasurer.
- Please submit your nomination no later than Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Voting for the 21-22 Executive Board will be held at our next Booster meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.
- We are also looking for members that would like to work on a committee that will be handling upcoming Senior class recognition. Send Aimee an email at HOCObandpres@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this committee.
- We are planning an Awards banquet too. We will be having one, but we are just in the midst of trying to figure out HOW to do this.

ROB'S CORNER: Rob Ingram

- nothing

JAY'S WAYS: Jay Davis

- Concert bands are geared up for recording sessions (audio & video) for all 4 bands this coming Thursday and Friday. The whole process will be live streamed both days.
- We will be feeding lunch to those that are recording during that time and doughnuts to those who are recording at other times. We might need parents to help out Thursday and Friday. If you are available please let us know.

- The bands are even better than their PreLGPE concerts. The music is difficult. The kids are rising up to the challenge. After attending a District 1 LGPE this past week Davis is extremely grateful of our band and that we were able to do what we were able this year. A lot of bands did nothing. Our students took the challenge and thrived. We are special.
- All of our upcoming dates are in Charms, Facebook, email and instagram. We will have a Full Night of Jazz concert and Spring Concerts. Welston Winds will have a concert in May too.
- We will be 100% competitive in the fall. This year is not what HOCO band it like, but we will return the competitive shows in the fall.
- Davis will reveal the **UPCOMING COMPETITIVE SHOW** at the next booster meeting. We are already in the works building sets and working on drills. This show will be AMAZING!!!
- There will be band camp this summer and guard camp in June.
- Class auditions will be like in the past. We will also be operating on a 7 class period day again. Thus Jazz band will have a class again.
- Orchestra for Grease is starting next week. It is a much smaller one than the Beauty and the Beast.
- Please catch up on your band fees. This is what pays to keep our band operating at such a high level.
- Houston County is doing a Senior Spotlight. Coral Jackson was selected from our school. We are so proud of her.
- If your kids decide to persue music outside of high school. They should be extremely prepared. Seth Bickle won a \$20,000 award from LSU to persue Jazz Studies. We are so proud of him an look forward to seeing his name associated with a grammy award.
- We had 5 students selected for All State Band. This is the most students that HOCO has had represented. We are so proud of them. They are Seth Bickle, Ben Said, Sofia Said, London Broussard, and Emma Davis.
- We will be needing help setting up the stage on Wed at 4:30 and Friday after school. Anyone willing to help would be appreciated.
- Ms Daniel is getting ready to graduate with her doctorate.
- Davis and Ingram want to say thanks to all booster parents for this year's support.
- If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Davis.

MEETING ADJURNED AT 7:35PM

NEXT BOOSTER MEETING: April 13th at 7:00 pm