

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter

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**Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz and Pep Bands**

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## WE NEED YOU!!

Welcome to the most enthusiastic and effective support group in our community, the Davis High School Band Boosters. Now that your student is an active member of the band, we hope you will take advantage of this outstanding positive family experience. It is the opportunity to join your son/daughter in the attainment of a mutual goal, something you do not want to miss.

At a time when young people are making crucial decisions concerning personal behavior, ethics, integrity, morals, and an array of vital life choices, wouldn't you like to be around to have some influence on their direction? Band parents enjoy this unusual vantage point, and all of the band members benefit from such a healthy relationship.

Band parents are also integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply a polite sideline audience, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. WE NEED YOU!!

I often think there is as much pride in our band parent organization as there is in the band itself. Many of our parent participants have found hidden social benefits for their own growth and development. Not only do our boosters work hand-in-hand with our band program, but they relish the exchange with other parents who share a common interest.

You may think there are not enough hours in the day to add one more responsibility to your schedule. This is a legitimate consideration; however, we are sensitive to the situation. You will find everyone is willing to make the necessary accommodations so all parents can become involved. It is a chance that will only come around once in life for your student.

Our first scheduled meeting is Wednesday evening, **September 10, at 7:30 p.m.** in the DHS, IPAB Theater. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a brief get-together to meet our veteran members and get a bird's-eye view of our band program. You will also enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number-one fan club – our band parents. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group. I urge you to attend our meetings, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents" who ensure our students are at the front of life's parade.

Personal regards,

Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands, Davis Senior High School

## Welcome Band Parents,

Congratulations! Your application to the famous DHS Band Boosters has been carefully reviewed and I am happy to inform you of your acceptance into this prestigious organization. We have one purpose in DHS Band Boosters – we help provide a rich, rewarding, and unforgettable music experience for our sons and daughters. Your involvement in Band Boosters will result in a happy teenager, a cooperative teenager, a teenager who will ask, “Is there anything I can do for you after I finish my homework and practicing?” All right, maybe I am exaggerating a little, but he/she will be grateful when you become senile enough not to care.

In order to accomplish our mission, Band Boosters really does need your help. Through the year we provide the people power to arrange and go on Band trips, help with concerts, and of course raise funds for the 3 bands. If we did not have Band Boosters, our students would have an in-class band experience with perhaps 1 or 2 local concerts during the year. This is by no means bad. It is just a limited experience. With Band Boosters, our students have a music experience that involves a variety of performance settings and experiences that cannot be found in the classroom. They have positive social interactions – students with students and students with parents.

What is your first step? Please carve out the time to attend the first DHS Band Booster meeting on **September 10, 7:30 pm**, at the DHS IPAB. Our director Mr. Lange will talk to you about the band program at DHS, and then we will go over a variety of information about Band Boosters. We will give you a chance to match your strengths with certain functions in Band Boosters. If you are new to Band Boosters, please try to talk to any parent or student who was involved with Band Boosters or Band last year. It was simply an amazing year.

Michael Choy, DHS Band Booster President

## Band Boosters to Support Measure W



Last spring, the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) Board of Education was forced to consider making \$2.8 million in reductions to educational programs in order to balance the school district budget. The Davis community responded by raising \$1.5 million to restore elementary music and science programs, school librarians, and secondary course offerings and class size reduction. Lay-off notices were rescinded and we all breathed a huge sigh of relief.

However, the work is not done. While the fund-raising efforts in our community restored these programs for the 2008-09 school year only, the DJUSD Board of Education responded to requests for a more stable funding source for the above programs and services by approving a parcel tax measure for the November ballot. More information on Measure W is available: <http://www.djUSD.net/district/measurew>

Measure W requires two thirds approval by Davis voters in the November General Election. I am writing to request your assistance in getting the word out about the importance of voting YES on Measure W, by volunteering as a phone bank worker. The Measure W campaign has booked phone banks, starting on Monday, September 1 from 5:40-8:30 PM. Parents of DJUSD band students are being asked to volunteer to make the important calls to Davis voters each Monday through November 3, starting Monday, September 1. As a parent of a student who has benefited tremendously from the outstanding music program provided by the Davis JUSD, I have agreed to coordinate the phone bank volunteer effort for the DJUSD band community. At the September 10 Band Boosters meeting we will be discussing Measure W and the variety of ways band boosters can make a difference in the campaign. In the meantime, I am asking that you consider volunteering your time for 2-3 hours on a Monday evening to help communicate the importance of Measure W to our DJUSD band programs.

If you are able to volunteer your time as a phone bank worker, please by e-mail with specific dates (Mondays preferred) and times that you are available from now until the election. I will provide a confirmation e-mail to all volunteers with specific times and locations for all volunteers to report.

I look forward to your response and to making these early and vitally important calls. Thanks for considering this request. It will take all of us working together to make this happen!

Michael Hulsizer, mihulsizer@kern.org

## DHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by President Mike Choy.

**I. Approval of Minutes:** There are two errors in the May minutes. The amount in the account for facilities is \$4,800, not \$8,000 as Mike had reported. The t-shirts described in the minutes were for the "road crew," and cost a total of \$240, slightly more than budgeted for. The minutes from the May meeting were approved with these corrections.

**II. Music Director's Report:** Mr. Lange announced that we have finished another wonderful year. Jon Cargyle will conduct the band at the DHS graduation ceremony. The arrival time at UC Davis football stadium is 6:30pm with a 7:15 start on Friday in casual blacks. There was a mix up in the ordering of the music cords for graduating seniors, but they will arrive by Friday morning and will be distributed to students before the ceremony begins. This year's Picnic in the Park went very smoothly especially with organization of the equipment truck. The students played a nice performance.

**III. Treasurer's Report** - Clyde presented a table of fundraisers for the 2007-08 school year. Income was disbursed to either Student Accounts, the General Fund or the Music Fund. There was not information available on script. Direct donations actually brought in \$14,000, not the \$10,000 as shown on the table. It did extremely well and then people were hit with requests for the Save our Music program. We still came up with money for the SOM. Thank you to all who donated to either or both funds this year. The car washes did well, but the spring car washes brought in less money. We will decide next year after the fall car washes if we want to have any spring car washes. Lamppost Pizza is an easy fundraiser because parents do not need to do anything except tell them it is for the DHS Band Boosters and enjoy pizza. We may consider doing a similar fundraiser with Dos Coyotes or Habit Burger next fall. Louisa Nye does not plan on doing the rummage sale again. Mike suggests we let that one go. Rent-A-Band did not make tons of money but is a good community event. The Hatamiyas may be willing to coordinate this event again. The Play-a-thon did great this year. Mr., Lange has talked with students at UOP about doing the late night workshop portion of it again next year. The new format of Coconut Grove proved very worthwhile. By serving only desserts, it cut down on work and expenses, and it brought in more money. Randy Chinn and Mike Coleman have agreed to coordinate the event again. The Jazz Band and Jazz Choir joint concert will only happen as a fund raiser if there is a need. However, there is a desire to do more concerts, not necessarily as fundraisers, with both the jazz band and jazz choir. Picnic Day parking brought in more than \$500 and the two parents involved found it really easy. The CD/DVD sales should probably be considered an expense, not a fundraiser. It is more of a service that we offer and that we will continue. The bake sales brought in \$680. That's a lot of cookies, keep eating those sweets! There are several little loose ends that we will need to follow through on to close the books for this fiscal year. Mr. Lange inquired what funds he has available to spend this summer. Clyde will provide him with the amounts.

### IV. Committee Reports -

**A. Student report** - Ana and Miranda announced that Sam Bold will be next year's Pep Band director. Katie Lundgren will be the next Road Crew Coordinator. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Pep Band will participate in the Davis Kiddie Parade and either Ana or Jon Kelly will direct that event.

**B. Victoria Trip** - The trip was great, the kids were amazing, the road crew was exceptionally awesome, the chaperones were terrific, the planning committee did a wonderful job, and home base had only one job to attend to. The very favorable results of the student trip survey were sent out to Victoria committee members.

### V. Old Business -

**A. Letter to the Enterprise** acknowledging all our business supporters - Mike will talk to Jagruti and Paula about acknowledging our sponsors. There are at least 50 sponsors in the city that have contributed to the BB in some capacity. There will be some announcement in the Enterprise. We will consider an ad and will also ask if they will donate a space. If an ad is too expensive, we can run it as a letter to the editor. In some capacity we need to acknowledge these generous businesses.

**B. SOM program** - Jenny Decker is very grateful to all who supported our program. We easily reached the goal of \$200,000 with an additional \$34,000 in the bank. We should continue SOM program because this is not the end of fiscal problems for DJUSD. She feels that SOM is important as a voice for the music program. SOM is currently a branch of the orchestra program, and is proposing that it become an independent program doing its own fundraising. If anyone is interested in being involved in this program they are encouraged to contact Jenny Decker. There was a discussion of the purpose of this organization as an independent and how it will impact other music group fundraising. It would be imperative for somebody from BB to be on the SOM committee as a voice for our program, especially with regards to any conflict of SOM collecting money with no place to spend it that could hurt our fundraising efforts.

### VI. New Business

**A. Election of BB officers** for next year- According to BB by-laws, it doesn't matter how many people need to be here to make a quorum. However, Mike would prefer that there were more people here on a vote of the slate of officers. Mike also does not expect that someone will challenge the proposed slate. The slate of officers are President- Mike Choy, Vice Pres- John Horn, Treasurer-Jo Andrews Merges, Secretary - Kathryn Shickman. All in attendance voted in favor of the new slate of officers. The slate was voted in.

**B. Natsoulas Jazz Festival 2008** - John Natsoulas is planning on holding his Jazz Festival again this fall. He wants to hold the event over two shorter days instead of one long day. He is currently planning to have the event at his gallery and not use the lawn outside Borders. He did voice some interest in us participating and being the beneficiary. The sponsor this year will be KXJZ. We may be expected to have more involvement in the planning and implementation of the event this year. We will continue planning as if we are going to participate in the event again with planning beginning this summer. This year it will be a Band Booster fundraiser for all bands. The Jazz band may perform, yet everyone will benefit. All of vendors lost money last year. Something will have to change if we ask vendors to come back. Last year approximately \$3,600 was raised, with a raffle, sales of wine and cold drinks, cash donations, and a % from some businesses. Natsoulas realizes the tremendous work the parents put in last year and sees great potential in this event. This could be similar to Coconut Grove that started small and didn't make a lot of money initially, but now is one of our biggest fund raisers. Mike will contact people for help with this event over the summer.

**C. Summer decision process**- A discussion ensued of how best to make decisions for the Band Booster program during the summer months. A motion (by Peter Matlock) was made that if any substantial decisions regarding the Band Boosters need to be made over the summer that the President will contact all available officers, the music teacher, and the committee chairs and obtain a majority agreement. This motion was seconded (by Clyde Kelly). A vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion with no one opposing it.

**D. Welcome to new BB parents** - Mike made available a summary of DHS Band Booster Volunteer Positions. At the first fall Band booster meeting he will give a brief description of BB function, and a brief description of the major fundraisers and events. Many of our major responsibilities and committee chair positions have been filled and we will be looking for parents to serve as "worker bees" on very specific, short-term tasks.

**E. Bob Day Music Award-** Mr. Lange shared that this award and accompanying financial gift is given to an outstanding band student each year. In the past, the student has been given a check to use as they see best, perhaps for an instrument, lessons, tuition. The DJUSD is being more stringent about how awards are given out. DJUSD, who manages the fund, wants to give the money for this year's recipient, Ana Ibrahim, directly to UCD for her school expenses next year. Mr. Lange requested that BB contact the school district to discuss managing the endowment fund ourselves so that we can distribute the funds as we want each year. Our non-profit status should allow us to be able to do this. Clyde Kelly or the new treasurer will look into this.

**F. Scrip** – If you haven't received your scrip orders, please call Larry Lagerstrom.

**G. Summer Planning** – The President and Vice-President will be meeting to discuss the calendar and review the BB by-laws. Mr. Lange has already planned out the band calendar for the 2008-09 school year. Events begin with a all-band BBQ to be held before a rehearsal in September. The Band Booster officers will coordinate the event.

**H. Thanks** – We thanked student representatives Ana and Miranda for attending all our band booster meetings this year. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Shickman, Band Booster Secretary

September		times pm	
Mon, Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elem. Orientation	7:30	Emerson
Tues, Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Elem. Orientation	7:30	Emerson
Wed, Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Symph. Chair Auditions	2:30	PA-3
<b>Wed, Sept 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30	IPAB
Thurs, Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Symph. Chair Auditions	2:30	PA-3
Fri, Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Symph. Chair Auditions	3:30	PA-3
Fri, Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Symph. Audition Tapes Due	3:30	
Wed, Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Symph. Chair Auditions	2:30	PA-3
Thurs, Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Symph. Chair Auditions	2:30	PA-3
Fri, Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Concert Audition Tapes Due	3:30	
Sat, Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Car Wash Fundraiser	8:30 am- 12:00	DJUSD Parking Lot
Tues, Sept 23	Pep Band Rehearsal	7:30	IPAB

October			
Fri, Oct 3	Homecoming Parade	1:00	Central Park
Fri, Oct 3	Pep Band at Football	6:15	DHS
Sat, Oct 4-5	Natsoulas Jazz Festival		
<b>Wed, Oct 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30	PA-3
Thurs, Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30	PA-3
Fri, Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pep Band at Football	6:15	DHS
Sat, Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Car Wash Fundraiser	8:30 am- 12:00	DJUSD Parking Lot
Mon, Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Outreach Band Rehearsal	7:30	PA-3
<b>Tues, Oct 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Outreach Band Concert</b>	7:30	PA-3
<b>Thurs, Oct 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Outreach Band Concert</b>	7:30	PA-3
Fri, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pep Band at Football	6:15	DHS
Fri, Oct 31 <sup>th</sup>	Pep Band at Football	6:15	DHS

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