

Samohi Band Parent Meeting Notes

Draft #1

October 2, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm by Band President: Alisa Stewart

In attendance: Alisa Stewart, Cydney Kirschaum, Adam Chamorro, Kim Crawford, Jennifer Raymond, Alicia Gutierrez, Jose Orduna, Vicente Puga, Maria Puga, Joyce and Mark Mueller, Susan Alinsangen, Gerda Newbold, Jon Moeller, Kelly Simon, Tim Zinneman, Erika Arenas, Joel Carrera, Mudita Bahadur, Laura van Vuuren, Marian Tosonotti, Clare Haygood, Bill Threlkeld, Alejandro Vergas, Yolanda Lewis, Gavin DiMundo, Lydia Muraro, Melisa Tarssky, Rita Kachru, Kelley Cohen, Marco Marin, Atsuko Ota-Hodel, Jose Alvarez, Ted Bonnitt, Yomira Bautista, David Bautista, Jeff Jarow, Liz Comay, Diane Oliver, Marcy Hardart, Lupe Ibara-Smith.

Business:

Move to call to order: Marcy Hardart

Second: Kelly Simon

No Band Meeting on Mon. Nov. 5th

Director's Report: Kevin McKeown

- Concert Band
 - Getting good sounds
 - Assessments:
 - Can redo for better grades after more practice
 - October 30th
 - First concert of the year!
- Marching Band
 - Why are we doing all this practice and putting in all this time?
 - Now they understand why!
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- Security: a person came on campus during the MB rehearsal
 - Homeless man sat in the bleachers with the clarinet section for almost 30 minutes before they told the band director he was there.
 - Police came/other adults were called to help
 - Parents would like a roving security detail and for the administration to take this seriously since the MB kids are on campus before security arrives in the morning and they are there for long, evening practices too
 - The letter home was not the whole story
 - How do we get the District to DO something about this
 - It's not the job of the teachers and coaches to provide all the security that is needed

Director's Report: Terry Sakow

- Musicians are getting into their routine and thriving
- They have the right attitude and are practicing efficiently
- Still assessing where they are

President's Report: Alisa

- Time to clean up the Band Room – Lydia Muraro leading the effort
 - Get rid of the visual clutter
 - Needs to be a more efficient work environment
 - Clean the shelves and hang the plaques
 - Date is TBD

Fundraising Report : Clare

- Fundraising pays for: instruction, instruments, folders, sheet music etc..
- All donations make a huge difference!
- We are at 50%
- MB Raffle: buy tickets online or from the kids
- Concert Band: Concert Café (Oct. 30th)
 - Donate items
 - Brings families together
 - Look out for the signup genius

Jazz Band: Lydia Muraro

- Rehearsals are going very well
- Sunday, Jan 27th 6-8 at the Morgan Wixon

Treasurer Report: Yolanda

- See attached budget

Concert Band Report: Alisa

- Concert dates are up on the Band calendar
- Raffle
- Formal Wear
 - Tux company isn't happy with us
 - 30 tuxes were delivered and not picked up
 - Parent need to read the emails
- No Intermission?
 - Is it better to do a 2 hour event with no intermission?
- Tickets are online and you can get paper tickets too
- Ushers: need help
- Ads: Not this year
 - Lower our costs without the ads
 - We will later assess if we should continue with ads or not

Marching Band: Yunilda

- Friday night there is a football game
- SMC Showcase Oct 26th
 - 8th Grade Night (need Volunteer Chair for this event moving forward)
 - Seniors Recognized

- Medals presented at half time
- UCLA Band Day Oct 20th: at 50 yard line
 - All are invited
 - 8pm return time

Pit Orchestra for the spring musical: Cydney

- Rehearsals will start after MB season is over
- Usually on Fridays right after school till January