



## Central Dauphin Band Booster's Association

Meeting Minutes-Tuesday June 1, 2010

Prior to beginning the meeting, which was also Freshman orientation, the group enjoyed a video presentation: "What the CD Ram Band is All About," which was produced by Jeff Imboden. President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Eric welcomed the large crowd and shared with us that this was six years in a row for the Bloom family in the Ram Band. He thanked Jeff for the video and will post it on the website. Mr. Ceresini welcomed the freshman students and parents to High School! He talked about how large the band program is, with approximately 180 students in 9 groups. The Band family includes instructors, students, parents, alumni, and the middle school directors. Mr. C. presented some information on the various groups in the program which include:

**Concert Bands:** Symphonic Band is a non audition group of wind players in grades 9-12. The Wind Ensemble is an audition group of wind and percussion players in grades 10-12. There is also a Percussion Ensemble. The Concert Bands play a Veterans Day, Winter, and Spring concerts, and play at Graduation. They were able to perform with The Dallas Brass a few years ago.

**Jazz:** There may be enough students signed up this year (about 60) to have three ensembles! The Jazz groups meet during the school day. They host dances (music and food-yea!), play at Knoebels, Chocolatefest, and play gigs. This year the Jazz 1 group will open for the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and the Jazz II group will open for the Navy Concert Band. Mr. C. encouraged anyone interested in Jazz to give it a try.

**Marching Band:** Believe it or not, rehearsals will start in 13 days! The Ram Marching Band plays at football games, exhibitions, parades, and the Keynotes Concert /Ice cream Social (more food!) If your student is on the fence about whether or not to try Marching Band, Mr. C. really encourages you to give it a try at the mini camp or summer rehearsals (check out [www.cdramband.org/calendar.htm](http://www.cdramband.org/calendar.htm) for the schedule) -most kids love it. We should have between 100-110 students in Marching Band this year. There will be a mini camp on June 14, 15, 16, and then Tuesday evening practices will be held thru the summer. These are semi-mandatory-if you are in town, please try to attend. Band Camp is in the first two weeks of August (weekdays) and is mandatory. There will be morning and evening sessions to avoid the heat. Check out <http://www.cdramband.org/BandCamp.htm> for details.

**Indoor Groups:** This season runs from November-May, and includes Indoor Drumline, Guard, and Majorettes. They compete in TIA and KIDA shows most Saturdays, and end the season with a trip to Wildwood for the All-Chapter Championships with scores of other groups from around the mid-Atlantic.

**Musical Pit Orchestra:** Mr. Ceresini is the conductor for this group which performs the music for the CDHS Spring Musical.

Mr. Ceresini spoke about academics. Most of the students who are at the top of their classes at CDHS are involved in band, orchestra, or chorus. Grading of the band program is based on effort, not popularity. Attendance at scheduled events is not optional, but if you are involved with other school activities, and have a conflict, talk to him. Parents were reminded that if the class schedule you receive this summer is wrong, it is most likely a computer error, so please contact Mr. C. to have it corrected. Also, the Band Handbook can be found online, at <http://www.cdramband.org/archive.htm>. Mr. C will be finalizing the 2010-11 version of the Band Handbook in the next several weeks. Mr. C. closed his portion of the orientation by introducing some of the student leaders present this evening; 2010-11 Band President Josh Richard, Vice-President Dan Budd, and two of the three Drum Majors; Meghan Baldwin and Emily Mountain.

Eric Bloom spoke about the Band Boosters Association and presented the “UNofficial Band Parents’ Handbook” to the parents. The boosters are an amazing group of parents trying to make this a great experience for our kids. No matter what your talents or skills are, you can find a way to help out. The boosters help the program in any way they can, from fundraising, performance opportunities, and of course food! Eric asked that if your freshman student does not have another fall obligation, that you encourage them to attend the mini camp in June to see what Marching Band is all about. Being involved in Marching Band helps to ease the transition to the huge CDHS facility and provides a chance make a large group of friends before school even starts. The Boosters usually meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the band room. We send a lot of email blasts with information, so it is important for us to have your email address.

The Treasurer’s report(Cindy Case) was presented but not passed pending final audit. This report shows revenues and expenses for the month. Cindy reported that check # 5374 will be returned to us due to overpayment. The Financial Secretary’s report (Tim Clouser) was presented. The first page of this report lists the financial information by event. The second page shows budget to actual. The Recording Secretary’s Report (Laurie Kissinger) was reviewed and passed on the motions of Kim St.Clair and Jeff Imboden.

**Vice President’s Report**(Diane Baker)- Diane spoke about new membership year beginning and encouraged parents to activate their membership. Our goal is to have good membership numbers so that we can accurately claim that we represent the interests of the band families in the community. Diane also reminded us of the “envelope system” which is strategically located by the garbage can on the bulletin board. There is an envelope for each event or activity which payments etc. can be placed.

**Student Officers Report:** (Outgoing President Brandon Allen, and Vice-president Ben Guise) They spoke about some Jazz band activities: the concert “went well”. They played a breakfast gig at the Hilton. Despite having to be there at 6:30am, it “went well”. Ben talked about the Knoebels gig. It was the first time since he was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade that it didn’t rain. They did report on some transportation issues, including not having an equipment truck, and the joys of loading all the equipment onto a short bus. Both officers commented that the food at the band banquet was good. They encouraged kids to try Marching Band; Brandon reported that it was “the most fun ever”. The recap of the Memorial Day parade included that it was hot, and that everyone went to the pool afterwards. Both of the officers thanked Mr. C., the Boosters, and the parents for their experiences in Band. They reported that the Band Boosters are truly amazing, and Ben encouraged parents to join the Boosters for an opportunity to meet people, for carpooling, and an overall better experience.

**Mr. Ceresini’s report:** Mr. C. talked about the Band Banquet, which boasted great food and awards. The Boosters gave a small scholarship to award winners. There will be 22 student leaders in the upcoming year. This student leadership program, which began in 2009-10, has worked very well. The

parade was fun, but hot. The students were given hot dogs and sodas afterwards (food again!). The concert bands will be playing for graduation next week.

**Old Business:**

**Scrip-Barbie Bloom:** Barbie gave an overview of the program. Retailers sell the cards to us at a discount-you buy at face value-the difference is a profit to the boosters/student accounts. In the 3 years we have run this program we have done ½ million dollars in sales, with a profit of \$25,000. This allows us to not have to do as many product sales. You can raise money just by doing your normal shopping such as groceries, gas, and eating out. The first step is to fill out an Enrollment Form. The orders are usually due the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month, and your cards will be ready for pick up the following Saturday at Weber Vision Care. There is now online ordering available using [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and online payment available using Presto-Pay; the information will be on the website.

**Karns1 For the Schools:-Jennifer DeFazio and Diane Baker:** We recently received a check for \$417.50 from the shoppers reward program. Thanks to Jennifer and Diane for finding out about this great program and getting the boosters signed up. It was a no effort way to raise a lot of money!

**Golf-a-RAM-a- Mark Guise:** The flyer is on the website for this 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event. We are looking for golfers to sign up by June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have a foursome, we can put you with others. We are also looking for sponsorship (\$100) for holes. There is a steak dinner following the event, and if you are not a golfer, you can attend the dinner only for \$25. There are lots of cool prizes this year.

**Senators-August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020-Diane Baker:** The vouchers are on sale for \$8 each and can be exchanged for box seats at any game, or can be used for the bands performance on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Glenn Miller:** We will discuss this at the next meeting

**Business Sponsorship- Kim St.Clair:** The program begins in June and continues thru the year. It benefits all of the band programs. There are two ways to participate: Give us a list of business you would like us to contact, or ask us for some business to contact yourself. You receive 30% of the revenue for your Student Account. Sponsorship levels range for \$50 to \$2500; all parents will receive a letter in mid June. You may contact Kim by email at [kimstclair@comcast.net](mailto:kimstclair@comcast.net) with any questions.

**Alumni Band- Mr. Ceresini:** This year is the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CDHS and we will be inviting any alumni band members to participate in this event for Homecoming.

**Concessions:** There will be a meeting on Monday, June 14 at 6:30 pm for anyone willing to help coordinate this.

**Event Chairs:** We need event chairs for Buddy Night, Product Sales, Showcase (visiting schools come to our area to get adjudicated-need a parent to supervise students - we can make about \$3,000)

**Special guest: CDHS Rams Football Head Coach Glenn McNamee-** The coach re-enforced the great relationship between the band and the football programs, which helps to make a great experience for all involved at Landis field on Friday nights. He also said how proud he was of the tremendous relationship between the Booster organizations at CDHS.

**Next Booster Meeting:** Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Please note the meeting time change.

**Meeting adjourned-**at 9:00pm

Sincerely,  
Laurie Kissinger, Recording Secretary