



Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 3, 2009

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eric introduced himself and welcomed the incoming Freshmen and their parents. Eric then introduced Mr. Ceresini. Mr. C also welcomed the Freshmen students and their parents and told them he was excited to have them at CD. Mr. Ceresini described the nine band ensembles: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz I and II, Percussion Ensemble, Indoor Majorettes, Indoor Drumline and Indoor Guard and spoke about their respective events. He introduced Amy Dedrick, the Assistant Band Director, who will work with the Marching Band. Amy is a recent graduate of Lebanon Valley College. Mr. Ceresini also explained grading, attendance and other policies. He mentioned that there are honor bands such as County and District Bands. Mr. C also pointed at the Band Directory which is a valuable resource. He then had a question and answer session. One of the questions he addressed was the time commitment. Mr. Ceresini said that it is possible to participate in one or more bands and still be involved in other activities and maintain good grades. If there are any problems with scheduling any of the band classes you should contact Mr. Ceresini. If you have any questions at all you should contact Mr. C at mceresini@cdschools.org. Mr. Ceresini ended his discussion by explaining the important role the Band Boosters have in the Band program. The Freshmen students then went with the upperclassman for the current students' perspective on the band programs. Next Eric explained how the Booster Association helps the band. One of our goals is to raise money for Mr. Ceresini's Wish List. Some recent equipment purchases provided by the Boosters were on display. These purchases included a marimba, vibraphone and new marching band drums. This equipment benefits all the bands not just the Marching Band. Eric noted that the Boosters expended approximately \$25,000 over the past few years for equipment on Mr. C's Wish List. The Boosters also pay for staff and logistics, provide food and host many events. At this point, Eric introduced the Executive Committee: Band Director – Matt Ceresini; President – Eric Bloom; Vice-President – Diane Baker; Treasurer – Jolene Yaede; Financial Secretary – Tim Clouser and Recording Secretary – Sue Douma. Next Eric highlighted our website at www.cdramband.org. He pointed out some of the various features of the website, ex: What's New, Pictures, Calendar, etc. Eric said that the website is the way to keep in touch with the RamBand program. Email blasts are also used to communicate. Eric then stressed how important it is for each family to participate in the program and even better, to become a Booster member. He explained the Enrollment Form which also includes a Volunteer Sign Up form and approval for your student and family to be included in the Band Directory. Eric said that the Membership goal for 2009-10 is 100%. The Boosters need many volunteers. No matter what your time or skills there is something you can do to help our Band program. Upcoming volunteer needs are Band Camp, Landis Field Concessions and Band Fair/Pigskin Preview. Student Accounts were then discussed and explained. The way to get funds into your student's account is by Business Sponsorships, Scrip (which Dr. Bloom was available after the meeting to explain), HERCO & GTP opportunities and Product Sales. Student Account withdrawals can be used for band related expenses – trip, event tickets, band shoes, lessons, instruments and repairs. Eric ended the Freshmen Orientation part of the meeting by having a questions and answers session.

Next, the Treasurer's report was presented but not passed pending final audit. This report shows revenues and expenses for the month. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. This

report lists the financial information by event. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Dr. Mark Guise and Diane Baker.

Vice-President's Report: Nothing reported.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini said the Linglestown Memorial Day parade went well. The Marching Band's participation in the parade was very much appreciated by the community. Mr. C received several positive emails one of which is highlighted in the June Ram-a-Gram. The Band Banquet was last Friday and was held in the cafeteria. The presentations, awards and slide show were in the auditorium. Mr. Ceresini said that the evening was very nice and it was great to honor the seniors. Graduation was last evening and the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble played very good. Mr. C said that the Student Leaders and Band Officers for 2009-10 have been selected. The list of Student Leaders and Band Officers can be found in the June Ram-a-Gram. Mr. Ceresini said that approximately 70 freshman will participate in the 2009-10 band programs! There will also be a freshman orientation tomorrow night since CDMS had a National Junior Honor Society program this evening.

Booster Kudos: Class of 2009 and their Families! Band Award Winners: Indoor – Most Improved: Connor Weeks and Meghan Baldwin; Pit Award – Zach Bloom; Battery Award – Marcus McDonald; Marine Corps Awards – Erin Famularo and Brock Meadath; Outstanding Jazz Award – Andrea Zeppuhar; Outstanding Instrumentalist Award – Melissa Koontz; Outstanding Band Front Award – Casey Jankoski; Whitman M. Gingrich Award – Zach Bloom; and James H. Milbrand Award – Mike Wertz.

Old Business:

Golf-a-RAM-a (June 11, 2009) – Mark Guise, Hal Hammaker and Jenifer Donnelly. This event will be held at the Deer Valley Golf Course with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$75 per player which includes grounds fees, cart, strip steak dinner and giveaways. There will be exciting prizes for everyone. It's not too late to sign up and you don't need a foursome; however, Mark would like to know by Friday or Saturday if you are interested in participating. The car this year for the Hole-In-One Contest will be a Saturn (free lease for one year). There may also be a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Non golfers can participate in the dinner after the tournament for \$25. We also still need businesses or groups (Majorettes and Drumline did this last year) to sponsor holes. Hole sponsorships cost \$100.

Band Camp (August 3-14, 2009) – Judy Koontz will coordinate the distribution of uniforms. Service day, coordinated through the United Way, will be Friday, August 7th. Parents' Night is Thursday, August 13th. The Pool Party is Friday, August 14th. We need an event head for this event [NB: Jen DeFazio and Alison Ruello have since volunteered to coordinate].

Phillies Game (August 19, 2009) – We have section 304 (right field, Pavilion Deck, 200 seats) reserved. Some tickets in the student section are still available for \$18; however, you must find your own transportation unless you are a chaperone. The order form is online and in the June Ram-a-Gram. The Boosters are paying for the students' tickets. The Marching Band will be playing on the field before the game. [NB: Section 304 seats are gone. We now have limited seats in Section 308 for \$22.00]

Band Fair/Pigskin Preview – September 2, 2009 – We need a coordinator! [NB: Janice Mountain has since volunteered to coordinate] The Event Head coordinates games, displays, volunteers, etc. The Landis Field Grillin' Pit will handle the food. Mr. C will handle the emceeing and performance schedule.

28th Annual Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (September 19, 2009) - Kathie Christie – This is a Marching Band Exhibition held at Landis Field that has been a CD tradition since 1982! The RamBand and the **East High Marching Panthers** participate as well as visiting bands. William Penn (York), Wyomissing, and Steel High have already accepted. Northeastern and Kennard-Dale previously requested to participate. Last year we hosted East, Dallastown, Shippensburg and Waynesboro. Mr. C is focusing on getting a few more York county bands (Dover and Southwestern). We would also like to have one or two college bands such as IUP, LVC, Shippensburg, Gettysburg, or Mansfield.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert (October 20, 2009) – We need someone to volunteer to be the Event Head.

New Business:

2009-10 Budget Review and Approval – The budget was reviewed and passed on the motions of Jeff Imboden and Belinda Clouser.

Band Trip Update – Disney 2010 -Sue Kruleski, Sue Kinneer and Denise Hess – The all-band trip to Orlando, Florida is Wednesday, March 31 through Monday, April 5, 2010. This is Easter break. We are hoping to have two performances in Disney. The Marching Band and concert band will perform in Downtown Disney. The concert students not in Marching Band will get uniforms, learn the parade song and be taught to march. The Marching Band students not in concert band will perform with the concert band. The band will also do a workshop with a Disney educator. They will play along with a Disney soundtrack and get a DVD. We are also trying to get a workshop for the Bandfront. The price includes all meals in Disney (one meal at the Rainforest Café and one at Medieval Times; the rest are vouchers) and breakfasts at the hotel. The hotel has suites with eight students per suite. The price is \$749 per student (8/suite) and \$829 per adult (four/suite). There will be a separate parent bus. The initial deposit of \$100 is due by September 25th. This trip is not mandatory and is open to any student who participates in a RamBand performing unit. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdramband.org.

Special Guest – Mr. Glen McNamee – Central Dauphin HS Rams Varsity Football Coach - The Coach is grateful for Mr. Ceresini and the Band Boosters who work together in the interest of the kids. Glen is excited about the future. He said that Friday night football is a big deal for the students, the fans, and the whole community, as Rams games are community events. Coach McNamee said that the Football players, Cheerleaders, and Band come together as one unit with great cooperation and optimism. Coach said that it is a great time to be a Ram. The first game will be with East High and there will be post game activities to promote district unity. The Rams are the away team.

Mr. Ceresini Closing Comments – Mr. C again thanked the freshman students and their parents for attending the meeting and he is looking forward to an exciting school year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:59pm