

Northgate High School
Northgate Instrumental Music Boosters (NIMB) Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 9, 2012 – Northgate Band Room
Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Attendance

Lynn Branson, Laura Brezack, Liliانا Britvic, Greg Brown, Steve Cherry, Monica Collard, Judith Evans, Gary Guerrero, Karen Jenkins, Betsy Henderson, Michelle Little, Ben Loomer, Courtney Mizutani, Randy Moss, Alice Macc Nakanishi, Nancy Painter, Barbara Pfaffenberger, Maria Schroeder, Valerie Sifino, Michaela Stahl, Jay Suresh, Dorothy Duda-Waletzko.

Opening and Approval of Minutes

Ben Loomer moved for approval of the minutes of the Sept. 11 meeting. Maria Schroeder seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Greg Brown reported that classes are going great, and the Jazz Band II class, in particular, is quite fun. The fall concerts are coming up and should be fantastic. Greg stated that parent attendance at back to school night was good.

President's Report

Betsy Henderson announced that the board needed to reconsider its commitment to the Jazz Band II class given a request by the school district for firmer language. Nancy made a motion that NIMB approve funds for .2 FTE at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 to cover an additional section of music for the 2012-13 school year. Steve Cherry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy Painter reported that NIMB has \$17,175 in committed funding for the class, with \$300 more pledged.

Betsy reported that NIMB has received the grant money from MDMEF and we need to send a proper thank you letter. The Northgate President's Council met and cancelled the holiday party this year due to lack of attendance. Finally, Liliانا Britvic and Nancy are working on an alumni webpage.

Fundraising Report

Nancy Painter reported that fundraising for Jazz Band II is coming along. She approached the PFC and they are not willing to commit funding at this time as they need to wait and see what they have left after other commitments. The PFC actually funds sections by telling the Principal "we'll fund 10 sections" without specifying the actual sections or classes. They do not know which classes the money ends up funding. Nancy asked for a gesture of support from them through additional funds. Discussion will continue, but the PFC asked the band for more visibility, such as at football and basketball games, and perhaps NIMB/band involvement at Spring Fling. NIMB should consider committing volunteers to Spring Fling for a share of funds

raised at the event. These topics will be discussed further at a future NIMB meeting. Nancy also reported that after a recent game, a football player expressed his thanks for the band playing during the game.

Nancy described that a music alumni webpage is in the works. She is working on an alumni and Northgate music "friends" constant contact list. Liliانا suggested the board consider setting up a paypal account so a "donate now" button could be added to this webpage, and the NIMB webpage too. Liliانا did not have exact cost figures, but thought there was a small fee (approx. \$20) to set up a paypal account, and then fees based on a small percentage of funds donated. Dorothy Waletzko moved to allow Liliانا to set up a paypal account (if cost is less than \$100 to establish). Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nancy reported the Marchathon exceeded its goal by grossing \$4269, and netting almost exactly \$4000 after expenses. Steve Cherry will take this over for next year. Nancy expanded the route of houses she solicited from for the event and had help from the cheerleaders to reach all the houses. Next year, she suggests we leave an envelope at the door of houses where no one answers, with instructions for how to donate. She will also thank attendees at the fall concerts for their generous donations thus far, with a reminder we can still use more donations.

Treasurer's Report

Valerie Siino reported that the Jazz Band II salary is \$19,700 and another \$3000 in expenses is estimated. Thus, the target/budget for Jazz Band II is \$22,700. She stated that 77% of families with a student in music have donated so far. She will send an email to those who haven't donated to remind them we still need the funds and if they donate before year end, they will get a tax write off for this year.

Marching Band Report

Ben Loomer reported that the Walnut Acres Ice Cream Social was a tremendous success and the elementary kids were very excited to see the band. The band took 3rd place at the Twilight Parade performing their new routine, and it was an exciting evening. The Northgate cheerleaders also attended the event with the band. Our drum major, Emily Sanchez, also received a trophy. The band placed 2nd at the Delta Review and Auxiliary took 1st. Drum line received 4th and the drum major took 5th.

The Homecoming performance went well, creating a lineup to support the homecoming court. The band attended 4 football games this year, an increase over prior years. Greg reported that the homecoming rally on Friday was terrific, with band, cheerleader and auxiliary involvement for the fight song. He said the Activities Director was proud of how the event turned out, and appreciated the band's effort. Board members are encouraged to upload videos of any marching band events this year to the website. Liliانا will post the bands awards on the website too.

Monica Collard stated that volunteers are still needed for the upcoming Santa Cruz band review.

Chaperones

Botsy Henderson reported for Tamara Helfer that chaperone and volunteer signups are going well. More volunteers are needed for refreshments for the upcoming fall concerts.

Sees Candy Fundraiser

Michelle Little and Lynn Branson are co-chairs of this event. Michelle reported that the goal is \$3500 and kick-off for the candy sale is Nov. 1. The sale continues through Nov. 14. Candy delivery will be Dec. 7 and 8. BOSS students will help her with the Nov. 1 kick-off in the classes. Discussion ensued over whether to have tables to sell candy at games or other events. Michelle stated that she felt the sale of candy bars detracted from the candy orders, so she's not selling bars this year. The board asked Michelle to consider encouraging each student to sell either a certain dollar amount (\$100) or a number of boxes (5) of candy so that all participate.

CMEA East Festival

Greg reported for Margaret Vercammen that the festival filled in 24 hours, so all slots are taken. Mr. Mizutani will be handling labeling for the packets and he can start this now. Greg should have all paper materials by the first Wednesday in December.

Disneyland Trip

Monica Collard has the Disneyland kick-off letter almost ready for students and will meet with the past trip organizer and Greg later this month to finalize details. She will work with the Stahls regarding 3 permission slips that accompany this letter. It will be sent to all families by e-mail very soon. Mr. Brown will announce in the classes and the packet will also be on the website. A short announcement will be made at the upcoming fall concert to remind parents to watch for this packet. Payment installments will be due around 11/7, 1/23 and 3/6. Lilliana asked if payments could be made through the webstore and Monica will check on this. During the trip, the students will not attend Medieval Times, but instead have time at the park on Saturday. Greg will finalize the itinerary later. Chaperones are still needed. Fees will be around \$575 for students, and \$350 for chaperones (double occupancy). Monica will check on the estimated cost for the equipment truck as well.

Jazz Band I and II

Judy Evans stated that she still needs volunteers for the November 14 MDUSD festival. She will work with Greg on the itinerary for that day. She also needs volunteers for Nov. 16 festival too.

Other

Greg reported that he received a donation of a trombone. The next board meeting is 11/13.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50. Minutes submitted by Dorothy Duda-Walczko.