

August 4, 2005 SCHS Band Council Meeting Minutes

SCHS Band Room, Santa Cruz, CA

Call to Order

President Daniel Brown called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. Those of the council who attended were: Daniel Brown, Andrew Cameron, Ms. Latham, Cuauhtemoc Peranda, Ron Salinas and Beverly Torre. There were no spectators.

1) Secretary's Report:

- Daniel did the secretaries report because Mulai was gone. The minutes from last meeting were passed around during the meeting and approved. Ron expressed concern that the minutes from last meeting were not actually discussed. In future meetings, if a band council member feels it is necessary to discuss the minutes before approval, discussion should take place at the end of the meeting after everyone has a chance to look over the minutes.

2) Presidents Report: Daniel Brown

- Those at the meeting edited the computerized contact list that Daniel brought.
- Daniel expressed the main goal of the meeting which was to establish a mission statement, motto and shirt for the year.

3) Directors Report: Ms. Latham

- Ms. Latham announced that the uniform will now have white spats and plums to match the gauntlets. She is confident this will have a positive impact in competition. Brandon already tried it on and those who saw it liked it.
- A mini field show with a funk theme is being planned for football games this year. The band uniform will most likely be our new street uniform with out plaids or helmets. Fedoras are being looked into. The council thought fedoras would match the funk theme. The guard uniform that was first presented was black tops and jazz pants with tights. Beverly thought it might be too cold. Some suggestions were thick jazz pants or sweat suits. The main concern with sweat suits is that it will look too much like cheerleaders. Beverly, will look into the possibilities with Ron's support. The pipers will probably be wearing their white dress shirts.
- Ms. Latham expressed the seriousness of the low enrollment in the program, especially in color guard. There is currently only one new member. With the current amount of guard members, no matter how good, the program will not be able to be as competitive on the street as in the past few years. Ms. Latham and Ron are actively working on the post card mailing. Students, especially band council members are extremely highly encouraged to find at least one new student each to recruit for color guard. Ms. Latham expressed her concern that the counseling office seems to be working against the program. Daniel will talk to his mom who is skilled in the area of administration and communication to see how to approach the situation. **Recruitment is currently an extremely high priority.**
- Ms. Latham will be at school Monday (8/8) from 10-3 and Wednesday (8/10) from 11-3 to clean the music building. Band council members are requested to volunteer to help. There is plenty of soda in the library and Ms. Latham will

bring snacks. Beverly requested that this also be a time to paint lockers. Members who want to decorate and pain their lockers should bring paint and brushes to share on these days. Also, students may pick up a copy of the march and bring a blank CD to burn it if they want to have these items before band camp.

4) **Goals and motto for the year**

- The motto chosen is “Work Smarter Not Harder” and the mission statement will remain the same which is “A focused and strong work ethic leading to excellence in performance.” The shirt will be yellow letters on a black shirt with the year’s performances on the back. Another non-motto shirt may also be created with the names of all the students on the back. Beverly volunteered to work on the design with Ron’s support. Anyone else who would like to help is welcome to contact Beverly at

5) **Lockers**

- As mentioned earlier, there will be a painting day. Otherwise, the students at the meeting were happy with the locker situation and the agenda item was closed.

6) **Band mailing/Rehearsal dates**

- The band camp prep night was switched to the 15th from 6-10 to avoid conflict with bingo.
- The summer mailing is to be done Tuesday (8/9) night at bingo and should be sent out Wednesday.

7) **Recruiting**

- Recruiting was covered in Ms. Latham’s report and this item was skipped.

8) **Phone Tree**

- Ben was not at the meeting however, he contacted Daniel to say that he finished the phone tree. The item was closed until we have the new freshmen’s information to finish and publish the list.

New Business for next meeting:

- **Leadership Training:** Organizing of a leadership training for the band council is in progress and should be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Brown