

# **Lakota West Upbeat Meeting**

## **Unapproved**

### **January 16, 2020**

Exec present: Candi Vance, Jen Daiker, Rebecca Yoby, Beth Dodson and Julie Horn

#### **Director's Report – Andy Carr**

- December concerts went well
- Swing Dance had good turnout; kids had lots of fun
- Honor Jazz last weekend; kids did a nice job
- Honor Band read through Monday; included freshman band this year; performance at Mason High School, Sunday, Jan 19, 4p
- Symphonic Winds
  - CCM Corbett Auditorium, Thursday Jan 23 730p; going after school; tour of facility; rehearsal with Dr Holzman followed by concert
  - Try Band Saturday, Jan 25 10a; let all 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders know about it; winds sectional in afternoon
  - Miami Hall Auditorium, Monday Jan 27 630p; going after school; Fairfield performs first (630p), followed by East (730p) and then West ( 830p)
  - OMEA convention Saturday, Feb 1; East performs 930a and West at 11a
  - All-State members perform Wednesday thru Friday at convention
  - New Orleans trip coming up over spring break; got contract today, should be finalized by Monday
- Solo and Ensemble – Saturday, Feb 8; 8a-5p; need lots of volunteers; recital night Tues Feb 4
- Main campus concerts coming up in March
- Large group adjudicated event is being replaced by Music for All event at Mason for main campus bands on Saturday, Mar 7; freshman will have own event at East on Friday, Mar 6
- Jazz n Cakes
- Matt Miller – met with Rob Tanis (East) and Andy
  - what Lakota is doing doesn't match what other neighboring districts are doing including the facilities and staffing
  - need to keep staying vocal about importance of arts are for us and the community; "this has been a positive experience for my kid" or "more kids should have this opportunity"; share your thoughts
  - January 28<sup>th</sup> district master facilities meeting will share where we're at right now; decisions to be made in the next six months; lots of things vying for the Lakota dollars
  - Andy's idea – current main campus buildings become a grade 6-8 middle school; build new educational park for a district wide high school (grades 9-12) campus; still maintain two separate building for East and West but have shared facilities in between them (gym, cafeteria, stadium, etc); all other existing buildings built after 1988 would become elementary or early childhood schools and any building older than 1988 would close

#### **President – Candi Vance**

- Meeting called to order 7:04p
- Welcome to new members

**Secretary – Julie Horn**

- Motion to approve November 21, 2019 minutes by Shirley Lam Wong-Liong and seconded by Dave Daiker, motion carried

**Treasurer – Beth Dodson**

- Swing Dance - \$2,700 but may have more expenses
- Uniform sale income has started coming in for full uniform and shako sales (pillow money will come in when pillows are completed)
- Indy chaperones get a small rebate
- Anyone interested in treasurer position can shadow Beth next year to learn Quick Books
- Motion to approve budget by Emily Byer; seconded by Cathy Henson; motion carried

**SnapRaise – Gina Mead**

- Company started to support groups in fundraising instead of having kids sell things
- Online platform; goes outside the community, both national and international
- Create your own page; listing events and tell how the donation will help you
- Each kid needs 20 quality emails; blasts once a week by email; followed by texts, facebook, etc
- Remains open for 28 days (once a year)
- SnapRaise takes 20pct commission fee

**Winter Guard – Dave Daiker**

- Prop construction wrapping up this weekend
- Feb 1 – first competition followed by lots in Feb/Mar; finals the first few days of April

**Pit Crew – Dave Daiker**

- Building – formal approval from everyone at West main campus as long as it's painted red and black
- Permits submitted through county
- Ground break date – tbd

**Marching Band Uniforms – Candi Vance**

- Laundry Reimagined was meticulous with the uniforms; thanked us for the opportunity
- FJM has strict guidelines on uniform washing, the owner asked for washing instructions, spent 10-12 minutes per uniform making sure the hem would come out; it was unable to be steamed due to cotton
- Got more insurance for his company when he realized how much each uniform cost
- Parkas were laundered by volunteers and have been packed up
- Shako cleaning will be in the band room next Tuesday, January 21 -630p

**Past Marching Band Uniforms – Cathy Henson**

- Presented prototype with 16" pillow insert
- Fold over bottom to maintain original finished lower edge of uniform jacket
- \$6,000 revenue; sold 20 full uniforms; 9 shakos; 16 uniforms pulled to make into pillow; 100 pillows
- Training session Wednesday, January 22 – 730p West Freshman building to learn how to disassemble 6 layers of uniform jacket
- Did not use bibs at all so they can still be sold

### **Concert Uniforms – Katie Smith**

- All good – no news

### **Try Band – Barb Warne**

- 1300 flyers for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to take home; E-flyers; yard signs, school announcements
- Provided video for elementary music teachers to share in class
- Vendors – Buddy Rogers, Willis and West Chester Academy
- Scavenger hunt and raffle prizes set
- Laptop to show video while setting up for the concert
- Reminder to have winds kids bring spare instruments

### **Solo and Ensemble – Rebecca Yoby**

- Volunteers needed
- Performance times should be out by early next week
- Planning meeting this weekend

### **Jazz n Cakes – Candi Vance**

- Good attendance at planning meetings held every two weeks
- Next meeting - January 22, 630p Freshman gym lobby
- Blast will go out for big push to get donations; gift cards; tickets to events; things from your company; from business you do associate with, etc
- Basket chair is Shannon Ellingson can be reached at: [market@lakotawestbands.org](mailto:market@lakotawestbands.org) or [shannonellingson@gmail.com](mailto:shannonellingson@gmail.com)

### **Taste of Music – Candi Vance**

- Uno's closed; sponsorship was via Taco Bell so we're fine there; openings now for February and April
- Main Event was January 14 and only Candi and two kids were there; will drop for next year
- Texas Roadhouse will be either February 11 or 18
- Chipotle – March 10
- Phil will work on April

### **Communications/Calendar – Barb Warne**

- Honor Band – we had 73 kids involved
- 1,700 following our FaceBook
- In the process of thanking our sponsors via social media
- Jointly promoting East and West OMEA convention performances
- Solo and Ensemble – is there a role for Matt Miller? Work front desk? Serve judges lunch?
- Promoting ways to fit band into your schedule (summer school; p.e. waiver, credit flex, online)
- Facilities meeting coming up January 28

**Sponsorship - Phil Leisure**

- Studying area bands sponsorship programs; East has 10, Mason has 31; Mason starts at \$1,000 to be on the truck but has different size logos on the different trucks
- Still want to highlight the leadership perspective vs the band perspective to get the attention of higher level executives at the top 30-40 companies in West Chester; want leadership kids to write the letter and send via Fed-Ex instead of mail to make it more likely to reach the executives
- Need more members on the team; selling window is April – May; want the sponsors to get a full cycle of the band year and lock in early so they can be on the marching band show t-shirts

**Volunteer Positions – Candi Vance**

- Jazz n Cakes volunteer lead

**New Business – Candi Vance**

- Retirement party for Phil Chumley; discussed having a social with cake after spring concert
- OMEA convention – has symposium for booster clubs; Saturday 9-11a
- Meeting dates: February 20, March 26; April 16; May 14

Motion to adjourn at 8:15p by Emily Byer; seconded by Dave Daiker

Attendance: Barb Warne; Cathy Henson; Shirley Lam Wong-Liong; Jay Kreimer; Dave Daiker; Phyllis Unger; Jen Best; Audrey French; Emily Byers; Phil Leisure