

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

Approved

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 5th-7th 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 28th 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 5th and 6th 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 or 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