**Lakota West Bands Upbeat Club**

**Minutes**

**March 25, 2021**

**Main Campus Choir Room**

**Director’s report**

Andy Carr

Drum major auditions beginning, Musical rehearsing, Drum line practicing, it's feeling back to normal!

Last week we had all the concerts – as there were no lights available in the Freshman auditorium, we are so thankful for the Athletic Dept and Administration allowing us to have the gymnasium for FOUR days!

Music for All (MFA) MFA was great! (Andy's dad was impressed with our folks’ videography over the MFA)

 Kids were a little freaked and it was good for them to have all that exposure. Good for the kids' nerves. This year it was good for them to have that opportunity.

All bands did well. Andy was quite pleased with the judging panel. One judge was so excited to adjudicate band, he was nearly in tears judging Freshman 1st period Band. Richard Floyd (80-something years young) usually evaluated ~120 bands a year – hadn’t done any since Mason 2020 (pre-‘Rona) shocked the kids when he teared up. Despite our challenges, we've had many wins in this year.

Lots of kudos to the parents.

The Try Band event - Willis has a "thing" that is a bunch of instrument heads/mouthpieces together so they can test the mouthpieces. We are inviting kids – and we can help by talking about the event. We've been good at promoting music and fine arts, compared to other schools.

Andy encourages us to reach out to neighbors/friends with kids in 5, 6, 7 grade. We want to get kids involved, and

mitigate the loss of students to VLO this past year.

Final concert is the last week for seniors - some time May 10 week. We have been promised working lights!

Please see the Marching Band schedule sent out previously via Charms.

Utah - is happening. We have asked several times, and YES. The only hesitation is the expense. We are figuring out the fundraisers. No exact numbers yet, but for students, we will ask for money in installments.

Andy is excited to get the kids out West to see Zion, Hoover Dam, and the scenery.

Concert band auditions are coming up.

Tentative dates: Rookie night: May 12, Senior awards May 13

Graduation planned for Cintas Center -but NO band (Cintas choice.)

We're doing a hybrid jazz festival (Jazz and Cakes and Swing Dance.)

April 6, we have a work day - ticket committee. We need parent volunteers.

The meeting on 4/6 will be here in Choir room - 7 pm

Aaron: inaugural Jazz Festival. This is a combo swing dance/pancake breakfast minus pancakes, serving pizza pop chips and then having bake sale.

Music from main campus jazz bands, west freshmen, then get the Ridge and Plains bands here. April 30, May 2 rain day

6-9:30, we'll have the kids bring sodas, chips. We are ordering pizza. We made $3100 pre-sale, kids are to sell and bring back money after spring break. Our costs will be lower, and we really need some big fund raising.

Auditions for the jazz groups are due Friday 3/26. Right now there are 2 big jazz bands - class sizes are larger this year than last.

**Call the meeting to order: 7:07. Welcome to new parents!**

**Minutes** approval: Maryann Falk/Dave Daiker

**Financials**

* financials look good - not much change - a little WGI expenditure but overall they are under budget. We already have some of the income from jazz fest, those were out on the website - but if you have any questions, go out. Budget vote at next meeting
* Rebecca Y/Dave D approved

**Winterguard**

* tomorrow for parents, streamed, tech team is good. bleachers are working (they weren't working earlier)
* Dave D: not much going on - doing something with pit to help with jazz fest, but that is TBD.
* last competition is Saturday, then WGI over.

Jazz Fest

Aaron covered Jazz Festival.

Next meeting - Tuesday after spring break.

Anybody welcome to help. Need help with baskets, many sub committees.

Working to get tickets online

**Taste of music** –

* Kona - in April 13 at the high school, 2-4 pm, will park in fire lane at front of the school.

**Band camp**-

* we met with directors, we have called many places to find some place to take kids. Mr. Carr wants little structure. We are stil working on those things and
* finalizing. the committment form needs to come in. We could use some help. Email the band camp @ and we will have mini-camp. end of May - not sure if the parade is happening. TBD right now. It will be low key - 3 days of camp, but gives them a taste of what to expect.

**Website/Communications**

rookie parent 5/12 meeting

will get the handbook started

Bumper sticker will be handed out at try-band. Lots of gaiters given away. Barb will do a flyer. Try band will be the kids who have already registered for band. We still want kids to come. Even if they have already completed their schedule, if they want to do band, we will figure how to change schedule. We are trying to keep things spread out through the evening.

Need to get scholarship info up and ready.

Yobys and Michael Ellingson did a great job on website. We really like the finished product.

Aug 21 will be tag day, and still need lead for tag day. WE hope it will go back to normal - having the students canvas the neighborhoods.

Tech team: trying to put the commerce extension - there are some good functionality that would allow bar codes

Woo Commerce. Everything has been streamed this year - not sure what else is coming to be streamed.

Volunteer - positions opened: we had a great response, but we have one that is important - tag day. We really need a person for Tag. Lisa Vallaincourt has all the

info, has offered to help. We desperately need it. Ginger Coffey volunteered to do it! Yay!

**Executive Board nominations**: all execs needs nominated. Jen H, Emily, Allison are willing to stay on.

Freshman VP: Jen H, nominated by Jen B and Cindy Merk

Treasurer: Allison, nominated by Rebecca Y

Secretary: Emily, nominated by Cindy M and Shirley

VP - Jen B, nominated by Nikki Green

Pres – Amy Koenes, nominated by Nicki Green - both seconded by Cindy M and Shirley Lam

**New Business**

any other new business? who is putting together the senior slide show? Last year, it was weird, but ask if Andy wants to do it again. Senior slide show due

4/16, google form, and also has all the scholarship info. All pics must be rec'd by 4/12.

Andy wants money: buying 2 things with our dollars and district dollars. Want an iPad for freshman campus. He also wants the acoustical tiles that hang down, they've been quoted 1700 for those. Wants to see if the district would pay for the tiles, and then we can pay for the rest of the items.

Trip: no numbers yet – we need commitment forms. We speculate think about 1400 per person. We discussed spreading out the payments as long as possible.

Jen B moved to adjourn, Jay second.

adjourn at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting: April 15