

**Lakota West Bands**  
**Upbeat Club Meeting**  
**May 20, 2021**  
*Unofficial Minutes*

**Band director's report:** Andy – excited to start Monday.

- Nice last week of school, last concert was great.
- Awards and concerto were great – glad it turned into a real year!
- Thanks to the parents for all the hard work.
- The band room looks great – the band directors stayed late to get the sound panels up, looking really nice.
- The Memorial Parade survey – we turned down the parade, but the kids decided to do the parade – 111 kids said yes. **Overall, it's been a great year.**

**Colin** – the schedule is finally done for mini camp. Kids will not be allowed off campus. They must know all names of freshman.

- 7:30 Thursday, Mr. Carr will host Rookie parent meeting then. We are feeding the kids Thurs.
- Freshman gym will be the parent performance, and it will be on instruments, but we need masks for parents. We are implementing firm start times. Winds players are done after Thursday next week, except for the parade.
- Student led sectionals.
- All events in the summer are at Freshman campus.
- Parents will need to fill out Final Forms, and the info is in the email – no physical is needed.

All things considered, we loved **Jazz fest**. All 4 weather seasons were represented that evening! The new instruments that were ordered by the district have been arriving. We spent all \$\$ that was allotted.

**6:44 called to order**

**Welcome to new members.** This is Candi's last meeting, same with Jen Daiker. Amy and Jen Best are at Baccalaureate but will be here taking the helm next year.

**Minutes** – Kim York/Rebecca Y – all approved

**Finance** – financial report was at the door with the new budget – we made just over 10k for jazz fest. Our income will be over 12k and our 10175 total – for minimal work. Admissions, raffle were the big money makers. Was the online sales a big boost? We feel it was a great boost. We want to go forward with that. Admission tickets – worked really well. Our normal pancake breakfast usually pulls in 12k but we are so happy we made 10k. Krystal/Jennifer all approved.

Next – the budget – landscape document. This budget will look more like 2019 (normal year.) Going forward we decided not to budget for 2020-21 – and all future budgets will have a grey line because we did not consider it an appropriate year since things were weird. Note: 2019/2020, make a note that Jazz Cakes didn't happen. Jay pointed out that the Jazz cakes didn't happen in 2020. Our savings is around 45k. We operated in the red this past year, so we will need to balance out with some of the savings. We were able to pull out the uniform fund. We netted the scholarship fund. The show sleeves, we didn't charge the kids unless they bought them. We have adjusted for that. Jay/Nikki all approved – budget is approved by the quorum.

**Jazz fest** recap – already done about the money – but we are all happy about them. Q: will we go back to Jazz Cakes? They liked Jazz fest – but there seems to be a desire to go back to jazz cakes. Too much unknown with the weather. There is a lot of cost for the food in the pancake breakfast. We would like to do it inside.

**Band camp** – all events we are used to – but many have changed nights. Soaring Sounds used to be on Monday, but now we're unclear if it will be a thing – Thursday we go to Beckett ridge pool, but arranged with the mason aquatic center, that's on Sunday (preview into the second week.) Section dinners on the schedule. New parents, the upper classmen will host section dinners. Some days that were short are now long, and vice versa. There is a bonus camp days.... The pre- actual – post.. the bonus, we can start early.... We're going to BOA show 3 weeks earlier and season is 17 days shorter than 2019. This year, the vibe is to be more done than other years earlier. Functionally – it's band camp 4.0.

**Uniforms** – trying to get fitted Tues and Wednesday night – will be measuring the kids. The uniforms need to be sized early. All will be earlier this year. All ordered Friday next week. Money isn't needed next week. There are a LOT of chips/Cheetos left over from **Jazz Fest**. Pizza and chips will be fed to the kids.

**Communications** - 100 people signed up for Remind so far. We will be using it next week. We are still emailing newsletter through the website. Will be posted under recent news, and we can sign up to get them. Parents are helping with graphics, so we should have fresh new look.

**Tech team/website** – Michael – everybody really enjoyed the concerts. Everybody really enjoyed watching the reruns... one of the concerts got 600+ views. We did not budget for livestream, but we can continue to do this. We may need to get some equipment, as the tech team is using their personal equipment. Next year we can move to spend money for equipment. Rebecca informed us that the men are really enjoying what they are doing. Michael also enjoyed teaching the East band parents how to livestream.

**Volunteer positions?** Looking great so far – Shirley has agreed to stay on to photograph. We welcome any parent who is willing to step into lead position for photographer. Look for opportunities to volunteer.

**New business** - None

This is the last meeting of the year – the next meeting will be in August – and freshman band room will be the location. We will meet in the freshman location until MB is over.

Thank you for all the support through the years. Shannon won the canes basket that has been at her house for a long time.

Shirley/Jen Daiker adjourn.

The end – 7:16

Thank you to the families who have “senior’d out.”