

Lakota West Bands
January 2022 Upbeat Meeting
Via Zoom

Started at 6:33

Colin – We finished the honor band event and as of now, nobody has reported getting covid from the weekend. The groups were smaller than in the past but had 5 bands that went well. All alternates were called from LWHS. They got to work with great people, and at that event Andy works for Colin. Overall it was a great experience for the kids.

Next thing going on is Monday – the ensemble coaching night. The leadership team has been selected, and they will go and set up the S&E rooms. The specific times will be there and going on. There are many options and opportunities to volunteer. The kids do most of the work. The event will be smaller, maybe easier, not sure yet how it will go.

OMEA is mandating masks at the event. Parents should go into the main entrance - do not use the back doors, it's a stage (the band room.) There will also be a basketball game and people will be accosted when they come in. We are urging the kids to make this the best musical education as possible. If some people are missing due to illness – just hang in there. Carr had a great time in CA for the Rose Bowl – 10 students attended from our district, Andy got covid but got to rest while he had to take a week off.

For MB, will do schedule and commitment at the same times. Those forms will be sent soon. There will be a month to get them back. New admins will allow some changes.

Mini camp – May 23-26, parent performance the 26th.

July 14 – Leadership Retreat

July 18 – beginning of camp.

We share a concert with East, and there is a WSU conductor to work with the freshmen.

Jazz – great time at the Swing Dance and Honor Jazz went really well. Saturday Feb 26 for Jazz Weekend. Then Jazz & Cakes, 8 am to 12 noon at Main.

There is a concert April 21 that UC has asked jazz orchestra to perform. We need to ask permission from the school. It is at the Redmore.

CCM is doing an exchange and their stage is big enough for everybody!

Parent Meeting began at 7.

Minutes: Rebecca Y and Kim approved minutes

Finance: Our original budget was revised, by moving money for percussion support. We moved the UT trip from calendar fund, brought down into the expenses. Looked at band camp costs, which cost 2750, we're at 9250, so we re-aligned. We've been asked to help Winterguard, make sure there is enough there for them. We moved expenses to be where we are truly spending. Phil/Justin – approved

Winterguard: WG is going to Pittsburgh for a WGI regional. The first comp is Feb 5, going to PA Feb 26.

Uniforms: Katie – looking for co-chair

Jen Himelstein – for MB uniforms they aren't done yet, still have some to be completed.

Swing Dance: Krystal loved doing the swing dance, we made 2800.

Try band: they are taking the try band to the elementary schools. EVERY kid will have an opportunity to try it. They are going to do a rental meeting with Willis. Thanks to the principals – we really want them to like us.

Solo and Ensemble Weekend: – we need lots of volunteers to make this work, even though it will be a smaller event than in previous years.

The Jazz and Cakes event is a lot of fun, similar to last year but different. Done by committee – kickoff coming.

Sponsorship – Krystal, going to Olde West Chester to solicit from small businesses. We are using the same hosting setup. Long term is saving money. Almost everybody is going to digital programs. We want it but also concerned about more encouragement for adults to be on their phones. We are looking forward to utilizing the new QR code.

Barb W discussed course listing and HS registration – 6 bells with a nexus. You can get 7 bells.

Website: The lakotawestbands.org has gone away. We've never paid for it before. There was g-suite, and we had that free, and now going to Google Workspace. Look for the transition.

New business – Jen Best – thinking about camp, need to get a lot set up before the end of school.

Colin: try-band, Colin asked some former students to help with try-band. Wants to pay 150 each kid, total 450. Allison would like to try and figure future costs for next year, we can take out of director's budget, or update the try band budget to 1000 and re-vote our budget.

We are using Willis for this year, maybe future years we are not exclusive. They will move money (for the Try Band assistance) to the correct line, no vote needed. No other new stuff,

meeting adjourned 8:10.