**Lakota West Upbeat Meeting**

**October 20, 2022 Minutes**

**Director’s Report** – Andy Carr- Thanks for being here. It’s been a busy couple of weeks and we’re not planning on slowing that down. We’re really proud of the kids. We know that there was some disappointment for our finish in St. Louis. We thought we’d finish between 10 and 18 so we were right where we thought we would be. A lot of those other bands are very done with their shows, and we don’t plan to be done until the end of the season. The kids didn’t have their very best run. We had one major slip where we played a couple of measures out. That makes it hard to make finals. We had only done it about 4 times correctly. We did not get helped by the windstorms at practice 2 days in a row the week before we left. That set our practice time back as well. 15th is super impressive. It would have been cool to play one more time, but one thing we wanted us to do was see more bands and that was accomplished. We also wanted our kids to represent our school well and they did that super well. Third we wanted the kids to have a good time and we think they did that except for right after we realized that we weren’t going to be in finals. He is completely unconcerned about not making finals. We should never decide if our season was a success based on someone else’s judgement. We like our show and so does the audience. We do hope that it refocuses them. We have gotten really lucky and maybe had an attitude too big for our britches. We should do everything possible to feel no regret when it doesn’t happen. That’s why we push them so hard so that we don’t have that regret at the end. Not everyone thought broken arrow was the best. In band it’s not really all about winning. There were 62 bands. There is not 1 winner and 61 losers. Everyone can have a great show and be someone’s favorite band. It’s a bad way to look at it to say that if we don’t win, we weren’t successful. They got over their disappointment very quickly and enjoyed all of the slides and fun at the city museum. Our kids don’t let their setbacks stop them they motivate them. This is something our parents have instilled in them. It’s how you handle those that really matters not that setbacks will never happen. How do we react to that hardship? They should be proud of the awesome parent support and the great trip they got to have. They enjoyed the trip to the top of the arch. Overall, very happy with the trip. It was fantastic and no major problems. All busses and trucks made it there and back. Two nights ago, we had some incredible performances at the concerts. There are very few bands that do that. Most of the bands, including ones that placed higher, only do marching band in the fall. They don’t do any concert band until the season is over. We would have to be super close to the highest feeder system to kids making it into drum corps, collegiate ensembles and marching bands. Our programs set us up for success beyond high school. We try to keep a real balanced approach to the music program. What we do here is normal to you, but it is not that normal in the world of high school band. It is a little stressful to fit the concert into the schedule. The kids all played really well, and they love seeing the freshman’s reaction to hearing symphonic winds play. Remind them that those kids were in their same place 1-3 years ago, and the kids want to practice harder.

Senior night info. We need the kids to have checked off their name and who was escorting them, due by tomorrow (10/21). Need to know who is going to walk across with them. Friday night is a regular football game, and we are going to do the show run through at half time. No shakos for seniors so they can be seen and highlighted. We’ll bring the seniors out and stand on the sidelines and announce the class of 2023 and celebrate that they’re there. We have practice from 1-5:30 on Saturday. Kids will have a 2.5-hour break. During that time, we have the theater available for senior pictures and such. On Saturday, you can bring anyone in the world with you. You will not need tickets. At 8:00 you’re in the stadium and we will run pregame in game uniforms. We will play some pregame so that senior parents can come down. We will make an aisle announce the kids, they come down, do pics, etc. Then we will run the show through. Mr. Carr now knows how to run the fancy lights and we’ll do that. Then we will be done. We had always done this during the football game in the past. There were a couple of positives and a lot of negatives. It’s hard to get everyone through on a football game. He put it out for the kids to choose and they decided it should be done on Saturday. It will only last 8-9ish

Following week Centerville then a week of practice that we are still trying to figure a couple things out then Indy. The week of Centerville we have already clinched a playoff spot and it will be like a regular home game. Send off is going to be at East at their stadium. One band will play and then the other band will play. Will be a huge crowd. We want to give both bands a good send off. They will not have a chance to see each other at Grand Nats so this will be their only opportunity. We’re better at moving than they are so we are going there. We live on the road so it’s no big deal for us. It will be in full dress. It will be a full run of what we are doing in Indy. We’re still working on the Tuesday practice right before Indy. The plans are still in flex. Wall to wall charges $750 an hour and we’d have to tape lines. Wittenberg is much more reasonable at $75 an hour, but they may not be available due to their own students using the facility. If anyone knows a guy and could get us a deal that would be great. There was a truck story. We’re looking at other opportunities for an indoor practice facility. As soon as we know we’ll let you know. Centerville schedule is still being built. He will work on it tomorrow. Practice in the morning and then head out. Will get their about 2 hours before show time. We’re practicing at noon. We try not to make plans too early as they change frequently. Food breaks will be built in.

Up Beat Club Parent Meeting:

1) Call to Order at 7:03

2) New Member Welcome- No new people but if it’s your second- or third-time thanks for coming back

3) Minutes Approval – Amy M./ Kristin

4) Finance Approval – Allison- There were both the income statement and the balance sheet provided. This is likely our busiest month with money coming in and going out. The big things are finishing off the calendar raffle. All expenses for that are in. Our sponsorship from Kevin M from Next Gen came in. We spent money on reducing chaperones and student trip costs. The marching band misc. big expense was the dinner provided at Obetz. Beavercreek bought some props for us so we got $1500 from that. We also sold some old uniforms to a band in Putnam OK. They paid about $6000 for those that went into the account. We spent about $5500 in angel fund, and we may have 1 additional. It was very helpful to put the money in there that was voted upon last month. Monique/Crystal approved

5) Pit Crew– Justin K./Ray B.- They are not here. Currently doing a work session. They are building another solo stand and putting some guard flags together tonight. They’re still hard at work so look for some new and exciting things. They did a great job for us in St. Louis.

6) Marching Band/ Color Guard Uniforms – Jen H- Thank you to all of the uniform volunteers. 5:50 AM comes very quickly when we didn’t roll into town until 10. Uniform season is quickly coming to a close. Anybody that has any laundry services that they know of and recommend, please let Jen know. The shirts will go home with the kids and the black bibs will go out for laundry as they did in mid-season. Parkas will also go out to parent volunteers to wash. It’s been a crazy season but thank you for all of the help everyone has provided.

7) Concert Uniforms – That is streamlined this year with uniforms only being for Symphonic Winds. They got to wear everything Tuesday night. They switch to black for everyone else looked really good. Even with some last-minute additions everyone looked really good.

8) BOA Trips/ Bus Chaperones - Monique P.- Fantastic trip to St. Louis. Thanks to all of the chaperones. It can be exhausting work but, the kids make it fun. In three weeks from now we do it again. The schedule for Indy is pretty much set. Friday is shifting around a little bit. We really wanted to be in the stands for awards as we missed it 3 years ago when we were picked to go into semis. We are leaving early Thursday morning. The plan is to report to main campus at 8:30. They do not need to go to class that morning. They are excused for all of Thur./Fri. Let them sleep in a little bit. We are practicing on Thursday prior to performance. They won’t check into the hotel until after their performance and we will have dinner at the hotel. There is a plan to feed the kids a snack before they perform. Saturday is all up in the air depending on what happens. All info will be on the website. Med drop off next Wed. between 4:30-6:30 at Freshman campus. You do not need to redo the forms if you had them previously for the St. Louis trip. Left over meds from St Louis are currently on Mr. Celek’s desk at Main. They will try to have them available during med drop off night. If you have questions, please contact the nurses at Main. We have all of our chaperones for Centerville. There will be a lot less walking in Indy

9) Swing Dance – Jen B.- The sad new is Nov 14th we say goodbye to marching band. The good news is that we come back together on Dec 9th for the swing dance. A couple things we need you to share with everyone: Everyone is invited: families, communities etc. It’s a really good time. If you think you saw a good jazz concert at East, get ready. We transform the cafeteria into a jazz club. It’s a great fundraiser and we don’t ask for a lot. We will ask for you to send in snacks. Everyone hangs out and has a good time. Mark your calendars. It will go from 7-10. There will be 4 bands. Freshman and 3 high school bands. It’s an awesome night. Dress up and wear your fedora. There will be dance instructors. There is usually a group of junior and seniors that come up with a routine on their own that they perform. It’s going to be super super fun.

10) Spirit Wear– Heather C.- Hopefully everyone has everything. Hall of fame ran into some tricky situations and were very sorry for anyone that had issues. Some of the machines they had just purchased didn’t work and caused some back up. Thank you for your patience with that. It is a wrap on spirit wear for the year.

11) Mattress Sale- Ashley S.- It is Nov. 19th. The flyers for the kids and the yard signs will be in shortly. The sale is from 10-4. We will need volunteers of parents and maybe kids to play some instruments. It helped draw people in at the last couple of sales. Please share on social media to get the word out. For Lakota staff they get $50 off plus a mattress protector if they buy a mattress. These are name brand mattresses at a variety of price points.

12)Taste of Music- Ali B.- Our first one is next Tuesday at Chick Fila at VOA next Tuesday from 5-8:30. We will also be scheduling Chipotle, City Barbeque, and Dewey’s. For those new to Taste of Music is a fundraiser where you eat at the restaurant and they donate a portion of the proceeds back to the band

13)Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W.- If you have information (team leads especially) that needs to be shared or you need volunteers reach out to Kristin and she will get the information out to everyone. Especially as we’re winding down the marching band season and you need a shadow, we can get that done as well. The marching band concert has been added to the calendar as well as winter guard auditions. Everything through May is on the calendar. Solo and Ensemble email came out (for Winds anyway). On our private lessons list (posted on the website) there are accompanist listed at the bottom if you need them. It is the second Sat. in February. All concert band students will participate in sole and ensemble. More info to come for non-winds kids.

12) Tech Team – Rebecca Y. -We’ve gotten into the swing of it from the concerts. We have some new members in our group, and it is going along well. Question if we could stream senior night except for the show. We’re going to look into it. (They did stream it, check out the youtube channel)

13) Sponsorships – Allison-Nothing new at this point. Just Kevin M. of Next Gen reupping his sponsorship (thanks Kevin). We’re really happy about Martinelli’s which has been a fun sponsorship. They will be available at Kroger in 2 weeks. Make sure to check them out!

14) Volunteer Positions- We had great support for the positions we spoke about last time. Thanks for the help! We’re going to keep talking about ways you can be involved.

a. Current Openings- These would be just joining a committee and just a piece of things. You would not be on your own.

* Swing Dance- In December (see above)
* Jazz N Cakes- Done in the Spring (lots of opportunities for various levels of help)
* Sponsorships

b. Shadow Opportunities for people senioring out this year (You would work with a parent with a senior this year in preparation for taking over next year)

* Bus Chaperones- We found someone! Thanks for stepping up
* Concert Uniforms

If you’d like to do something but not sure what just come talk to us. We have opportunity levels for as much or as little time you have to give. Thank you for all of the things you already do. It takes a lot to do all of these things for our kids.

15) New Business- If you have time listen to the judges’ comments from the show. Pick one or two and it gives you some really good insight into the show and what they are seeing. The judges were overall very positive and saw lots of exciting things in the show. It’s really cool to listen to the commentary and it is really insightful.

There is a flyer on the website that has information about sponsorships in case you have people you can pitch sponsorship to.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00

Next Meeting – Thurs, Nov. 17th, 6:30 pm in the Lakota West Main Band Room