**Lakota West Upbeat Meeting**

**February 16, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

Informational Meeting:

* Director’s Report – Andy Carr- Thanks for coming. Most recent thing in mind is solo and ensemble. Special thanks to the Yoby’s (event) and Amy P (Volunteer coordinator). The pianos worked great and we were able to rent 3 out to another district. He does think that we will be able to rent them out in the spring for JR high solo and ensemble and next year. Really proud and blown away by the symphonic winds performance in Columbus. Part of the reason they performed so well was all of the concerts they did before they went. They also got a call out at the school board meeting as to how impressed they were and how well the kids did. It’s much harder to get praise in concert band so that was great. You can only do it every 3-4 years and this was the first year we were eligible after our 3 year period. We may do it again as it is a great event. The kids got to watch the all state kids which was fun. They did not record the concert this time (usually do) so they made recordings in class. Mr. Carr is still not loving them so they may still work on it a bit.
* The calendar is a little complicated for what is coming up. Freshman are going to OMEA festival and the high school are going to the music for all at Mason the next day. The musical is about to get rolling and will be a lot of fun. Concert band auditions will be fit in between. Look for the calendar soon. We have to schedule around Mr. Carr’s schedule, and he is always the problem with scheduling (because he’s so busy).
* We now know what next years marching band show will be. We’ve been trying to throw off the kid and tell them it is how to train your dragon with flame throwing helmets. There is a preshow with an opening hit already. We have a prop prototype already made on Celek’s kitchen counter. Every year we try to make the show good. So far what they have been pitched looks awesome and should be really fun. This marching band season will be very similar to last few seasons. The season schedule will look similar to previous seasons and is identical to the 2018 season. We just have been crazier the last few years with the schedule. We requested 4:30 performance time at Obetz so we can sleep in, and we are doing Saturday at Super regional at Indy so we won’t have to stay over night without us asking to have parents give money. We can choose those slots because we won at Obetz this past season. The regular season is not combined with East. Both schools are doing their own thing and then will combine to work together after the regular season ends. You do not need to go on the trip to be in Marching band, but you do need to be in Marching band to go to Hawaii.
* Solo and ensemble went great.
* Mr. T- Super proud of Tyler Henderson in all state jazz a couple of weeks ago It’s always great to get to do something like that and it seemed like a positive experience for al of the kids. The Saturday concert was great as well. Jazz groups are going to Beavercreek Festival of Jazz. It is a marathon day for Mr. T. The kids only have to be there for about 2 hours. First band drew an early time followed by orchestra and then jazz band. They have a great stage, put out a bunch of microphones and then get some judge comments that are always great. Good experience to play in a different room in front of different people. All performances are free and there are professional group that performs in the evening and the pros give master classes during the day for people who are interested. Mar 28th-30th will be jazz band auditions. (Sax, Brass, and the Rhythm) start at 3:30 since Mr. T has to come from the other building. If they have a conflict on their audition date, Mr. T will hear you on a different date. Freshman Sophomore and Juniors will all do it together. It makes the older kids take it more seriously and it gives the younger kids something to strive for. Jazz n Cakes is back this year. Pancakes are great. 8-12 Saturday April 1st. (See section below). Spring Jazz concert has been moved to Tues May 2nd at West. Updated on LW building calendar and regular calendar. It is election day and there is no school but there is a concert. Don’t let the kids talk you out of it.
* Celek- Try band going on now with our ne way to process it. Hopefully we’ll get the same response as last year. It really increased the number from 60-70 incoming students per school to approximately 100 per school. Celek has ben teaching Jr high all week while the Jr high teachers are at the elementary school with the 3D printed mouth pieces getting the kids excited. We’re cautiously optimistic about the kids getting into band. Thanks Barb and Ginger. Symphonic winds and Jazz Orchestra are now weighted classes next year. Great news that it is being recognized what is being asked of them. They are playing pieces that Celek played in college. This was a 20-year process to get them the powers that be to agree to this. No new requirements beyond what they are currently doing.

Upbeat Club Meeting:

1. Call to Order at 6:51
2. New Member Welcome & Volunteer Thank You- Welcome to new members. Incoming Freshman parents feel free to join us!
3. Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Approval: Kristen and Amy (Thanks for reading!)
4. Finance Approval – Allison N.- Highlights- We had a diamond level renewal sponsor from Katie’s company Management plus. Even expenses in and out for Winds trip. Piano rentals also happened. We rented 12 pianos to West @$250 for solo and ensemble and Mike N. dropped off 3 pianos at Blanchester for their event $750. Amazon smile is going away after Q1 2023, so we won’t have that income any more. We did receive our check for $5060 from the mattress sale. Up a bit from previous years so way to go! We did have to pay additional charges for our marching band trip to Indy/St Louis. A hotel up charge for closeness to the arch. It was supposed to be rolled into the cost for the students but was inadvertently left off. We paid for it with left over trip money, but it broke out to $75 per student. Approval- Rebecca/Jenny
5. Solo & Ensemble Recap- Rebecca & Todd- Thank you for all of the volunteers. We did not have any major blocks or shortages of people so that was really nice this year. People were very generous with their time. We did not lose any scores. No major chaos. Very smooth event. Idea for next year we may need some tape for sticking pedals down. The floors in some rooms are more waxed.
6. Symphonic Winds Trip Recap – Monique.- See Carr updates above
7. Try Band Recap– Barb/Ginger – Currently going on. See Celek overview. Barb and Ginger mentioned again the opportunity to get in front of 670 kids over these 2 days is pretty priceless. It’s a really exciting system. The guy from Willis music was great about donating their time to do this. If you are in the shop of see them please thank them for donating all of there time. Celek invented this idea last year and now it has moved to East. It is packed out there tonight. More is more in band.
8. Pit Crew-Winter Guard- Ray B- Not a lot going on. Saturday the far room is getting an upgrade and some pit crew people will be here to help.
9. Winter Guard- Winter guard is going great. There is only 1 group this year. We only had 4 Varsity people returning. They have come in 1st place their last 2 competitions and have been promoted into a higher skill level group. It will give them a little more competition. There’s a competition this Saturday and thanks for the pit crew for the great props they did. It’s a fun show. They are planning on having a community show on April 3rd. They may try to get some of the other local schools to make it a bit of a showcase. They are looking for a photographer to do one of their shows if someone would like to do that. (Photography team is on it.)
10. Jazz N Cakes- Stacey/Amy- Coming along. April 1st 8-12. There is a great committee full of Amys (4?!?) A lot happening behind the scenes. Presale tickets will start around Spring concert. There will be a presale for regular and raffle tickets. Prices will be higher at the door so buy your tickets in advance. We are looking for vendors for main street if you or anyone you know would like to have a table. There is a nominal fee to have a table. Look for more info coming out soon. Donations are being solicited for raffle baskets. Donations are starting to come in. The way we can all contribute if you have something you’d like to regift we’ll take it, you can sponsor a basket and we’ll shop for you, Liquor you don’t like, if your kids works somewhere that would like to make a donation. There is something for everyone and anything can make a good basket. We will be collecting $5-10 gift cards again from all band students. Please just come it’s a great time and a lot of fun.
11. OMEA Piano Rental- See Treasurer updates
12. Taste Of Music-Ali
	1. Update on previous events- Not sure how last night went yet. We made $190 at Chipotle in January
	2. Tues Mar14- Dewey’s Pizza 4-9 pm. Dine in or carry out
13. Communications- Kristin B/Barb- No new updates. You can sign up for the Friday email blast on the website.
14. Tech/Website Team- Rebecca & Todd-Nothing new and different. Jazz and Cakes stuff will be posted soon.
15. Volunteer Positions
	1. Exec Lead Opportunities-Many openings coming 2023-24. It will be a little more clarified in the near future. We will assume you are staying in your role unless you tell Amy otherwise.
	2. Event Opportunities- Jazz N Cakes (4/1) Sign up genius will come around before spring break.
16. Eagle Project (Workday 2/18, 1-5pm)- Charlie Best- He is on budget with what the band gifted with upbeat. He has done some fundraising to cover overages. So, a big thanks for that. The way that parents have stepped up to help and give guidance has been amazing. Kudos to the band family this is. Having a workday Saturday from 1-5. Only adults can use power tools.
17. New Business- Band Camp is already gearing up with planning. Shannon is putting together a committee, let her know if that is something you are interested in being a part of. There are some things that need to be done before the end of the year.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33 PM

Next Meeting- Thurs, Mar 16th, 6:30 pm, Lakota West Main Band Room