**Lakota West Upbeat Meeting Minutes**

**March 16, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

Informational Meeting:

* Director’s Report – Andy Carr
* Thanks for coming. It’s great to see everybody. There is a lot going on currently. The main campus bands did the music for all festival. It was a great time as always. They bring in some amazing people to do the clinics. Symphonic winds in particular had a hard task. Convention happens at weird time which throws off the typical schedule. They chose to get new music to play and get ready really quickly. They did a great job and it was pretty impressive. They were doing college style. Rehearse 1/3 as much to get things ready and do a lot of practice at home. Symphonic band played great and concert band had one of the best performances they had and got some great feedback in clinic. The Cincy wind band played some great music as well as the Miami University Wind Ensemble. They were great to listen to and they were really blown away. We had 6 graduates playing the 45-member group. It was a fun but long day. We’re trying to talk them into including the freshman next year. It’s mostly just a logistics thing. Maybe a Friday night. Were proud of the kids and there’s one more concert to go with more pops and movie music. Winds gets a bit decimated at the end of the year with being pulled out for AP tests. The graduation band will be back at the end of the year. With end of the year exams seniors will leave early. The rest of winds will prep all state etudes for their final exam. They don’t have to turn it in but they encourage them to do it. The other 2 bands do the graduation bands. Two days they practice after school and then during the exam week they don’t have to come to class. They can come hang out in the band room or they can choose to leave and go home and study. The musical is getting going and practicing pit orchestra. It’s a tough one because the Disney ones have a lot of music. It took 4 days to just read through all of the music. They’re working hard on that. Musicals are incredibly hard because no mind was given to the performers. The people who play on Broadway are the best in the world, but when you put high school performers that are some of the best in the country, it is difficult with time and signature changes. Solo and ensemble went great, and the kids had a great time. There are a lot of auditions coming up for next years band placements. The info was emailed out but also check the calendar if you need it for details. Carr also delivered a bunch of sanitizer wipes across the district. We delivered 2 skids (160 boxes of 6), and they were gone in 2 hours. People were crazy about them. Also delivered a few to central office.
* Asst. Director’s Report – Colin Celek- Marching band things: drum major auditions are after school and leadership will be there as well. They will decide if they want to pick up an extra show. Color guard auditions is March 8, 9. Percussion is currently doing things. Uniforms will be just like last year with custom everything. This will also help Friday uniforms last a long time. Props has started to build a mock up with tubes in the base to hide color guard flags. We’re in negotiations to sell last years props.
* Jazz Director’s Report- Aaron Todahl- Great to see everybody. A couple of jazz things, festival season just wrapped up at Beavercreek. Every 3 bands was a Lakota band. The kids did great. Celek came up and helped with things. It’s a very long day and we take 5 bands up there. The kids did awesome. It’s not a competitive festival but they get written feedback judges tapes and a clinic. He got feedback from the kids and they seemed to really enjoy the festival and see value in it. Placement auditions are March 28-30th. April 1st is Jazz n Cakes. Hopefully you’ve been getting the communications on that. If you’ve been getting 2 of the emails, Sorry! Sign up genius links just went out. He’s been making a plea for gift cards and food for the table who is poor and hungry. Just got an email today for the state of schools and they have invited jazz orchestra to come and do a 15 minute performance on April 11th. It’s a great look for the band and a good experience for the kids.

Upbeat Club Meeting:

1. Call to Order- 6:53
2. New Member Welcome
3. Minutes Approval – Stacey L.- Amy/Jenny
4. Finance Approval – Allison N.- finances are on the website and you can pull them up. Not a lot to talk about for this month most things happened last month. Nothing else major. We will be meeting as part of the executive board will start planning the budget for next year. Approval budget Justin/Kristen
   1. Sponsorships- Martinelli’s has agreed to sponsor us for next year. We budgeted for $10,000 in sponsorships this year and we got $28000!
5. Pit Crew- Ray B.- See Celek’s update.
6. Uniforms
   1. Concert- Katie S.- Nothing new. Still need someone for next year
   2. Marching- Jen H.- Winter guard uniforms are done and taken care of. Have a few more batches of marching uniforms to clean. John from Laundry Reimagined has done a great job getting them cleaned and getting them back to us. They look great and he’s done an amazing job.
7. Winter Guard- Season is wrapping up they perform on Saturday and then finals on April 1st. They will have a community performance at the Freshman building April 3rd. They will be joined with East and Kings potentially.
8. Eagle Project Update– Charlie Best – The room formally known as Jazz looks really nice. We’re waiting on some cabinets that are backordered at Ikea but it has a great countertop over the timpani. Go through there and take a look. The peg boards are up for cable sorting. That will be great for set ups. Thanks Charlie!
9. Jazz ‘n Cakes (4/1)- Stacey L./Amy K.
   1. Gift Card/ Snack Donations by TOMORROW- Each family was asked to donate a small gift card if you’re in a concert band and a snack if you’re in jazz band. They make really great fillers for raffle baskets. We will take them after tomorrow but tomorrow is great because we need time to put them together.
   2. Volunteer- Lots of different ways and positions to help. QR code in the band room for kids to sign up.
   3. Tickets- Order by the 29th to get the presale price. Day of tickets will be $12 at the door. All tickets including raffle tickets will be at will call for you that morning.
10. Band Camp- Shannon B.- Planning just started. Great people on the committee and just getting started getting things done. If you’re interested in getting involved talk to Shannon.
11. Taste of Music- Ali B.
    1. Update on previous events- Have not heard back yet from Cane’s but we only had 7 families at Dewey’s. We won’t get a check but they are giving us 2 $25 gift cards. We’re going to reevaluate as it’s not being well received. Maybe ice cream in May?
12. Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W.- Now’s the time you want to be subscribed to the calendar. Make sure you subscribe and it will keep your personnel calendar updated with everything you need to know. It’s a nice feature for everyone. If you have suggestions or changes let Kristin know.
13. Tech/Website Team – Rebecca & Todd Y.- Nothing new to share. They will be live streaming the spring concerts and likely percussion concert as well.
14. Volunteer Positions
    1. Exec Nominations for 2023-24- We’ll be nominating at this meeting for votes at the next meeting.
       1. Secretary- Kristen nominated Stacey L.
       2. Treasurer- Kristen Nominated Heather C
       3. VP- Freshman- Shannon Nominated Jenny K
       4. VP- Kristin nominated Charity F.
       5. President- Jenny nominated Amy K.
    2. Lead Position Openings for 2023-24- Lots of opportunities and you will get support. If you’ve ever been interested in anything or you know someone that is please come and talk with us. We’re happy to answer questions or point you in the right direction.
    3. Event Opportunities- Jazz n Cakes (4/1)- Already mentioned but it is a fun time!
15. New Business- We would like to purchase a commercial ice machine. If you’ve been around marching band you know we go through a lot of ice. In the past couple of years we have rented the ice cooler and purchased ice to last us just through band camp. We don’t typically have ice during the season so this would be out to good use. For just ice last year we spent around $800 just for band camp. The commercial ice maker hold 350lbs and it can make 550lbs a day. We would also have access to that during regular practice which will mainly happen at Freshman building next year. WE would like to vote on spending up to $2000 on the new ice maker. Questions: It will be moveable when empty. It could be potentially moveable to West Main at the end of the season. It would not be super portable. Treasurer says we would like the money to come out of field maintenance we also would like to move Charlie Best’s jazz renovations to field maintenance budget. Ali motioned to spend the $2000 for the ice machine out of field maintenance and Charlie’s project out of maintenance as well. Heather seconded. All in favor (17) none opposed.

No further business adjourned at 7:31

Next Meeting- Thurs, April 20th, 6:30 pm, Lakota West Main Band Room