

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

February 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Informational Meeting:

- Mattress Sale Parent Information- Date Feb 25th You're our marketing team. Mattresses are made when ordered and there is optional delivery. Name brand and all made in the US. Jen H won a pillow. Amy got second, also AJ got second.
- Director's Report – Andy Carr- Some fun stuff since our last meeting. A really good winter guard show. What a great job our organization did putting it on. The event was great, and the kids hard work really showed. We had solo and ensemble. Thanks to the Yoby's for that. We have some tweaks to do before next year but it was a great event. The playing in small groups is frustrating from a teaching perspective but it's great for the kids to be held responsible and work together. Went up to OMEA convention. Second largest music state convention. Really exciting to have 7 or kids represented in the honor ensembles. They have a great experience. It's a lot of fun and the kids did a great job. Four kids in the orchestra which is the highest one. It's a cool experience for our kids since we don't have an orchestra at West. They do a little bit of playing and then listen a lot about bowing and strings. Got to see a couple of great clinics. Some great stuff. That organization and convention are really good. It's nice to see other organizations perform. We know what the marching band show is. We have started getting some props in. Leadership lists went up today. Always a tough call on this. Trying to get the right ones in there. Sometimes there just aren't enough spots in those sections. Due to who is currently in the section. Those calls are always hard. We try to make something that works well for the organization. We always put it up before a long weekend, that way it gives people some time to decompress. If they want to talk about it, it usually goes better when they've had a bit of time. So excited about this year's show. It is so fun and exciting and cool and fits our group so well. Ging to Mason on the 2nd. Schedule is out, given to kids and emailed to HAC accounts. That's always a fun day. Working with amazing groups. We added a brass band concert. There's a group called the Cincy Brass band that practices over at Crestview. It's a beautiful place to play. Their director asked if we could share a concert with them. There's not enough space for our full wind ensemble so we're going to take symphonic winds and bands brass and we will listen to them and play. This will be March 19th. They sound incredible and have some unique instruments. We won't put a lot of practice into it. Woodwinds will be working on a woodwind ensemble, and they will perform that at our concert. It's nice for the kids to have these different experiences. It will be free and open to all.

The Marching Band show will be announced at the end of the Feb concert. (Spoiler Alert: It's a Lakota Western)

- Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek
- Jazz Director's Report- Aaron Todahl- Great to see everybody. Some exciting stuff going on in jazz. Next Saturday is the Beavercreek Jazz festival. Jazz Orchestra is the first up to go. There are kids also doing CYJO so they took the first slot. Jazz ensemble will perform at 9:40. They are super accommodating to the Lakota bands. When he sends out a survey to the kids it's always something they really enjoy, and they get a clinic with a great person. There are six jazz bands between East and West this year, and they can't take all six groups due to the timing. It's a great thing that the program is

growing. In order to give lab band an experience West and East lab bands will be doing a concert on Monday. They will get 25 minutes to perform the program and the rest of the hour is a clinic. Then the bands will switch. They will hear the program and clinic commentary for each other. This is March 4th. April 6th is Jazz N Cakes. Facilities are all lined up and sponsorships are rolling in. Mr. Brown visited 1st period and said how excited he was. Audition music for next year came out this week. No dates set yet. 3 days Rhythm section, percussion and saxophones. If they can't make their day, they can work it out with him. As soon as the schedule is nailed down it will be posted.

Business Meeting:

1) Call to Order- 7:11

2) New Member Welcome

3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. No changes to the minutes. Motion to approve Jen H/Shannon

4) Finance Approval- Jenni K.- Financial report is on the website as well as the balance sheet. Things that have changed from last month. Mostly the winter guard show. We made a profit of \$4100. We heard good feedback from the attendees of the event. Not much else moving financially. Next fundraiser is Jazz N Cakes which is budgeted to bring in \$11,000. We have about half used out of the truck amount that was earmarked. We have some more expenses that will go towards that. Motion to approve this month's budget Amy P/ Jen H

5) Try Band Wrap Up- Barb W./Amy P.- Open house was a big success. We seem to improve a little bit each year. It was nice having our college grads here helping out (Alicia, Geo, Issac) Kids were more evenly dispersed between Ridge and Plains.

6) Winter Guard- Jen H.- Winter guard is doing well. The show went amazing. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and worked. The TMA president said it was going great and he wouldn't have known this was our first time doing it. Comp this weekend and then off to Pittsburg for regionals. They're having a lot of fun. JV guard has a lot for seventh graders. The directors have wanted to reach guard younger for a long time, it makes it so much easier to develop the program.

a. TMA LW Indoor Show Wrap Up- Amy K.- Another really wonderful thing that came out of it was a big undertaking of volunteer hours and donations, and there are 35 families in guard and it was wonderful because a lot of guard parents got involved in ways they haven't before but there were also so many people who are only band parents who came out to contribute and felt the support and community. We were selling candy grams and had them delivered to all of our members so those were some of the other really nice things that came out of that day.

7) Solo & Ensemble Wrap Up- Rebecca & Todd Y.- Thank you for those of you the volunteered. A few takeaways for next year but a great first out of the gate event. It was interesting watching the kids take critique in front of their peers. They were so good at listening and taking it in. It was a really cool part of the event.

8) Mattress Sale (2/25/24)- Charity F.- Thank you for being here. We made \$5 for each person who came to the meeting tonight. Please take a yard sign. It will be on main street. May need a few volunteers and students willing to wear the mattress costume.

9) Jazz n Cakes (4/6/24)- Kristen M.- Everything is getting coordinated. Kristen was able to get a donation from Walmart to reduce the costs. We have started soliciting vendors. All tickets will be electronic through my hometown. Raffle tickets will go through paypal. Requests for donations for baskets are going out. Family donations will be asked to be had back for March 15th. Volunteer signups are coming out soon.

10) Taste for Music- Ali B.

a. Previous Events Update- Taste of Belgium was a great event. We made \$272 and made \$195 at Krispy Kreme.

b. Wings & Rings (3/5/24, 5-8pm, Beckett Ridge) We get 10% for anyone in the restaurant that night.

11) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W. Added a section for guard in the weekly emails to be more inclusive.

12) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y. Nothing new

13) Sponsorships – Michelle R.- All the ones that we were up for renewal have chosen to renew

14) Volunteer Opportunities-

a. Executive Board Nominations- March Upbeat Meeting nominations will be made. They will be voted on in April.

b. Lead opportunities for 2024-25- Lots of great opportunities with people senioring out or shadows. If you know people who may want to be more involved let us know.

c. Event opportunities: Jazz n Cakes- Sign ups coming soon.

d. Band Camp Planning Committee- Need people to help with planning. Led by Shannon and Ali. The more the merrier. They will be looking for a shadow as both have rising seniors. Planning will likely start in March.

15) New Business

a. Upbeat Club Articles of Incorporation & By-Laws: Revisions to Executive Board Positions- Over time we have grown and evolved. We have a Freshman VP and this was here because originally the Freshman didn't march in addition to be in a separate school and it was a way to help incorporate them. That is not the case anymore, so we think it's time for an update. We would like to rename the Freshman VP position and the regular VP position. The scope of what we do has grown and changed and it seems like a great opportunity to restructure a little bit. ON the website with the agenda are the changes we are looking to make. We have to change our articles or incorporation with the state. The change is simple but will need to be submitted is that article 5.10 position names will change to VP of student experiences, VP of Events, and VP of communications. These new positions will replace the Freshman VP and regular VP and create a new position. VP of student experiences will be in charge of things like band camp, meals, Friday night. VP of events will help oversee all big fundraising events such as the invitational, tag day, Jazz n Cakes, etc. The bylaws will be updated to reflect the changes. The bylaws are not submitted to the state. We looked at the boards at Fairfield, Mason, and East and we had the

smallest board and felt it was reasonable to expand. The bylaws say that a vote requires 4 regardless so no worries about a tie with 6 instead of 5.

Vote to update the articles of incorporation Motion: Kristen Favor: 17 Opposed: 0

Amy will submit all of the paperwork to the state. There's a form.

Vote to Adopt the changes to Article 9 of the bylaws. Motion: Kristen Favor: 17 Opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:47

Next Meeting – Thurs, Mar 21st, 6:30 pm in the Lakota West Band Room