

## Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

March 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

### Informational Meeting:

- Director's Report – Andy Carr

- Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek- Good evening everybody. The review of things. Since the last meeting we've had a concert cycle, the main music groups went over to Mason for a performance. The reason we do the BOA instead of OMEA is that they get a clinic. Winds had a great clinic. Said some very nice things. Got some great information from the clinics. All of the bands played 100% as good as they could play that day. Super proud of all of them. The Music for all people are always after us to go to the national show. It's nice to be invited but we don't go because of the price to just go to Indianapolis. Musical is in full swing. They're doing footloose this year. It is a small pit of only 11 people. Mr. Carr is playing guitar. Young Kevin Bacon looks just like a young Mr. Carr. There are 6-7 kids trying out for drum major this week. We'll have 2 more current Sophomores to join our junior for next year. This has always been our tradition and it works really well because traditions and knowledge stay alive because we don't replace our drum majors every year. The current leadership will play while the candidates direct. Then the leadership will provide feedback. After that, the candidates will do fancy conducting to something they have prepared usually a drum core show. We then have some discussions about it. We will also provide numbers for the show to the designers by the end of the week. We are currently holding around 225. The freshman class is huge. Credit to those who did try band. There are 75 rookies coming up for next year, 128 for concert band. Which is the biggest number we've had for 15-16 years. This year's Freshman class will likely be the smallest for a long time. We're very excited about that and a lot of it is credited to "Try band". All very exciting. In concert band, everyone is getting new music right now. This concert cycle tends to be a poppier one. More music from movies and video games. Lots of fun things there. Symphonic band and concert band will be combined and play each other tunes from the concert at graduation as their final for band along with pomp and circumstance. Last year Pomp and Circumstance was played for 23 minutes straight. Which was a record. It is hard from clarinets who have no rest, while the trumpet players get a little bored because they have lots of rest. We're always glad to be invited and it's excellent community outreach. It's great that in order to make it a better and more prestigious, you need the band. Non seniors in Symphonic Winds get a pass.

Mini camp will be 3 days after school gets out. To our current knowledge everything will be here. Our default location is here. Main is our default for all now. Drumline and guard will have sectionals through the summer as always. Go on vacation in June or early July.

Last night there were 6 seniors that played for the concerto competition. Several seniors will get to play a concerto piece with winds at the spring concert. The seniors that were selected to play are Morgan Cloud Mozart Concerto and Lincoln Gully is playing a Hungarian piece, Mel Ahn is playing Trail of Tears with the band score being written by Tyler Henderson. We're really proud that our school is able to have this tradition. Concert band auditions for the main concert bands are next month. Kids have the dates. They will all play in front of each other which is brutal and awesome. It lets the kids hear how they stack

up against each other. It gives the younger kids a goal post of where they can go. It also is great for them to perform in front of people. Even if they don't go into music in the future, they will have interviews and presentations in front of people. They will need 30 seconds of some sort of solo. Not video games or pop music. They should play the hardest thing they can play well. Percussionists have 2-20 second sections. Stick to the 20 seconds- 1 drum, 1 mallets. They will also play 3 scales. All that comes out of that is what band they will be in. Chairs do not come into play with these auditions. We want them to be in the band that is right for you. Hard enough to be challenged but we don't want you to cry every day. The likely outcome is Freshman band, concert band, symphonic band, symphonic winds. This year there are only 3 sophomores in Winds. Freshman don't start varsity typically. Starts in April and goes into May. Try to make your section time. There are makeups but placement better happens when everyone goes on the same day.

Showed off Cowboy hats ordered from Oriental Trading. Blue for band, Yellow for guard. Showed Band gauntlets and Guard choker and bodysuit.

- Jazz Director's Report- Aaron Todahl- Jazz N cakes is fast approaching. There are still lots of opportunities with that. Read the emails and get your tickets. Auditions for next years Jazz ensembles are April 9-11. Auditions will take place at Main campus in the band room at 3:30. Will conclude when everyone has been done usually around 4:30. Spring Jazz concert is May 1st at Main campus.

#### Business Meeting:

1) Call to Order- 6:59PM

2) New Member Welcome- No one new, but we're glad you're here. Thanks for coming.

3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Approve last month's minutes: Jen H./ Shannon

4) Finance Approval- Jenni K.- Reports are on the website. The short story is we have raised a lot of money this year and we are brainstorming some ways to spend it. Motion to approve this month's financials: Approve AJ/ Jessica

5) Mattress Sale Wrap Up- Charity F.- Happened on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. It was OK. We sold 14 mattresses and brought in \$1535. Carter B sold 3 mattresses and was the biggest seller this year. Last year we sold a lot more but our issue this year was the date. We didn't even know they had us scheduled during Hawaii and then we couldn't make January work. We are contemplating hosting one next November with a better outcome. We do believe the lower number is due to the date. We made half of what we budgeted but we have overperformed in other areas this year.

6) Winter Guard- Jen H.- Going well. They went to Pittsburg and got 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 which was great. The last time we were 11 out of 11 so big improvement. Took second at Ryle last week. It's wrapping up quickly. They are ranked 29<sup>th</sup> in the country currently. No end of the season community performance scheduled currently. The JV has been killing it. There are a lot of 7<sup>th</sup> graders and they have taken 1<sup>st</sup> place every time. They will be coming out for marching band next season. They've been promoted into a higher-level class. No date yet for color guard auditions.

7) Pit Crew- Ray B.- Developed a couple of props. The evil overlords reviewed them. Big picture still planning on having 2-3 build in April/May. June is off. Budget wise we might spend something. We'll need some oddball high dollar pieces.

8) Uniforms- Stacey L. / Monica H.- We're going to start fitting people for uniforms. Will need some help with fitting on Rookie night as well as one day during school. Uniforms need to be ordered by early May in order to get them in by August.

9) Jazz n Cakes (4/6/24)- Kristen M.- Jazz N cakes is in 2 weeks but everything is coming together well. Send all of your money to Amy's Venmo for gift cards for raffle baskets. Please consider volunteering and buy your tickets!!

a. Gift Card Donations ASAP

b. Volunteer

c. Tickets

10) Taste for Music- Ali B.

a. Previous Events Update-

b. Red Robin (4/23/24) All day event 11AM to 10PM. 20% Back

c. Chuy's (5/21/24) All day 11 AM to 9PM. 10% back

d. Chick Fila at VOA- June 18<sup>th</sup>. You will order through a mobile app. Info will come out.

July will be off.

11) Band Camp- Shannon B.- Just met for the first time today. Getting things planned out and glad to know we're going to be at Main this year. We will need a lot of volunteers when we get to that time. If you are interested in shadowing the leads please reach out.

12) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W.- All in the works. Being strategic with all of the posts. Big struggle now is being able to communicate with everybody. Not everyone is getting an email now so we're trying to figure out how to communicate with everyone with Charms going away.

13) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y.- Things are going great. Stuff is getting purchased for Jazz N Cakes. (tickets, raffle tickets). IF you notice things that need to be updated over the summer, please reach out. Please be specific about what it should be changed to.

14) Sponsorships – Michelle R.- Things keep moving along. Hoping to grow this overtime.

15) Volunteer Opportunities

a. Executive Board Nominations for 2024-25

President- Charity Feagley

VP Student Experiences- Katie Dixon

VP Events- Amy Pitzer

VP Communications- Kristin Bramblett

Treasurer- Jenni Kershaw

Secretary- Stacey Loberg

Voting will occur during the next meeting.

b. Lead Position opportunities for 2024-25- Have a lot of openings for next year. Please think about people you know who could be a good fit for something. We'd love to get some new people involved. You could also do a role with a partner. We're happy to discuss any of these roles with people and give them more info. No one is on their own and all of these positions will have some support. There's a lot of great opportunity. Please help us find the people that will build our team. We'd like to have everything filled by band camp.

c. Event opportunities- Jazz n Cakes (4/6/24, 8am-12pm)- Lots of opportunities that morning. You can walk away from what you're doing to watch your child play.

d. Band Camp Planning Committee

16) New Business

a. Meeting dates are changing for April and May. The April meeting is during the musical so it is moving to April 25<sup>th</sup>, the May meeting is the same night as the Plains concert and we'd like to be able to go and ask those families to come and be involved so we are moving that meeting to May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

b. Truck Wraps- Starting to look into that a bit. Gathering information, process and timelines. It is in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to do everything. We're exploring other ways to spend that money, breaking that up over time, etc. We could potentially take off some of the costs by removing the wraps ourselves. We have talked to the company both East and Mason have used in the past, but we have some more to explore. We had set aside \$30,000 towards the sleeper tractor we already bought. We will likely have about \$7000 left after that purchase and repairs.

Meeting Adjourned 7:34. Enjoy Spring Break!!

Next Meeting (NOTE DATE CHANGE)— Thurs, April 25, 6:30 pm in the Lakota West Band Room