

## **Lakota West Upbeat Meeting**

### **May 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

#### Informational Meeting:

- Director's Report – Andy Carr – Good evening. Thanks for being here tonight. The locker rooms are clean. The locks that the upbeat club bought last year have really helped the end of the year cleanup. We really appreciate it. The lost and found is mostly cleaned up now. A pretty good end to the end of the school year. Mr. Brown bought us new music stands and new racks. We're really excited about the racks and the double decker designs. It frees up a lot of space for us. They took all of the best ones from main over to the Freshman building. The oldest music stands we had were from 1972. One of the things that's so different about West is that our music stands get a ton of use every single day all day. They take a beating here. Working on cleaning up. Working on getting the show uniforms show prints for the wall from FJM. Hoping to update some of the vinyl, paint down the hallway and add a couple of TVs with pictures and announcements. Needs to get painted and cleaned up first. We're not going to take too long of a break. Monday is the parade. If the weather impacts the day we will not do the parade. Mr. Carr will update the running google doc. Any medium amount of rain, we will cancel. The running announcement doc is being populated as we go. Mr Carr will build it as he has the information. It will have vague information until the times get more defined. Hopefully it is working out. The document also has a link to the calendar and drill. Bookmark where it is and then you will always be able to find it. Show recaps will also be located there. Charms has died which is why we are moving. Cut time purchased Charms and a lot of the features we used were not carried over onto the new platform. Cut time does not allow emails at all. Texts were the only option. As long as people aren't having trouble finding the page, we think it will be easier. We're going to do everything for the mini camp here. It's a bit of an issue scheduling everything but if the weather cooperates, we'll be out on the parking lot field. The performance will be in the gym here. Then we're on break (except guard and percussion) and we'll get going in the fall. We're pretty pumped about the new show. Thank you for all of the support and the money for the scholarships. The senior awards were great. The concertos were great. Graduation went well. The band played great. We're excited to get going on the next year.
- Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek – On the communications we sent out the first email through any email registered on the commitment form. The game we are going to play on Thursday next week during the performance with an email that just says did you get it. If you didn't there will be a QR code in order to sign up anyone who wants or needs to be signed up. The school email limits us to 500 addresses, so we are trying to figure that out. About a week ago we sent out a survey to winds survey about a potential trip next year. We were aggressively asked to apply to the national concert band invitational. The survey has 86 responses. 86% said they wanted to go 96% said that they would send their kid. When we start spending your money amounts that have commas in them we want to make sure that you are ok with it. We would still need to apply and be accepted. It has great clinics with nationally recognized adjudicators. They have instrument specific sectionals. We're very excited about that. It's a really great experience because the kids have such a great time. There are 100 bands that get to go. 20 on the main stage and then the other 80 bands play on other stages. We're hoping to be on the main stage. Everything that Bands of America does is great and they really focus on the student experience. I think the kids will have a great time and they will learn a lot. They will also get to see the other really good bands like you. The other thing they do is that they have a big name featured performer.
- Mini cam we're excited. Look in the google drive, we have our first 6 minutes of music so we're really far ahead. Props look great, we're really excited for the show and we think

we're in a good position to set the kids up well. We take a lot of pride in trying to have everything ready to go at the beginning of the season. Thanks, as always for all the ongoing support.

- Report- Aaron Todahl

Business Meeting:

1) Call to Order – 6:59

2) New Member Welcome – Welcome especially on the last day of school. We're so glad to see some new faces.

3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Justin approve/Ray second

4) Finance Approval- Jenni K. 2024-25 Budget Approval – Weren't a lot of changes since last month. WE will be funding the Greg Schneider scholarship until it becomes self-funded again. Everything is still very favorable. No real highlights as not much change from last month. Shirley motion/ Justin second

Budget approval for next year- In our efforts to be good stewards of the money we try to be conservative about the amount we expect to bring in with fundraising. The expenses are a little more predictable. See the budget sheets for breakdowns. We do think that we will overperform in fundraising, but don't want to overpromise and under deliver.

Question about the number of band members. This will be the biggest band yet by about 10-15. Within normal margin. Cautiously optimistic that this will be the smallest band for the foreseeable future with the new recruiting efforts of try band and the end of Covid kids.

Motion to approve- Laura/ Shirley

All in favor 17 all opposed- 0

Purchases for approval- Currently have approximately \$200,000 in the account and we should be spending this money to enhance the kids' experiences.

The directors have requested \$10000 for speakers and drum major stands. Speakers for speaking to the kids at camp not field speakers. Motion- Shannon Vote Favor-17 all opposed-0

Partial wrapping of the trucks. To wrap the white truck/cab is \$19,000 to do the box truck it is about \$8000, and the other semi is about \$13,000. We are proposing a \$30,000 plan to wrap the box truck and the currently wrapped semi. We would need to work on doing the removal ourselves to save some money. Motion- Ali Vote Favor- 17 opposed- 0

Music Supplies- To enhance the kids' experience. We would like to budget \$30,000 to do some supply enhancements. Motion Shirley Vote Favor- 17 opposed-0

5) Pit Crew- Ray B.- Got an early start on props. All the circle skeletons are made. Got to play kid fort and build 6-foot stages. Going along quite well. We have a few questions for the directors about wagon wheels and durability on black top. Supposed to be on vacation for the next month. Anybody that wants to join we have a good time.

6) Uniforms Marching- Stacey L. – Uniforms for the season have been ordered. We will measure any kids who haven't been measured at mini camp, if possible, otherwise we'll catch them at main band camp. I'll spend the summer assigning uniforms. The fitting dates will be in

August. We'll need lots of volunteers during band camp to put cowboy hats together. Will be in the evenings.

Concert- Monica H. – All turned in

7) Taste for Music- Ali B. Previous Events Update – Had a great year. Another day at Chuy's this week.

Next one: Chick-fil-A (6/18/24)- VOA Mobile App Fundraiser

8) Band Camp- Shannon B. Mini Camp- Family Picnic, Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm – Coming along. Everything is booked. Look out for a sign-up genius for summer spots. If you can help out for one shift of anything that would be great. Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual mini camp family picnic on Thursday evening. It will be from 6-7:30, bring food and meet some people, ask your questions. We'll head over afterwards to go the gym to see the kids perform.

9) Tag Day (8/24)- Amy P. – All band students (marching and concert) are expected to attend. Groups of 4 kids driven by a parent volunteer and go door to door to ask for volunteers. We're still looking for a lead for this event if you are available. It's a really great day and we raise a lot of money.

10) LW Invitational (9/14)- Jessica H. – Second annual LW Invitational. Nothing to report yet. A good majority of last years leads are coming back. Still figuring out where we'll need some additional volunteers planning wise. It is a big day that requires a ton of volunteers day of.

11) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W. Get Connected for 2024-25- This is always a confusing part. The directors send out communication, and so does upbeat. We send an email every Friday morning looking at the week ahead. You can subscribe to those emails and they are on the website as well. Biggest piece of advice: Subscribe to the calendar. Click on the day and it will have all of the info that you need. Where to be what to bring etc. Remind is the text service (also is an app but you don't have to download) it will give you arrival texts when we are expected back or any last minute changes. You must sign up each year. It does not roll over.

12) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y. – Website is a great resource.

13) Sponsorships – Michelle R. – We have a tier of sponsorships on the website, but we are flexible about other opportunities. If you work for or have a business looking to sponsor someone, please think about us. Any new ideas are always welcome.

14) Volunteer Opportunities Lead Position Openings for 2024-25

Band Camp/ Pit Crew/ Uniforms/ Bus Chaperones/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Refreshments

15) Thank You ALL

16) New Business

Meeting End 8:20

Next Meeting – Thurs, August 15, 6:30 pm in the Lakota West Band Room