

# **Lakota West Upbeat Meeting**

**April 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

## Informational Meeting:

• Director's Report – Andy Carr- Thanks for being here tonight. Looking forward to spring break. Lots of great band activities just finished up since we try to get everything in before break. The musical was a lot of fun and had a great show. All of the music directors from all schools helped out. We had our pancake breakfast. Thank you for all of the help making it a great event. It seems like it went how we expected. Keep supporting the band program and the kids love playing jazz. Working on concert auditions right now. They are almost done. Results will be posted on the Friday we get back from spring break. Tomorrow is Drum major auditions. We will be meeting with Leadership tomorrow and talking about how next year's marching band is going to go. The drum major candidate (7 total) will do their auditions. We make them conduct the star-spangled banner and then we ask the leadership team for feedback. Do some interview process with the candidates. All of the candidates are always awesome kids and it's hard to disappoint some of them. It's an emotional day for all of them. We've had such amazing student leaders in those roles over the last few years. It's nice to have given the juniors a year to shadow before they have as much responsibility. When we get back from break the main campus concert is May 1st as the senior's schedule gets wacky. The freshman go a little longer. Their concert is May 13<sup>th</sup>. The end of the year concert is great. The concerto winners will perform. Katie Koziel and Evan Kershaw were this year's winners. The kids talked Mr. Carr into playing Lincolnshire Posey. It's such a well-known piece but it is very difficult. Everyone has a favorite section of it and strong feelings about how it should be played. It's really a cool piece. A little less poppy than typical years. It has been really wonderful to work on and they've worked hard on it. Concert band and symphonic band are doing the normal thing- 2 normal pieces and 2 pop pieces. After the concert they will learn each other's pop music tunes and pomp and circumstance to play at graduation this year. Graduation is the day after school gets out. The kids already know about it.

• Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek- Freshman just played jazz and cakes and they had a great time. They just got new music they have to learn in three weeks. For the regular concert band concert will have each group play 2 tunes and then get together for what we call Mega band to play one tune together. This may well be the last year of mega band due to the size of next year's freshman band. We run them all the way until the end so that they are focused. The last few days after the concert we'll do marching band music. The percussion ensemble concert is May 7<sup>th</sup>. It's an awesome concert and they do a wide variety of things. There's a lot of interesting things there. We're really proud of that. They are currently in their audition process.

Mini camp is coming up. We just had our rookie meeting. The old weekly update is going to be the new weekly update. Don't delete the bookmark. That will become the football sheet. Once we get the competitive group, we will have a separate competitive one. We just sent out today all of the information from rookie night. If you're involved with Plains people go to DC. You can submit a video audition. We sent out all of the music for the fight song as well. At the

auditions we are not going to call single kids. Mr. Carr and Mr. Celek will go around with clipboards and rate kids on various things. We'll set the block and send the competitive band weekly updates. We are going to meet with leadership tomorrow to discuss the FUN Friday show. Mr. Voytek is going to write the show for us. (He is one of the writers for OSU) We're hoping to do some popular things. The drill is more complete this year. We have 50 pages for the opener and the whole show had just 62 pages total last year.

- Jazz Director's Report- Aaron Todahl

#### Business Meeting:

- 1) Call to Order 7:08
  - 2) New Member Welcome
  - 3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Approval AJ/Bob
  - 4) Finance Approval- Jenni K. For the remainder of the year we're going to have some marching band uniform costs, scholarships, minicamp and the parade. Jazz N Cakes came in right around budget. We're meeting on Saturday to devise next years budget for approval at the May meeting. Leads please send an email and share any budgeting that you need for next year. Financials can always be found on the website. Approval Kristen/ Laura
  - 5) Jazz and Cakes recap- Kristen M. – Went really well. Th committee did an awesome job putting everything together. 66 raffle baskets and 17 vendors. Debriefing will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. It was another nice event.
  - 6) Covered lead positions-Charity F.- We have senioring out coming up. Amy Ovit and Angie have volunteered to take over band camp for this year. Bob is taking over Sponsorships which frees Michelle up with uniforms. Blair is helping with Tag Day and taking over kitchen duties for Shirley. We also have several new people (Irosha Radhika, and Amanda) coming onto exec board (If approved tonight) Brian and Chris are taking over Pit Crew. Liz is taking over trip coordinator. We appreciate everyone helping out with these openings. There are more opportunities for anyone interested. We can't run this program without volunteers.
  - 7) Taste for Music- Ali B. Next day is April 22 at Red Robin. May 13<sup>th</sup> is Wings and Rings.
  - 8) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W. – You do need to resign up for remind for next season. All other communication rolls over
  - 9) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y.
  - 10) Sponsorships – Michelle R.
  - 11) New Business
    - A. Electing of the Upbeat Executive Board- Unanimous)
- President- Charity F (14)
- VP Student Experiences- Katie D (14)
- VP Events- Amy P (14)
- VP Communications- Irosha P/Radhika C (14)

Treasurer- Stacey L (14)

Secretary- Amanda G (14)

B. Open Leads

-Mattress Sale- This is just a one-day thing. Just needs a little coordination. They do all of the work day of.

-Taste of Music- This is just coordinating with restaurants. It's very organized just needs someone to contact place for next year but all info is already there

-Guard Liaison- Go to person for helping with things for Guard Director

Next Meeting – Thurs, May 15, 2025, 6:30PM, Main Campus Band Room