

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

May 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Informational Meeting:

- Director's Report – Andy Carr

- Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek – Good evening. Thank you for coming, I know it's late in the year and there's a ton of senior stuff going on. We picked our drum majors for next season. Phoebe Conrad and Alex Winter. We're excited to have them involved but it is a lot of work. It's a hard day because you have to disappoint some really great kids who do not get selected. We've had color guard auditions for the fall. We are looking for a couple more if you have a neighbor who may want to be involved. We had our spring jazz concerts and those went great. Mr. T does an amazing job. We have an all-state jazz player every year and that is not normal. We've had an all-state jazz trombone for the last decade. Marching band is cooking along. We sight read the show music this morning. For the first time ever the opener has all of the parts and sound effects and 54 pages of drill. There is also winds music for the ballad and the percussion part has been promised to be in next week. The leadership team got access to the student folders and all of the music with the cast list for the show. The number of parts for competitive band. Each of the dots is specific as to who has to go in it and will co-ordinate throughout the show. The show is now written for specific instrument numbers. We will have spots for baritones and mellophones and people will have to switch from trumpets and trombones. We are looking for any old phones you might have still sitting around. It has to be able to run a certain system and can hold a charge for a couple of hours. These will be provided to kids who need them and don't have access to a phone for the new app. The drum majors will have extra charging capacity for phones. We will get the info out to Plains people who will be in DC during auditions. We will send that out with some example videos. On a marching band note we talked about getting a trailer. Bad news the admins do not want another trailer. Good news they have given us a room off of the cafeteria for uniform storage. It is 39x 12. It's actually bigger than a trailer, it's inside and has doors. So we will be buying racks to outfit it. The admin is going to get them keyed for us. Friday uniforms are here. Guard uniforms are here. We will be measuring kids at mini camp for competitive uniforms.

We just had senior awards and we just kicked out the seniors today. We will miss them. They had a major contribution to our band. They are not allowed back in the building tomorrow. Every year we think it will be hard to replace them and then each year the sophomores and juniors really step up. Evan Kershaw was the winner of the Sousa Award. Tim Geiger won the Louis Armstrong award. Greg Snyder was here to hand out the scholarships to Iyla Dindar and Katie Koziel. Caroline Braden won the Weatherwax award. We had our last Freshman concerts. We have graduation band coming up. It's great to see the way to value add an event is to add the band. We have to do this great as this is the only graduation some people will have. It's a great event down at the Cintas center. Memorial Day parade info will be coming out shortly. That is the last event for last year's marching band. There are currently 290 commitment forms for next year's marching band. Camp will start after Memorial Day. Thanks for being here and all of your support this year.

• Jazz Director's Report- Aaron Todahl

Business Meeting:

- 1) Call to Order 6:51 PM
- 2) New Member Welcome this is the last upbeat meeting for this school year. Next meeting will be in August
- 3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Approval- Monica/Chris
- 4) Finance Approval and present/vote on new budget- Jenni K. The info is all on the website. Motion to approve monthly financials- Laura/Bob

Proposed budget for next year- all of the exec board for next year met to go over the budget. We tend to budget more conservatively for both the income and expenses. We have had an amazing sponsor the last few years who has made an amazing end of the year donation, but we do not like to count on that. We budget conservatively for the invitational due to the fact that weather could dramatically affect it. The concert band support line is an expense area that we have budgeted for more expenses this year due to an event that Mr. Carr wants bring in. The Dallas Brass quintet. They do concerts at schools and clinics during the school day. As they are playing the OMEA convention they will be in the state and we are in advance talks for hosting them with our Jr high and Freshman bands. We need to sell enough tickets to offset the costs of bringing them in. In order to make sure that we are being smart financially we are budgeting to lose a bit of money on this. Trips is in keeping with the past couple of years. One thing we would like to modify is funding of the Snyder scholarship. Upbeat has covered the cost the last few years. As does not select these recipients we'd like to transfer the fundraising to cover these scholarships to the alumni as was originally intended.

Vote for budget approval For: 18 Opposed: 0

5) Band Camp-Amy O. and Angie P New first aid kits are here. Will be more organized and portable. One for band and one for Guard. We've been working with child nutrition and they have put together a menu for band camp. Suggestion to swap out chicken nuggets for chicken tikka masala. Mason pool is good to go for July 30th. Sign up genius is almost complete.

6) Taste for Music- Ali B. No total from Wings and Rings yet. June 5th is our PF Chang's fundraiser over off Union Center. Liz is going to take over Taste of Music for next year.

7) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W. All the new people who did the commitment form are in the subscription list. If you didn't see it go to the website and sign up. Lakota student emails do NOT work for the list serve. You need to resign up for the remind text messaging. It starts over each year.

8) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y. – All concert streamings went well and all websites are done

9) Sponsorships – Bob P.- Put together a pamphlet to encourage sponsorships. Passed around to see if there are things people should be added or taken out. Will make it easier to solicit companies electronically.

10) New Business

Pit crew builds will likely be in Late May early June. If you'd like to be added to the Pit

Crew let us know.

A. THANK YOU SENIOR PARENTS!

Next Meeting – Thurs, August 21, 2025, 6:30PM, Main Campus Band room (This date may be changing to the 14th. Keep an eye out for update)