**Lakota West Upbeat Meeting**

**September 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

Informational Meeting:

• Director’s Report – Andy Carr

Homecoming went well! Long game and gave kids opportunity to play.

2 week of band mania start, Rehearsal’s, Invitational – Both bands perform in exhibition. Schedules posted online. Thank you for all the volunteers to support the effort to put on the invitational. Friday night dress rehearsal before the invitational is open to the public! Be sure to park along the tree line for the invitational.

BOA show in Columbus (Old Columbus Crew Stadium) the following weekend. It will allow us to compete with other bands at our level. Great experience for the band.

8th Grader for Future Firebirds night. 400 students expected. Large program that is very young. We expect growth! Space and equipment will be a challenge. 95 and 55 from Ridge and Plains.

Fall Concert will be early this year due to scheduling. September 30th.

Campbell County performance. Plan to practice at Campbell County before performance. Unable to use the high school.

Orlando Trip – All Info sent out this week. Apologizes for the travel agency (GMT) getting the information out so late. We work with this travel agency because of the cost. There is opportunity to work with other agencies but working to keep costs down as the tradeoff. Travel insurance link is now working. Calendar Raffle fundraiser money expected to come as a reimbursement since there is not time to apply the money through the travel agency. Pay as soon as possible.

• Asst. Director’s Report – Colin Celek

Not in Attendance – At practice

• Jazz Director’s Report- Aaron Todahl

Fall Jazz Concert, Tuesday, October 7th. Location is Lakota East (All Jazz Bands) 7-8:30pm – Schedule will go out Monday morning.

3 Kids Accepted in All State Jazz – OMEA Columbus Performance

Business Meeting:

1. Call to Order – 7:04pm
2. New Member Welcome – Charity Welcomed!
3. Minutes Approval – Amanda G. (Kristen, Jen F.)

4) Finance Approval- Stacey L (Angie, Bob)

Financial all posted on the website.

2 New Sponsors: Willis Music, Propellerhead

Tag Day Total: $30,306

Calendar Raffle: $5500 Estimate expense, profits will be

Kroger: $460

Taste of Music: Chipotle $130

Spirit wear: $730

Split the Pot: $411

CD Matures in Feb

Supplies, Equipment, Materials: Added expenses

Uniform Expense (Football Uniforms, Football Shirts, Vest): $44K

5 people Calendar Raffle winners donated money back to the band, 1 person donated to CG

Volunteer needed to help with Audit, not exec board - Heidi

5) Pit Crew- Brian D and Chris B

Building and painting platforms for judges.

Need help with Friday rehearsal and invitational.

6) Uniforms – Stacey L

Competition Uniforms are laid out for Saturday. Shorthanded on Saturday due to volunteers working the invitational.

Washing Football Uniforms first weekend in October (288)

Show uniforms will go home Saturday after competition on October 11th or Monday after practice for Orlando. Parents can wash uniforms. Info in email blast.

7) Taste for Music- Liz A.

Canes $83 and Chipotle $130

Wings and Rings 5-8pm, 9/23

8) Calendar Raffle-Charity F

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9) Tag Day Wrap up- Amy P.

Thank you!!!!! 217 kids and 55 routes. This is the best we have done in years!

10) LW Invitational (9/20)- Jessica H./Katie D

We are ready! Volunteers are still needed but expect to fill spots.

11) Communications- Irosha/Radhika

Email blasts continue to come out on Friday’s. Repost!

12) Tech/Website Team – Rebbeca

Concerts will be live streamed. No website updates!

13) Sponsorships – Bob and Angie P

Still working on more sponsors.

All trophies are sponsored for invitational

14) New Business

A. Open Lead Positions-Uniforms

B. Trip Chaperones – 9 for Orlando, 7 for Indy (12 needed for both trips)

C. Columbus Dinner – Feed the band after prelims. Taco Bar! Eating with Kings. Will need volunteers to serve. Kids to bring towels from home.

D. Photography – Banners are in! Panoramas are also in! Available at merch tent. 25 left for sale.

E. Split the Pot needs help!   
   
 Next Meeting – Thurs, October 23, 6:30 pm in the Lakota West Band Room