

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

September 17, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | Main Campus Bandroom

Informational Meeting

Director's Report – Andy Carr

- The Invitational is Saturday. Approximately 956 performers are expected in the first session and about 1,000 in the second session, making this the largest show yet.
- Students have worked hard while dealing with unusually frequent rain. The weather has been especially difficult for the front ensemble. Thank you to families for being flexible with recent schedule changes.
- Friday will be a full dress rehearsal in the stadium before the Invitational. Bell Boy will receive a score and judges' feedback, but no placement will be announced.
- Timing will be very tight for the competition band on Saturday but will be worth it.
- Colin purchased a new mixer for the marching band.
- The first concert-band concert is in a couple of weeks and will include the freshman and Main Campus bands. More information is coming soon.
- The Fishers competition is a Bands of America affiliate event with a judges' critique afterward. The schedule is expected approximately two weeks before the event. Fishers offered to help locate rehearsal space because the West Craft Show is the same day. Directors anticipate a morning rehearsal and evening performance.

Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek

- No additional report recorded.

Jazz Director's Report – Aaron Todahl

- The first jazz concert is September 26.

Business Meeting

1) Call to Order – 7:02 p.m.

- Called to order by Charity F.

2) New Member Welcome

3) Minutes Approval – Liz A.

- Motion by Molly K.; seconded by Heidi L.

4) Finance Approval – Stacey L.

- Tag Day has raised \$27,878, with additional donations still arriving by mail. Last year's total was \$29,911.
- Invitational expenses currently show a negative balance, with additional revenue still to come.
- The Calendar Raffle balance is still being finalized. A little more than \$8,000 was sent to the travel agent.
- Kroger Community Rewards generated approximately \$500, with another approximately \$500 received.
- Spirit wear generated approximately \$400.
- Expenses included marching-band props, the travel-agent check, several Angel Fund payments, and Invitational costs.
- Motion by Jenn F.; seconded by Sam W.

5) Communications – Irosha/Rhadika

- No additional communications report.

6) Tech/Website Team – Ryan

- Yahoo and AOL email addresses now work with the Upbeat Google email accounts.
- BoosterHub was approved by the district for student use.

7) Sponsorships – Charity

- No new financial sponsorships were reported; additional sponsors are still needed.

- McDonald's donated 6,000 cups but did not provide a financial sponsorship.
- Kroger donated two pallets of water.

8) Calendar Raffle/Tag Day – Amy P.

- Tag Day and the Calendar Raffle are complete.
- The Tag Day snack cart was held September 16, and the clarinets received their pizza party September 17.
- Blair is preparing to take over Tag Day next year.

9) Taste for Music – Liz A.

- The August Raising Cane's fundraiser generated \$110.57.
- Chipotle fundraiser: Wednesday, October 7, 5:00–9:00 p.m., Union Centre location. Chipotle will donate 25% if the fundraiser reaches the \$150 minimum.

10) BoosterHub – Charity/Ryan

- Student setup may be challenging, but information collected through the Google form will be used to add students.
- Approximately 50% of those invited have not joined BoosterHub.
- The team is working to improve guard communication.

11) Invitational – Katie/Jessica

- The lead meeting is September 18. Planning is coming together for the event.
- Vendors include Tom's, a funnel-cake vendor, and The Cones. The first truck is expected at 2:00 p.m.
- First aid will be located inside the stadium.
- Volunteer water will be available at check-in and the T-shirt table.
- Power strips are needed.
- Dr. Whitely volunteered to help.
- Presale ticket revenue was approximately \$800 as of Monday, with sales expected to increase Friday.
- Two donated baskets are available for a possible raffle; the plan is still to be determined.
- Football-band students should watch from the back stands.
- Capacity concerns should not be included in public communications.
- Premium parking tickets or specialty parking spaces were suggested for future consideration.
- Parking remains a concern because some local bands may bus students while families drive separately.
- Parking-lot lights will be turned on, as confirmed by Charity and Andy Carr.
- A photograph will be taken of every trophy presentation.

12) Senior Night – Charity

- Senior Night is October 14, the day before the band leaves for Washington, D.C.
- Amanda G. will prepare flowers October 13.
- Photography requested use of the Hub for pictures.
- The schedule will be shared soon.

13) New Business

- Trips: The chaperone meeting is October 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Bond Issue Committee Request: The Upbeat Club received a request for financial support toward the Bond Issue Committee Campaign. Sam W. moved to add a \$1,000 line item, contingent on the Invitational not being canceled. The motion was seconded and passed 11–0.
- Open Lead Positions: Split the Pot and Sponsorships need leads. Amy Pitzer's position will be open in April.
- Fundraising Ideas: The Calendar Raffle did not meet expectations, and a replacement fundraiser is needed. Members discussed summer timing, the stronger performance of online

sales, and concerns that participants do not feel they receive enough value when they do not win. Ideas included a car raffle and game night.

Next Meeting

October 22, 2026 | Main Campus Band Room