



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:30p.m.
Lakota East High School Band Room

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Elected officers present: Amy Stiefel, Al Dick, Maria Wiedwald, Patrice Pieratt, Jenny Tripp

Directors' Reports:

- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** Band Director, Liberty Junior School
Attended meeting and gave the attached report submitted via email.
- **Mr. Alan Nordyke** Director of Jazz Studies, Lakota Freshman and High School Campuses
(Report submitted via email and is attached).
- **Mrs. Julie Fuqua** Band Director, Hopewell Junior School
(Report submitted via email and is attached.)
- **Mr. Kevin Engel**, Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
Not present because in Troy, Ohio, helping out a former student band director.
- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - Discussed Try Band event which was a success and attended by about 60 kids.
 - The Concerto Competition was this past Thursday. Owen Campbell (clarinet) was the winner and will play at the spring concert.
 - The five high school bands will be competing at OMEA large group contest. All of the performance times are posted on the website. Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform Friday, March 9th, Freshman and Concert Bands will perform Saturday, March 10th.
 - The winter concert will be March 1st. It is on the main calendar. Each band will perform in 30-minute intervals. Parents and students can attend the performance for their student and then are free to leave. Mr. Joe Hermann, American Bandmaster from Tennessee Tech, will be providing a clinic session to Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds that evening.
 - Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band will play at Mason at the *Music for All* Festival on Saturday, March 3rd. This is an Adjudicated Performance. Each band will have 40 minutes with a clinician. This will help prepare the bands for their performance at Fairfield. The bands will also hear other bands, including Milford, Miamisburg and West.
 - The Winds State OMEA Convention in Columbus was a great experience and a "Wow" moment for everyone involved.
 - Mr. Tanis spoke of a sister school Lakota has in China and his hope to have an exchange experience with them in the future.
 - Bill Thomas is coming in on Tuesdays
 - The band is making a recording for Chicago with Jim Daughters of the Fillmore Band.

- If you have questions about the concert on April 30th, they will be answered on the website. Please look there for information about tickets.
- All State was February 7-9th and ran concurrently with the OMEA Conference in Columbus. Lunch for Winds on this day was provided by Buca di Beppo, and the Upbeat club helped with a portion of the cost. Mr. Tanis thanked the Upbeat club for helping the students enjoy that as part of their experience in Columbus.
- Clarinets auditioned today for concert band next year. Auditions for all sections will continue over the next few weeks.
- Leadership Team and Drum Major Candidates will participate in a pre-screening of applications which is new this year. This year the application process is all digital and after the application is reviewed some will be invited to audition. There are approximately 20 Drum Major candidates at this time.
- Fall Marching Band schedule is up on the calendar.
 - Kettering will be the only OMEA performance next season.

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Review of events since last meeting.
 - Directors covered most events since last meeting in their reports.
 - Winter Guard has its next competition on February 17th in Alexandria. They placed 2nd in their class at the last competition. The dates for future competitions can be found on the calendar on the website.
- Tickets are on sale at **cincyticket.com** for the Fillmore Windfest performance (Symphonic Winds will be performing) on Monday, April 30th at Music Hall. Go to the link and search Fillmore. It will be listed as the second event. Note that the link is cincyticket with no s on the end.
 - Price is \$15 dollars per ticket plus a \$2.75 service charge.
 - This event will have festival seating. Your ticket is not for a specific seat, it will get you into the event.
- There are still many volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year we need to fill, including Uniforms. Please see any Upbeat Club officer if you have an interest in helping next year.
 - Volunteers are needed for Jazz Concert programs, Bus Chaperone Coordinator, and Photo Buttons.
 - Swing Dance has been filled. Allison Kittel has agreed to take over Band Camp coordinator.
- Upcoming Events include:
 - MFA in Mason on March 3rd, Beaver Creek Jazz Fest also March 3rd, OMEA District AE in Fairfield March 9th.
 - All scholarship information is on the website
 - Jeff Durham scholarship applications for Seniors are due April 8th
 - Hal Hobe scholarship applications are due March 31st
 - Butter Braid Sale
 - Kick off was last Monday. Joel, our sales rep., did a great job getting the kids interested and prepared for the sale.
 - Each student has a goal to sell 7.
 - All info is on the website. Monday, February 26th order forms must be turned in.
 - Butter Braids will be delivered on Tuesday, March 20th at 2:00.
 - If anyone wants to help at order turn-in or at Butter Braid delivery, please let us know.
 - Patrice: Senior photo/end-of-the-year slide show photo submission instructions:
 - An email will go out in March.

- Rob Gilley has agreed to put together the slide show.
- Email will give guidelines to seniors plus ask for photo submissions from all band events to give a good representation of the year.
- Band Awards event will be on May 14th. Check the website for details when posted.

Secretary's Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Carolyn Landers.....**Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- Swing Dance was up from last year.,
- Spiritwear check hasn't come yet.
- Expenses in Enrichment include the deposit made for the Winds lunch at Buca di Beppo.
- Maria suggested that if over budget this year, monies should go into uniform fund.
- Awards money will be spent to prepare for awards night.

Vice President of Ways and Means Report: Al Dick

- The band night Dine and Donate event at Freddy's on Wednesday, January 31st made \$237.85. We received 20% of sales that night.
- Butter Braid fundraiser
 - March 20th delivery day: We will have some freezer storage in the café for 1 day if items are not picked up.
- **Spiritwear Report: Amy Stiefel and Eunice Vogelsang**
 - We are waiting for a check for \$1152.
 - There was a small shop for winter guard held in January.
 - Some show shirts were sold.

Vice President of Student Activities Report: Patrice Pieratt

- Donations from the Swing Dance were given to Reach Out Lakota. We were glad to be able to make the donation.
- Next Event is the OMEA AE April 27 and April 28

Marching Band Games and Contests: Additional Information

- There are still volunteer needs including Uniform Shadow, Band Camp coordinators, etc. Please check the website and look for SUG or contact the LEUC to volunteer and let us know you can help. If you would like to help, but are not sure there is a position, please communicate with us. There are many ways for everyone to volunteer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 p.m.: Maria Wiedwald (motion), seconded by Patrice Pieratt
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Attachments:

Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director / Upbeat Report February 2018

**Upbeat Club – February 2018
Liberty Junior Band**

Eighth Grade Band Parent/Student Meeting

Mr. Tanis met with the Liberty Junior Eighth Grade Band students and parents on Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the LJS Media Center. Three LEHS band students were also on hand to provide their perspectives regarding band in high school. The meeting was well-attended by students and parents. Thanks to all who were involved for making this happen!

Try Band

The second annual Lakota East Try Band Event took place on Saturday, February 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sixth grade students and parents had a chance to check out all of the instruments and meet the directors. Thanks to Mr. Tanis, Mr. Engel and all of the high school band students for making this a success.

In-Coming Seventh Grade Parent Registration

The seventh grade jazz ensemble had its first performance on Tuesday, February 13, at the LJS Incoming Seventh Grade Parent Registration. There were two sessions of the registration that evening. The seventh grade jazz performed prior to the start of the first meeting, from 5:50 to 6:00 p.m. The eighth grade jazz ensemble performed prior to the start of the second meeting, 7:20 to 7:30 p.m., in a concert setting. An electives fair was in the cafeteria during both registration meetings. There was a band meeting for all parents/students interested in seventh grade band following each of the registration meetings. We had more than a full house in the band room for both meetings.

LJS Winter Concert

The next concerts of the Liberty Junior School Bands will be on Thursday, February 22, in the LJS Gymnasium. The seventh grade concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include the seventh grade concert band and the seventh grade jazz ensemble. The eighth grade band will perform at 8:00 p.m.

Solo & Ensemble Contest

The Liberty Junior Band students are in the process of registering for junior high solo and ensemble contest. Registration forms and fees are due on March 1. The OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest will be on April 14 at Clinton-Massie Schools. To prepare for contest, the ensembles will perform in the LJS Band Ensemble Recital on Tuesday, April 10, in the LJS Band Room.

Clarinet Choir

The seventh and eighth grade clarinet choirs continue to rehearse bi-weekly on alternating Fridays from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m. Both groups will perform at Solo & Ensemble Contest on April 14.

Student Teacher

Mr. Atkinson is student teaching with Mrs. Knueven this quarter. Mr. Atkinson is a senior at University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He will conduct one piece with the seventh grade jazz ensemble, three pieces with the seventh grade concert band and two pieces with the eighth grade concert band on February 22. Mr. Atkinson will be working with Mr. Engel during the fourth quarter.

Kathy Knueven
Band Director

Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies Upbeat Report February 2018

Lakota East Jazz February Report February 2018

Congratulations on an outstanding Swing Dance, Saturday, January 27. East Jazz Bands played over 2 ½ hours of jazz music to a great audience, and band members and guests had a wonderful time. We very much appreciate the hard work of each band member, and we appreciate the many volunteers who helped make this evening such a success. Special thanks to Mrs. Amy Stiefel, our Swing Dance Chair, for the countless hours she contributed in planning the Swing Dance. Thanks to everyone for your support of this event.

Congratulations to the East Jazz Band Members who performed in the All State Jazz Ensemble during the OMEA Professional Conference in Columbus, Ohio:

- Zach Timmons, trombone
- Joe Ulmer, tenor saxophone

These students rehearsed with the All State Jazz Band Thursday and Friday February 8 and 9, and they performed at the conference Saturday, February 10. Thank you for representing Lakota East in such an awesome way. What a well-deserved honor for these band members.

Main Campus Jazz Bands will be performing at the Beaver Creek Weekend of Jazz on Saturday, March 3. Each ensemble is preparing 4 charts to perform for the audience and clinicians, and immediately after their performance, they will participate in a clinic with one of the festival clinicians. An information letter with all of the details will be given to the students and also emailed home as soon as we learn our performance times. It is a great performance opportunity and learning experience for everyone involved. Special thanks to each jazz band member for all of their hard work preparing for the Weekend of Jazz.

Audition music for next year's Lakota East Main Campus Jazz Ensembles has been distributed. Auditions for current jazz band members will begin the week of March 5 during class. Any student not currently enrolled in jazz band is welcome to audition, and those auditions can be arranged by contacting Mr. Nordyke. We look forward to seeing these students continue the Lakota Bands' tradition of excellence.

As always, thanks for all you do for Lakota Bands.

Sincerely,
Alan Nordyke
Lakota Jazz Bands

Hopewell Junior School: Julie Fuqua, Band Director / Upbeat Report February 2018

Hopewell Junior Bands

The Hopewell Jr. 7th grade band really enjoyed their side by side rehearsal on January 25 with the Lakota East Symphonic Band. Many thanks to Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel for taking time out of your normal rehearsal to allow the 7th grade students to come over. Words cannot express the amazing time the 7th graders had! In addition, I want to thank the Symphonic band members for helping the 7th graders to be a part of your band class and show them the high school experience. They loved the high school kids showing them their professional instruments, the instrument storage areas, talking with them and mostly hearing how great all the high school students sounded on their instruments. One of my 7th graders was so motivated that after the rehearsal, he and his parents went out and bought him a bass clarinet! This was again an amazing experience for the 7th grade band members and an event we must do annually!!

Thank you to the Upbeat Club for providing and serving donuts and orange juice!! That was a huge hit also and very much appreciated!!! Yet another highlight in their musical experience at East!!

Our next Concert:

Thursday, March 8th

6:30 p.m.- 7th grade band and 7th grade jazz band concert

7:45 p.m. 8th grade band concert