



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 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
  - Mr. Austin Atkinson, a student teacher, is working with several band classes until May
    - He was previously with Mrs. Knueven at Liberty Junior
      - The Freshman bands received a Superior and Excellent rating at the OMEA Fairfield event
- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
  - The Music For All performance on March 3<sup>rd</sup> was a great experience for Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds.
  - Mr. Tanis discussed the District OMEA Contest for Concert Band and the events that led to the group not receiving a score:
    - There were several students that did not attend the event. Mr. Tanis had to make some adjustments for the performance including adding some performers in from the other bands.
    - Mr. Tanis did disclose this to the adjudicators, which allowed for us to receive comments and no rating for the performance.
    - The Concert Band would have received a superior rating if scored.
    - Symphonic Band received all ones, or a straight Superior rating at the OMEA contest.
    - Winds and Symphonic Band will play at State on April 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Concert Band will not play at State, but will prepare as if they are.
  - The Concert bands for next year will be organized the same manner as they were this year.
  - Students are currently auditioning for concert band.
  - Leadership Teams and auditions are filled with very high caliber students and going well.
  - Drum Major auditions are complete, with 13 students interviewing for the final four. All of the candidates did an amazing job. Congratulations to the 2018 Drum Majors: Erin Gregg, Rachel Gregg, Olivia Dodson, and Kaitlyn Zonka.
  - The recording submitted to the Midwest Clinic in Chicago was outstanding.

- The Winds performances at State and at Music Hall will be two different performances, and families are encouraged to attend both. Symphonic band students are practicing as a handbell choir, to accompany the Winds as part of their performance. Everyone is excited that this will be something new and worth planning to see.
- Fall Marching Band schedule is on the Google calendar ([www.lakotaeastbands.org](http://www.lakotaeastbands.org)).
  - 226 members have committed to the 2018 marching season. That number continues to grow.
  - Some details are available for Grand Nationals performance at Indianapolis in November. Prelims will be Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. This means the band will probably travel to Indy and back on Thursday, then return for another performance on Saturday once the band's call time for Saturday is known. Details are still coming and plans will be adjusted as the information becomes available. It is probable there will be no lodging expense for Grand Nationals, meaning a lower trip cost overall. That will be the last performance of the season.
- Eight students are playing in the pit orchestra for the school musical *The Spelling Bee*. This is a difficult performance since they remain on stage for the entire performance. This group is very talented and hardworking.

### **President's Report: Amy Stiefel**

- Review of events since last meeting.
  - Directors covered most events since last meeting in their reports.
- Tickets are on sale at **cincyticket.com** for the Fillmore Windfest performance (Symphonic Winds will be performing) on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Tickets purchased are not for a specific seat, tickets will get the ticketholder into the event.
- There are still many volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year that need to be filled, including Uniforms. Please see any Upbeat Club officer if you have an interest in helping next year.
  - Volunteers are needed for Uniforms, volunteers/shadow for needed for Cool Jazz'n'Hotcakes coordinator and other misc. positions.
- Butter Braid delivery/student order pick up was today. The delivery and pick up process ran smoothly and wrapped up by 3:30. This sale exceeded expectations and was a great success.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Cool Jazz'n'Hotcakes: April 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Mr. Nordyke notified jazz families about SUG with jobs to volunteer
    - Set up will be Friday night April 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Any students that volunteer their time can get a service letter, (see Glenda Katsetos at the event.)
    - Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$7.
    - SUG is posted with most of the positions filled.
  - Patrice: Senior photo/end-of-the-year slide show photo submission instructions:
    - Photo announcement is on the website and in the weekly email update.
    - Band Awards event will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Check the band website for details.
  - Winter Guard Championships will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. A Friends and Family show on will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Freshman Building, 7:00 p.m.
  - Call-a-thon Fundraising event will be launched at the Reveal on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - This fundraiser will conclude at mini-camp.

- The purpose of this fundraiser is to earn a large portion of the cost to buy a new truck for the band to use for equipment and prop transportation next season.
- There will be several incentives for the students to earn, at both low-level and high-level participation, for the Call-a-Thon fundraiser.
- Discussion followed regarding potential corporate sponsors. Tammy Zonka and Debbie Hampton will pursue some possible connections for corporate sponsorship.
- Additional New Fundraiser planned for next season:
  - *Stinger Car Raffle* (being organized by Rob Gilley)
    - The band will raffle off a car by producing and selling raffle tickets.
    - Jeff Wyler's attorney is our contact.
    - This event will kick off at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade with the possibility of having a car present to advertise the raffle.
    - Tickets will be sold through the football season. An event night will follow at the end of the season before Grand Nationals where the winners will be pulled/announced.
    - The car to be raffled will be a *Kia Stinger*.
    - Initial plans include: students' sales goal will be 20 tickets each, tickets will be sold for \$20 each, 5000 tickets will be printed.
    - There will be a cash option available and a minimum number of tickets must be sold to award the car.
- Calendar review includes:
  - Marching Band Vet Auditions 4/9, 4/10
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Auditions 4/16, 4/17
  - Concert 4/19
  - Rookie Days 4/24-26
  - OMEA State AE 4/27
  - 2018 Reveal/Upbeat Meeting and Rookie parent meeting 4/25

**Secretary's Report:** Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the February 20, 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.
- The Butter Braid sale made a profit of \$8500, with 143 kids selling product, (our target profit was \$3000). Timing of this sale was good, according to our sales rep. Based on the profit, the sale was a great success.
- \$500 Check received from Kroger
- Only outstanding income not yet received this year is from Cool Jazz.
- Outstanding expenses for the year include Cool Jazz and Awards.

**Vice President of Ways and Means Report:** Al Dick

- Discussed business sponsors and picture of band or door decals given for specific donations. Possible donors LaRosas or Texas Roadhouse.
- Mod Pizza was suggested as a possible food place for next fundraising event.
- Butter Braid fundraiser was a huge success and liked by everyone.
- Carolyn Landers addressed the raffle at Cool Jazz stating band pillows will be one item in the raffle and vendors will provide additional items.
- **Spiritwear Report: Amy Stiefel and Eunice Vogelsang**
  - Mini-camp will be the next shop.

**Vice President of Student Activities Report:** Patrice Pieratt

- The next event will be OMEA State on April 27/28<sup>th</sup> which will have concessions, the extent shall be determined once it is known who will be participating.
- Picture submission deadline for awards slideshow is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Marching Band Games and Contests:** Additional Information

- Tammy Zonka has agreed to be the Photo Button volunteer.
- 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.

**New Business:**

- Mrs. Knueven shared that she will be retiring at the end of this school year and thanked the Upbeat Club for all the years of kindness, support, and assistance from everyone. She has been attending Upbeat meetings since 2001 and stated how greatly she will miss it.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:30 p.m., at the Band Reveal night located in the Freshman Campus Auditorium.**

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 p.m.: Maria Wiedwald (motion), seconded by Eunice Vogelsang  
 .....**Approved**



**Attachments:**

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

**Liberty Junior School Band  
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The LJS Seventh Band, Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble and Eighth Grade Bands performed in their Winter Band Concert on February 22, 2018. A special thanks is extended to Mr. Engel for being in attendance at our performance.

Many Liberty band students are diligently preparing for Solo & Ensemble Contest. We have approximately 51 events from Liberty with around 70 students participating. The OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest is on Saturday, April 14, at Clinton Massie High School.

The sixth annual Liberty Junior Bands Ensemble Recital is on Tuesday, April 10. The recital provides the ensembles with an opportunity to perform prior to going to contest. The recital performance is split with 8 ensembles performing at 6:00 and 7 ensembles performing at 7:30 p.m. It will take place in the LJS Band Room.

There are 28 LJS Eighth Grade Band students planning to march with the Lakota East Marching Thunderhawks next year. They are working diligently to prepare for their audition on Monday, April 16.

The LJS Clarinet Choirs have only three weeks of rehearsals remaining. Both clarinet choirs will perform at Solo & Ensemble Contest on April 14. Following contest, the groups will, hopefully, have a chance to perform at Chesterwood Village and then end the year with a pizza party.

The LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble has had two performances to date. The next performances of the seventh-grade jazz ensemble will be the LEHS "Cool Jazz N Hotcakes" on Saturday, April 7, the LJS Spring Band Concert on May 7, and during sixth grade visits from various elementary schools on May 14, 15 and 16.

The final performances of the seventh and eighth grade bands will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 in the LJS Gymnasium. The Seventh Grade Band Spring Concert will begin at 6:20 p.m. The Eighth Grade Band Spring Concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Kathy Knueven  
Band Director

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**Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies  
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Lakota East Jazz March Report  
March 2018

AUDITIONS FOR 2018-2019 JAZZ BANDS

Auditions for the 2018-2019 main campus jazz bands took place during the first two weeks of March. Students who are not currently enrolled in jazz band can contact Mr. Nordyke to schedule an audition time. Results will be posted once all auditions have been completed. We will keep students posted as to any "alternates" that need to be utilized in each group as the need arises between now and the start of next school year. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work preparing such terrific auditions!

BEAVERCREEK JAZZ FESTIVAL RECAP

Congratulations to all Lakota Main Campus jazz students for their outstanding performances and clinics at the Beaver Creek Jazz Festival! All groups did a great job performing and received very positive, helpful feedback from the clinicians. Special thanks to each band member for all of their hard work in making the weekend such a success!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Lakota East COOL JAZZ N' HOT CAKES pancake breakfast will be held in the LEHS Main Campus cafeteria on **Saturday, April 7**, 8:00 AM - noon. Bands will include all East jazz groups grades 9-12 as well as the Hopewell and Liberty 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Bands. All are encouraged to attend this all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast!

The East Spring Jazz Concert will take place **Wednesday, May 9**, at 7:30 PM, in the Lakota East Theatre. Steve Kortyka will be our guest artist for the evening. Steve is a saxophonist from New York City who performed with Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett during their recent Cheek to Cheek tour. We look forward to hearing the students demonstrate all of their musical learning and progress at the spring concert as well as hearing Mr. Kortyka solo with each ensemble! We hope to see you at our upcoming concerts and events!

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

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke

Lakota Jazz Bands

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

## **Hopewell Junior Bands**

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade concert band, 7<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band and 8<sup>th</sup> grade concert band on an outstanding concert, Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>!

7<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band is eagerly preparing for their-Cool Jazz n Hot Cakes performance. Hopewell Jr. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band performs at 9:45 a.m. Report time @9:15 a.m. in the Lakota East Band room. Dress: Gray Band shirt and black pants.

Saturday, April 14th-Solo and Ensemble Contest, Clinton Massie High School. Performance times will be sent a week or two before contest.

Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade band members audition for Lakota East Marching Band, Lakota East High School band room. Sign up for your audition time on the Hopewell Jr. band room bulletin board. Audition times run every 10 minutes from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Audition material: perform a portion of your solo from solo and ensemble and the Lakota East Fight Song by memory.

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band Performs at the Hopewell Junior Academic Excellence Awards, Lakota East Freshman School. Jazz band members arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. Dress: Ladies nice pants, dress or skirt.

Gentlemen: Nice pants, shirt and tie.

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>- Band Concerts

6:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert and Jazz Band

7:45 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band