



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2019 / 7:30 p.m.
Lakota East High School Band Room

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Elected Officers present: Amy Stiefel, Maria Wiedwald, Jennifer Berry, Jenny Tripp

Directors' Reports:

- Mrs. Maggie Whaley - Band Director, Liberty Junior School
(Presented report submitted via email and is attached)
- Mrs. Julie Fuqua – Band Director Hopewell Junior School
(report submitted via email and is attached)
- Shared report by Mr. Rob Tanis - Director of Bands, Lakota East High School and Mr. Kevin Engel – Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - Reported on Band events from January
 - Solo and Ensemble went well. He is very proud of everyone's hard work and performances.
 - Music for All Schedule update: Both Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform on Saturday, March 2nd.
 - OMEA Adjudicated Event (AE) at Fairfield on March 8th and 9th
 - All 3 high school bands will perform Friday night, March 8th
 - Freshman bands will perform Saturday, March 9th
 - Band Concert Auditions are going on now. All will be set and finished before Spring Break.
 - Marching Band Updates:
 - Students will see a new revamped Leadership model this coming season. Changes have already started. The students are working on service projects to “empower the to enact great ideas”. It is creating a collaborative dialogue to do things for the band.
 - Leadership Team will be announced at the Reveal on April 17th. Reveal will also be the commitment date this year.
 - Veteran audition clinics have been retitled to Spring Training and will no longer have to audition. They are required to attend all Spring Training sessions, four in total.
 - Marching Band Schedule for next year is being updated on the google calendar. There are BOA and OMEA competition dates. Some of those are still flexible and may continue to change.
 - There will be a reorganization of the facility next year including the band room and the rooms being used adjacent to it.
 - Plans include adding shelving to the music classroom.
 - The uniform room will be retasked to store front ensemble items, golf cart, and electronic items. These items are overwhelming the band room and cannot continue to be stored there.
 - Sousa room will become uniform room with uniform boxes.

- New Business: Two suitable semi-trailers have been found in Lamont, Illinois that are available to purchase and would meet the band's needs. Mr. Engel is prepared to make the trip to secure the purchase.
 - There are a few road worthy models available, with specs presented in a slide show. They are 53 feet by 130 inches high.
 - Option one: 2004 for \$20,900, good tires/brakes, boxes on the bottom and in the back for storage, includes interior lighting and bars for attachments inside.
 - Option two: 2000 for \$17,900, same specs, no back box, no interior lighting.
 - Discussion followed on the needs for next year and what we are spending in renting box trucks, which is currently \$16,000 a year. The new trailer will need a logo wrap which can be delayed. This is not critical within the next year if the budget won't allow. When the new trailer is not in use for marching band, it would serve as storage, which is much needed also.
 - Further discussion regarding budget, the Upbeat donation and future plans for uniform purchases.
 - There was also discussion regarding a need for drums next year as a potential purchase for the next season.
- Following discussion, \$20,000 is being asked for from Upbeat to purchase one new semi-trailer. There is \$10,000 available in the budget, \$10,000 would need to go to this purchase instead of allocating it to the uniform fund as budgeted. Uniform fund would remain at budget with \$60,000.

Motion made by Elaine Nomina to fund the trailer purchase up to \$21,000.

Seconded by Denise Davis. Vote called. Motion passes.....**Approved**

- Mr. Tanis will discuss the buying details with the district.

Secretary Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the January 15, 2019 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Elaine Nomina.....**Approved**

Treasurer Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- The Swing Dance came in \$700 under its projected profit in the budget.
- Butter Braid sale is currently underway.
- Project to earn \$10,000 - \$12,000 in income this year.
- 1099's have been filed for the 2018 calendar year

Vice-President of Ways and Means: Jen Berry

- No Dine & Donate events in January and February.
- Corporate Sponsorship Update:
 - The committee is pursuing sponsorship with The Web, Elite Photography, and Penn Station. They have promising contacts and we will continue to work on developing a relationship.
- New website coordinator announced.
 - Amanda Pisano has agreed to be the new Website Administrator. She is looking into improving the security of the website and possibly redeveloping the website to better meet our current needs.

- Butter Braid sales:
 - February 12th was the kickoff of the sale. Students have order forms in hand now.
 - February 26th is the turn in date. Please have Mr. Engel send a band email update with Butter Braid sale information.
 - Delivery will be March 11th at 1:00 here at the school.
- Blooming Bucks has been submitted and approved.
 - It will be a spring fundraiser that is ongoing.
 - Currently awaiting a logo and link to give to Amanda to be added to the website.
- We received a Record Album with artistic cover of the Line, Shape, and Color 2018 Show donated by Amanda Pisano. We will be raffling this off and selling tickets at various events over the next few months. The raffle drawing is yet to be determined, possibilities include Cool Jazz, the Reveal, or Band Awards night.
- Spiritwear Update:
 - Spiritwear announcements will always be on the website. Please visit link to <http://www.apparel.promospark.com/lakotaeastband>

Vice-President of Activities: (position open)

- No report / No business

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Please refer to the Lakota East Band Website for all current dates, events, and contact information: www.lakotaeastbands.org
 - Google Calendar on the website is the accurate calendar and most up to date.
- Eastside Jazz Ensemble opens for CCJO at The Redmoor, Thursday night. This is exciting for all involved.
- Cool Jazz 'n' Hotcakes is April 6th
 - A SUG will be posted for jazz families.
 - We will solicit a donation from UDF. They have made a significant donation in the past of milk and orange juice.
 - It was discussed to make sure this donation, and others like Tom's Driving School donation, is recognized on the website and to make note of this to Amanda Pisano.
- Students attended OMEA Solo and Ensemble, Swing Dance, Honor Band weekend, Try Band event, and All-State in Cleveland since our last meeting and did very well.
- Other dates on the calendar include:
 - Pit Orchestra begins on 2/26
 - Music For All Festival will be 3/2 at Mason High School. Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds will perform.
 - Beaver Creek Jazz Festival is on 3/2
 - OMEA District AE will be at Fairfield on March 8th and 9th
- Marching Band:
 - The 2019 Marching Band Show Reveal and combined Upbeat Meeting will be on April 17th
 - New officers will be elected for the upcoming year. President, Treasurer, VP of Activities are open. Please see and Upbeat officer with questions.
- Leadership Needs 2018-2019
 - Band Camp Coordinator for 2019
 - Cool Jazz 2019 Coordinator
 - Shadow for OMEA State AE Chair
 - Photography Chair
 - Spiritwear

New Business

- Please see the website to find information on scholarship opportunities. Jeff Durham and Hal Hobe scholarship forms are available there.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

Maria Wiedwald (motion)/ seconded by Eunice Vogelsang..... **Approved**

The next Lakota East Upbeat Meeting will be held Tuesday March 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakota East High School Band Room.

Attachments:

Upbeat Club – February 2019

Liberty Junior Band

Eighth Grade Band Parent/Student Meeting

- Thanks to all who attended the meeting to learn about the HS band opportunities at LEHS
- Thanks to Mr. Engel for running the meeting
- Many 8th grade parents and students were there—great sign for next year

Try Band

- The 3rd Try Band Event happened on Saturday, January 26th
- Thanks to Mr. Tanis, Mr. Engel, and the LEHS band students for organizing and running this event.

In-Coming Seventh Grade Parent Registration

- 7th grade jazz ensemble performed and 8th grade jazz ensemble performed in a concert band setting
- Full house for both band meetings for all parents/students interested in 7th grade band. Great sign for next school year!

LJS Winter Concert

- Next LJS Band Concerts will be on this Thursday, February 21st in the LJS Gym.
- 7th Grade concert begins at 6:30 p.m. (includes 7th Grade Jazz Ensemble and 7th Grade Concert Band)
- 8th Grade concert begins at 8:00 p.m. (includes 8th Grade Concert Band)

Solo & Ensemble Contest

- In process of registering for the junior high solo and ensemble contest
- Registration forms and fees are due on Thursday, February 21st
- Solo and Ensemble contest will be on Saturday, March 23rd

Clarinet Choir

- The 7th and 8th grade clarinet choirs continue to rehearse bi-weekly on alternating Fridays from 2:20 to 3:15 p.m.
- Both groups will perform at Solo & Ensemble Contest on March 23rd.

Maggie Whaley

Band Director

Hopewell Junior Band
February 2019
Julie Fuqua – Director

Band Concert-Thursday, March 7th, 6:30 p.m.-7th grade jazz band and 7th grade concert band

7:45 p.m. – 8th grade concert band

A group of Hopewell Jr. 7th grade band students performed and demonstrated their instruments last week at Union and Woodland Elementary Schools for the 6th grade students to help them with their selection for 7th grade band. Since Woodland is a split school, meaning that some 6th graders go to Liberty Junior and some go to Hopewell Junior, 7th graders from both Hopewell Jr and Liberty Junior combined to demonstrate instruments and play Star Wars and Mojo. Special thanks to Mrs. Whaley at Liberty Jr. for combing forces with me and Hopewell Junior Band students and having some of her 7th grade band members join us for our presentation to the Woodland 6th grade students! We truly started the “Eastside” band tradition that day for some of our 7th graders!

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