



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 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)
- 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
 - Special thanks to Lisa Mullins and the Pit Crew for cleaning out the truck for the UD trip.
 - OMEA Adjudicated Event (AE) at Fairfield on March 8th and 9th
 - All 5 high school bands performed and received Superior Ratings
 - Band Concert Placement auditions are done. Possibly announced before Spring Break.
 - State Competition event in April at the freshman building.
 - There is a lot on the performers calendars and they might not participate in this event. He will be polling each band to determine participation.
 - We will still host it regardless of participation.
 - Marching Band Updates:
 - Marching Band Show Reveal will be Wednesday, April 17th. This will be the official kick-off of everything for next season.
 - All Training has been pushed on the calendar to after the Reveal.
 - We will use final forms for paperwork again this year.
 - Leadership Team will be announced at the Reveal on April 17th. Reveal will also be the commitment date in which we collect forms and fees.
 - New Business: The semi-trailers in Lamont, Illinois were not acquired as discussed at the last meeting.
 - Mr. Engel has a new potential purchase of a new trailer with “Warehouse on Wheels” company in Chicago.
 - The trailer available will be 53 ft.
 - It is available under budget.
 - District will do the paperwork. The cost will be \$19,900. This will be payable to the district by the Upbeat Club.
 - Details on physically getting the trailer from its location to East were discussed.
 - Potential Drumline purchase for next year:
 - It can be delayed to the next fiscal year, but “Innovate”, an indoor drumline in Bloomington, IN, has what we need. It is used equipment. The drums have only been used one season but will cost \$5000 less than expected and previously discussed.
 - These drums are in great condition and better than we had expected to be available.

- The Charms database cost is going up from \$400/3 years to \$800/3 years.
 - Discussion followed that the system actually does more than we currently utilize and can be used for more in the future. Mr. Tanis would like to keep it.
 - Agreement to continue with Charms for 3 more years at the increased cost and to reevaluate the need at that time.

Secretary Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the February 15, 2019 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald,
seconded by Lori Carlin.....**Approved**

Treasurer Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- Spiritwear is still selling and doing very well.
- Butter Braid sale made \$7,000. This is down \$1,000 from last year but right on budget for this year.
- Additional income expected from Kroger and Cool Jazz.
- Scholarship information will be shared by Mr. Tanis and go out to the Seniors.

Vice-President of Ways and Means: Jen Berry

- Corporate Sponsorship Update:
 - We have a verbal agreement with Elite Photography at this time and are thrilled to have them with us. There are other contacts we are still currently building a relationship with.
- Website Improvement:
 - Amanda Pisano, the new Website Administrator, is in communication with Jen on the design of the new website with increased security. There is a March 22nd deadline to have everything running for the sponsors.
- Butter Braid sales:
 - Prizes motivate the sales, we may discuss restructuring next year to boost sales and increase profit.
 - 50% of the band sold for this fundraiser. We would like to get more selling in the future.
- Blooming Bucks has been submitted and approved.
 - The logo and link have been received.
 - Amanda will have them added to the website with a March 22nd launch date target.
 - The band will profit 25% from the sales.
- Spiritwear Update: Eunice Vogelsang
 - Winterguard had a small store that was delivered Friday.
 - Spiritwear announcements will always be on the website. Please visit link to <http://www.apparel.promospark.com/lakotaeastband>

Vice-President of Activities: (position open)

- Patrice Pieratt reporting for tonight.
 - Rob Gilley will work on the slide show for the end of the year awards.
 - He will need all pictures submitted by a set deadline and still need about a month to finish the work on the slideshow. Check the website for instructions and deadlines.

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.
- Marching Band Reveal will be on April 17th
 - This will be the last Upbeat meeting of the year.

- The only business conducted will be to elect the new slate of Upbeat Officers for next year.
- Mr. Tanis will need a slide submitted of the candidates.
- Cool Jazz 'n' Hotcakes is April 6th
 - A SUG will be posted on the website. It was sent by the Jazz Director yesterday to jazz families.
 - Tickets will be \$7 at the door.
 - Terry will be purchasing some new items for the kitchen.
 - UDF is confirmed to provide their annual donation.
 - Patrice and Denise will drop off tickets for the Jr. High students to Mrs. Whaley.
 - There will not be any raffle baskets this year. There is no one to chair this portion of the event and interest has waned in the past few years. The only raffle item will be the *Line, Shape, and Color* album the LEUC has been selling tickets for.
- Section Parent recruiting is ongoing, and we are still searching to fill a few empty positions. This information will be shared at the Reveal.
- Other dates on the calendar include:
 - OMEA State AE will be at the Freshman Building on April 26th
 - Spring Concerts on May 7th
 - Freshman Concert on May 10th
 - Jazz concert on May 8th
 - Band Awards on May 13th
 - Mini Camp will be May 28th-30th
- Uniform measuring
 - Discussion of having guard on their own night and percussion on their own night too.
 - Questions regarding where the uniforms are moving if the current room is being repurposed. Discussion followed about the move and the usefulness of the current boxes in the future.
 - Angie Deutsch discussed Concert band uniform return. It may occur on Band Awards Night. Fees and Fines were discussed if uniforms not returned in conditioned issued.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Maria Wiedwald (motion)/ seconded by Lisa Mullins..... **Approved**

The next Lakota East Upbeat Meeting will be at the Reveal on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakota East Freshman Theater.

Attachments:

Upbeat Club – March 2019
Liberty Junior Band

Winter Concert February 21

- Students played very well, they have improved so much this school year
- Thanks to Mr. Engel for being in attendance

State of the Schools

- LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble was asked to play at the Superintendent's State of the Schools Address on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:15 P.M.
- The Jazz Ensemble are one of two musical ensembles performing at the event
- Students are very excited for the opportunity to play at a district event
- We will be performing on the bridge that runs over Main Street at the HS

OMEA District 13 Junior High School Solo and Ensemble

- LJS students will be attending Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, March 23rd at Clinton-Massie HS
- 45 events and approximately 65 students performing Sign Ups for Marching Band
- LJS eighth grade students are looking forward to LEHS Marching Band sign-ups.
- They will be auditioning for Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel on Monday, April 15th Clarinet Choir
- Both the seventh and eighth grade clarinet choirs will be performing at Solo and Ensemble Contest
- We have approximately 3 weeks left, with a pizza party to conclude the year

Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble

- State of the Schools Wednesday, March 13th at 6:15 P.M.
- Cool and Jazz and Hot Cakes Saturday, April 6th
- Sixth Grade Tours at LJS in May
- May Concert Tuesday, May 14th May Concert
- LJS May Concert is on Tuesday, May 14th
- Seventh Grade Jazz and Concert Band Performance begins at 6:20 P.M.
- Eighth Grade Concert Band begins at 8:00 P.M

Maggie Whaley

Band Director