

SWKMEA High School Festival
December 6, 2104

INSTRUMENTAL MEETING MINUTES @ 9am

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Shawn Martin band chair asked that if you are asked, please consider taking on a position of a chairperson in the SWKMEA district. It would be nice to have new faces in the leadership of the district. Make your intentions known to a current leader.

HS Band 255 registrations this year.

158 recordings showed up on November 8.

Make sure to follow up with your students, so that we do not have such a drop in registration versus actual recording.

153 in band today, 1 is an alternate and 1 did not show.

Dr. Lane Weaver FHSU is the director for the honor band this year.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Summer Miller orchestra chairperson stated the following:

85 registration in Orchestra this year

76 recordings

65 in the SW/NW KMEA Orchestra this year.

Dan Racer Friends University is the clinician this year for Orchestra.

HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

Jonathan Yust, SWKMEA Jazz Band chairperson spoke about November 8th festival day.

57 recordings

20 in the actual Jazz Band this year on November 8, 2014.

Nick Schroeder, Hutchinson CC was the clinician and he has played in many professional groups including the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Only 5 schools sent recordings. Jonathan encouraged all districts to consider a Jazz Program, and said to speak with him for help in starting one.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Grant Mathews, SWKMEA MS Band Chair spoke about the November 8 event. He surveyed the district about the option of looking at the cycle of music. Maybe we should consider changing the cycle to get more schools involved. 15 instructors were in favor of change and 3 not in favor. It is thought that they could increase the audition numbers through a new set of books.

Discussion about loading .pdf files of audition music to the SWKMEA website. Majority of districts still begin band in 5th grade, but more and more are moving to 6th grade start. 16 for

digital submission of recordings.

132 entries for MS Band
86 participants in MS Band
23 schools participated.

Craig Allison, Lyons, KS was the clinician for the day and he did a terrific job.

PRESIDENT NOTES

Lynn Unruh, SWKMEA President spoke about thoughts from Jodi Reese, SWKMEA MS Choir Chairperson. Jodi felt that it would be good to look at moving the MS Choir to the SWKMEA Elementary in January. It is felt that the day is too long.

Considerations:

Currently, the day is too long by an hour. Lots of unrest at the end of the day.
Might not be enough space if Elementary and MS are on the same day.
Busses might be an issue.
Start time is important.
MS Band and MS Choir students would have a double opportunity!

Summer Miller brought up the idea of a MS Orchestra. It is believed that we have enough students to support this idea.

CHORAL MEETING MINUTES @ 10:30am

All Choral teachers were introduced.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL

Brandon Wade, SWKMEA HS Choir chair spoke about the choir's growth over the past year presenting the following information:

2014 SW KMEA District Choir information

38 Schools registered for auditions
With 337 auditions registered

Voices that were registered:

113 Altos

72 Alto 1s 41 Alto 2s

64 Basses

40 Bass1s 24 Bass2

113 Sopranos

65 Sop 1 48 Sop 2

38 Tenors

18 Tenor 1s 20 Tenor 2s

The number of voices who actually auditioned:

88 Altos Auditioned

50 Alto 1 38 Alto 2s

53 Basses Auditioned

39 bass 1s 14 bass 2s

83 Sopranos Audition

55 Soprano 1s 28 Soprano 2s

24 Tenors Audition

13 Tenor 1s 11 Tenor 2s

248 Students Auditioned

89 Scratches

The 2014 SW Choir consist of 161 Voices

52 Sopranos

52 Altos

35 Basses

22 Tenors

2013 we had **36** Schools register auditions

With 327 Registered Auditions

90 Altos

48 Basses

84 Sopranos

24 Tenors

246 actual auditions

2012 we had **34** schools register auditions

With 293 Registered Auditions

69 Altos

50 basses

97 Sopranos

23 Tenors

239 actual auditions

So we are seeing growth in our district. Unfortunately it is not in our tenor section!

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New in this meeting...

It would free up teachers to be with the MS Choir kids rather than judging HS Choir Auditions.

KSU Concert Band Clinic is the same weekend.

Ryan Elliot, SWKMEA President-Elect spoke on behalf of Summer Miller who brought up the idea of a MS Orchestra. It is believed that we have enough students to support this idea.