

SW KMEA District Board Meeting
Dodge City High School, Choral Room F104
Thursday, June 16, 2016
10:00am

Those in Attendance: Brandon Wade – Lynn Unruh – Jodi Reese – Kelly Knedler –
Jason Richins – Sean Boller – Rachel Trombley – Peter Weinert – Makenzi Johnson –
Katie Sperry – Whitney Maxwell – Alexandra Rome – Guest and Webmaster: Troy
Johnson

Greetings and Introductions by President, Brandon Wade

- Recap State Board Meeting
- State is pushing for Districts to make policies or update them
 - Ours can be found on the District Website, Under Guidelines/Table of Contents
- KMR is moving to make it more of a CNN/ESPN style website instead of an online journal. This will mean new content more often
- ISW FEE INCREASE
 - \$5 raise in All-State Participation Fee
 - Increase \$5K
 - \$5 Raise in Registration Fee for ISW – Not Tri-M, Collegiate, Etc.
 - New exhibitors will be in the Giant Convention Hall
 - Increase in Vendors fee
 - Increase in exhibition fee's
 - 3 tier system
- Festival Committee (KSHSAA Regional/State)
 - Dana and Craig – Video for adjudicators
 - Adjudicator Forms were revamped
 - All forms are now being worded closely
 - Changed the Percussion form
 - Wanting to have 3 separate forms for percussion
 - Mallet Sheet
 - Timp Sheet
 - Battery Sheet
 - State Rubrics are looking at being changed from the Regional level
 - Literature is now being looked at.
 - Looking to be added to the rubric
 - Possible point value
 - Many valid points were made in this category. Especially about the onus being put on the choice of literature on the teacher rather than the student. But aren't all categories on the rubric the onus of the teacher.

- We really hope this does not have too much point value, or that it is a comment only category.
 - String Solos and Ensemble
 - In the NE and SC Strings are exploding!
 - Some districts have larger string programs than band
 - Lack of string judges
 - Lack of rooms for facilities
 - Nothing happening atm but looking to the future.
 - AD's will be the ones who vote on this at the KSHSAA level
 - Looking to move 56A String students to a different date
 - KSHSAA cannot find enough judges
 - Strings won't bring more students b/c there are not enough spots available for them
 - THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH JUDGES TO OFFER SPOTS.
 - At District Meetings that accompanist can only go to ONE site per day.
 - At District Meetings talk about ideas to find more STRING JUDGES
 - How judges communicate secretly to teachers for large state groups. KMEA/KSHSAA letter head
 - Looking for the purpose of this topic, Brandon will bring more information.
- Mentoring from the State Level down
 - Trying to get our Elementary teachers more involved in KMEA
 - Looking for better ways to communicate with our elementary teachers at the district level.
 - Many elementary teachers are not included in district emails because they are not involved in festivals for their level, because at the moment in SW KS there are no district ensembles for 3-5.
 - Possible solution would be to add a 3-5 district ensemble or changing the elementary (6th) choir to include grade 4 or 5 or both.
 - Rachel has looked at other districts and what they do.
 - Suggested that we look at the number of elementary schools in SW District and apply a formula, but this has not worked in other districts for two reasons: 1. Too many kids in one choir; 2. Low participation happens in the schools that can only have 1 or 2 students.
 - Biggest issues: 1. How many kids; 2. How do we decide who can be in the group.
 - Troy Johnson explained that we really need to push all teachers to go to the KMEA membership site and enroll yourself as affiliated with SW District.

- 2016 KMEA All-State Elementary Choir
 - Very well attended
 - 594 auditioned
 - First year out, word of mouth
 - 160 were picked from that
 - Things that needed to be corrected
 - Ran out of the correct size of t-shirt
 - Logistic things that needed to be changed
 - Using a new system. That there will be 2
 - Questions?
 - Did we see an increase of elementary teachers attending the conference.
 - We need to make this important in the SW District
 - A big push to make sure that our Elementary Teachers feel a part of KMEA.
- New HS Choir being formed.
 - A few questions to ask the district.
 - Do you agree with including 9th graders in the All-State Ensemble?
 - Will add more students to mix
 - Do you want to go to a true All-State Choir format with a separate audition day in January?
 - Large discussion of this topic.
 - What are your opinions about the new All-State Choir? Treble Choir? SATB?
- Music Advocacy Results of Survey
 - 67% recording rate; over 500 positions lost.
 - Had over 550 more teachers teaching in 2008
 - Still in a downward trend
- National Honor group 70 students auditioned
 - 24 were accepted
 - 5 were alternate
- Chair Reports
 - Makenzi Johnson (HS Band)
 - Dr. Jeff Jordan (FHSU) will be the clinician
 - Summer Miller (HS Orchestra)
 - Jesse Henskensifken (KWU) will be the clinician
 - Will try the online process for auditions
 - Aleandra Rome (ML Choir)
 - Dr. Terry Crull (FHSU) will be the clinician
 - Will look to auditions being recorded
 - Katie Sperry (ML Band)
 - Kyle Hopkins (McPherson) will be the clinicians
 - He has the programs from the past several years
 - Keeping the audition process as what was used last year

- Concerns can be addressed through Brandon Wade and the Board
 - Whitney Maxwell (ML Orchestra)
 - Curtis Mulvanon (North Kansas City schools) will be the clinician
 - We will not be adding NW to the mix, it will be only SW
 - Rachel Trombley (Elementary Choir)
 - Matt Hanne (Wichita Independent) will be the clinician
 - Sean Boller (HS Choir)
 - Tracy Ressuigge (Kansas City school) will be the clinician
 - Peter Weinert (HS Jazz Band)
 - Currently selecting a clinician
 - Just joined the Board less than a month ago
 - Jodi Resse (Mentoring Chair)
 - Lots of teachers have left the district or teaching all together this past semester
 - Lots of teachers do not want to take a consolidated job that looks like K-12 band and vocal.
 - Some districts are working their music teachers to termination.
 - Jason Richins (Facilities Manager)
 - Nothing to report at this time.
 - Kelly Knedler (Executive Director)
 - Spoke about finances for the district.
 - Doing well financially and created a gain of almost \$3000.00 last year.
 - Gave the board a look at the finances that past four years.
 - No late fees paid this year. All were on time!
- New Buisness For the District
 - Troy Johnson and Festival Score
 - Troy presented regarding Festival Scores – Audition Management System
 - It is an efficient system which will save time & money
 - We looked at implementing this system into our district at all levels.
- Voting
 - VOTE #1 - Jodi Reese moved (Sean Boller 2nd) to accept the MS Orchestra to the official docket – Passed Unanimously.
 - VOTE #2 - Katie Sperry moved (Peter Weinert 2nd) to accept the use of Festival scores in all areas of auditions except HS and Elementary Choirs. – Passed Unanimously.
 - MS District Orchestra
 - On the same date as the HS Jazz Band and MS Band
 - MS Honor Choir

- Jodi Reese will take this over – Use the HS rubric
 - The choir shall have 200 participants total.
 - Only 7th and 8th grade students are eligible.
 - Students will audition via mp3 recording. Uploaded by the deadline.
 - Schools will pay an audition fee for each student that submits an audition.
 - The top scoring Sop, Alto, Ten, Bass from each school will be selected to the choir.
 - The remaining slots open (up to 50 total for each voice) will be filled by the top remaining scores in each voice category.
 - There will be 3 alternate quartets selected.
 - No more than 3 quartets can audition from each school.
- VOTE #3 - Rachel Trombley moved (Alexandra Rome 2nd) that we accept the new audition process for MS Honor Choir – Passed Unanimously.
- HS Orchestra
 - Online Auditions Using Festival Score
- At our mini-convention
 - New teacher meet and greet
 - Have one of our teachers do a clinic
- HS Band Auditions
 - Festival Scores
- MS Band Auditions
 - Festival Scores
- Use District concert days to have a clinician. Could be out of District, or could be in District. This could add PDP to teachers and double PDP for presentors.
 - With teachers no longer needing to be there for auditions this opens up time at our November Concert for Band/Orchestra
- Voting in Assistant District Chairs
 - Looking to add Assistant District Chairs or "Chair Elects" at the mid point of the District Presidents term. They would serve as the assistant for the second year of the biennial, and then take over as Chair as the new District President came into term.
 - Addressed the idea of voting for the next round of Chairs during the Spring semester one year out of appointment to the position.
- VOTE #4 – Rachel Trombley moved (Lynn Unruh-2nd) the motion to accept voting for the new chairs to happen one year out in the Spring Semester, so that the new chair can have a “shadow” year. – Passed Unanimously.

- VOTE #5 – Makenzi Johnson motioned (Rachel Trombley 2nd) that we accept the approval of middle school band audition excerpts to be used. – Passed Unanimously.
- VOTE #6 – Peter Weinert motioned (Alexandra Rome 2nd) that we accept the guidelines for the SW KMEA Board to work by. – Passed Unanimously.
- VOTE #7 – Makenzi Johnson motioned (Alexandra Rome 2nd) that we pay mileage of attendees of SW KMEA Board Meetings for each special session called to order. – Passed Unanimously.
- VOTE #8 – Jodi Reese motioned (Rachel Trombley 2nd) that mileage be paid for accompanists who accompany district music festivals. – Passed Unanimously.
- VOTE #9 – Sean Boller motioned (Lynn Unruh 2nd) that we cap expenses at \$300.00 for district festival clinicians, increasing expenses by \$100.00. – Passed Unanimously.
- State KMEA wants each District to update/write policies that need to be voted on by the board.
 - Need to vote to accept policies as they are.
 - Need to update our policies/by laws.
- Honor Administrator/Outstanding Music Educator Awards
 - Needs to have letters of recommendation
 - Can find all information on the KMEA website
 - Who do we want to nominate from our District
 - Teacher who needs to be nominated for the Hall of Fame?
 - Question about nomination my administrator. She just recently retired.
- Katie Sperry motioned (Rachel Trombley 2nd) to adjourn at 1:50pm. – Passed Unanimously.