

SWKMEA MS Band & Orch/HS Jazz Band Festival
Brandon Wade, President SW KMEA
Saturday, November 05, 2016 @ 1:00pm
Dodge City Middle School Library

1. **Greetings and Introductions (name, location, and what they teach)**
 - Present were (34) teachers from SW KMEA District representing all realms of music: K-12 Band, Choir and Orchestra!
2. **Introduction of our HS Jazz Chair and his report PETER WEINERT**
 - Clinician is Doug Talley from Shawnee Mission Schools
 - Numbers were: 39 kids 5 schools 17 made it!
 - First group to use Festival Scores and it worked well!
3. **Introduction of our HS Band Chair MAKENZI JOHNSON**
 - Only 110 Band students auditioned, so the group will only 83 this year.
 - i. Possibly die to early date.
4. **Introduction of our HS Choir Chair SEAN BOLLER**
 - 319 Audition for SW KMEA
 - District List will be out later this week
 - State List will be out toward the end of December
 - Increase in Tenors and Decrease in Sopranos
5. **Introduction of our MS Orchestra chair and her Report WHITNEY MAXWELL**
 - Clinician is Curtis Mulvenon from Shawnee Mission South
 - The very first District in Kansas to host a MS Orchestra festival!!!!
 - 5 Schools-69entered- 62 students used and 2 alternates used.
6. **Introduction of our MS Band chair and her report KATIE SPERRY**
 - 216 entered-196 submitted-96 made the MS Honor Band
 - 30 Snare drum auditions
 - Ensemble was down a bit due to dropping the Euphonium parts.
 - A discussion about the excerpts ensued.
 - i. Some range issues
 - ii. Chromatic scale issues
 - iii. Any other issue, please feel free to contact President Wade
7. **Festival Score**
 - What did we like?
 - i. Love the ease of it all!
 - ii. It was great keeping things organized and keeps great anonymity.
 - iii. Travelling was limited to that saves time!
 - What did we not like?
 - i. A button to click to say that we are completely done would help finalize the end in the judges' mind.

1. Felt that there were too many “clicks” to enter a student.
 - ii. Is it possible to have several of the formats available to upload in?
 - iii. Several additions will be presented about buttons for Troy Johnson.
 1. Comment was made about not having someone to discuss issues with as the live adjudication has for them.
 - iv. Looking for consistency in District and State timing of events to be entered.
 1. Look to align all dates???
 - v. We should be able to delete a student from the list after entry is made.
 1. We could correct errors, such as a student entered twice.
 2. Please look at the help section to see what Troy is working on correcting
- Making sure that the directors pay the \$1 audition fee.

*****We will look as a Board, to move MS Choir Audition dates to later in the Fall*****

8. Making sure our new directors get set up with a mentor.

- We know it is an issue with new directors that migrate to our district being put on the correct email lists. Troy Johnson our webmaster and webmaster for most of KMEA hopes to implement a new system for next year.
- Right now we rely on word of mouth to find the new directors. Every directors is valued and we do not want any of them to feel like they are on an island by themselves.
- Also, we need to know if you would be willing to be a Mentor if you are a Veteran teacher.

9. Addition of district led clinicians at mini conventions.

- Looking for teachers to share their in the trench tricks, etc.

10. SW District Bylaws are currently being revised.

- Be on the lookout for these on the SWKMEA website.

KMEA PRESIDENT NOTES

11. ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act - replaced No Child Left Behind)

- New terminology – “Well Rounded Education” – vs “Core Academic Area” (as listed in NCLB)
- Music is listed as a stand along subject as a part of a Well Rounded Education
- Terminology that supports the need for consistent instruction in music – strongly discouraging pulling students out of music class for additional work in other content areas
- Additional funding opportunities – Title I, Title II (professional development), Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants – provide all students with access to a well-rounded education
- Getting additional information – support from NAFME – some sessions on this topic at the ISW

12. 2016 NafME National In-Service Conference

- Grapevine, TX from November 10-13.
- 25 students from Kansas performing in the All-National Honor Ensembles during this conference.

13. ISW

- KMEA Elementary All-State Choir – permanent part of the KMEA All-State Ensembles!!!
- Schedule is being finalized - many great clinics and concerts
- Kansas State Music Standards – standards training and curriculum development sessions continue – Dee Hansen returns ☺
- Tricia Kidd, NafME SW Division President is visiting us
- Ronny Lau, NafME will also be a guest
- Street Corner Symphony – President’s Concert. Will also be giving a clinic for teachers as well as spending some time with the All-State Choir
- New home for Exhibits - Expo Hall!!!

14. SW NafME President-Elect Candidates (SW Division = Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

- Mackie Spradley – Texas
- Mike Quilling – Kansas
- Bios on the NafME website along with information on voting

15. KMEA President-Elect Candidates

- Gae Phillips – Band in the Columbus school district, former SE District President
- Lynn Unruh – 4-12 Vocal Music in the Cimarron school district, former SW District President
- Bios found on KMEA website
- On-line voting will open a week or so prior to the ISW and end on the Saturday AM of the ISW

16. KMEA Bylaws Revision

- Membership will vote on a proposed Bylaw revision in February. The majority of the changes involve general updates as well as updated information related to adding an additional KMEA district (NE District Split)
- Difference between Practices (the general way we do business, but open for changes as needed), Policies (voted on by the KMEA Board and not open to change without an additional vote by the Board, Bylaws (voted on by membership, overall organizational structure)

17. All-State Choir

- KMEA/KCDA Committee looking at options for adding additional opportunities for choral students to participate in All-State groups. Representative from each KMEA District along with KCDA
- Currently the choir has 256 students and that is the maximum number we can safely fit on the stage
- Looking at adding an additional choir, still studying options

18. New KMR Launched

- Moved to web based model in 2011
- Dynamic model is on-going news and articles updated about every 2 weeks. Email notification when new articles available.

19. Open for any topic that needs to be discussed.

- When is the new district open? 2017
- Mike Quilling, KMEA Government Relations Chair spoke about how excellent the KS Board Of Education is as there are many supporters of Music Ed on the Board.
- Dr. Randy Watson, KS Ed Commissioner....Excellent source to listen to.
 - i. He is an advocate for Extra-Curricular and Fine Arts.

20. Thanks for the opportunity to work with you!!