KCOMTEPS PROFESSIONARY MEETING MINUTES  
September 25, 2017  
Marcus Center, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

ATTENDANCE (11)

Frank Perez, Baker University  
Elaine Bernstorf, Wichita State University  
Kyle Hopkins, McPherson College  
Shawn Knopp, Tabor College  
Holly Taylor, KMEA Mentoring Committee  
Gaile Stephens, Emporia  
Gretchen Bixler, KMEA President  
Evan Ricker, Cowley College  
Steve Oare, Wichita State University  
John Taylor, Friends University  
Tom Wine, Wichita State University

Agenda

1  11:52  Welcome & Introductions
2  Gretchen Bixler introduction.
3  KMEA President Gretchen Bixler discussed key KMEA events from the past year, Summer KMEA activities and plans for this upcoming year and maybe two years.
4  Trying to move some program forward in KMEA. 2018 ISW will have a few special guests: Partnership with NAfME and Country Music Awards (kind of adopted KS as their favorite rep). Government chair Mike Quilling is working on monetary support (Grants, etc.). CMA rep will be at our ISW and at the capital. Excited to talk to our senators and congressmen. Hill Day was fun. More congressmen took photos with CMA artists. CMA want to help states that are self-starters. Salina South Middle school was an award winner. CMA and Radio Disney want to go back to Salina South! Foot in the door! National President Denise Odegard will make an appearance at our Kansas ISW. She will be our keynote speaker at our opening session and talk about our music standards. She is looking at presenting a mentoring clinic. She is excited to be here. If you see us walking around with her, please stop and introduce yourself! She loves our state! Panya was a great with our national board. Dr. Tim will talk with collegiate and Tri-M chapters at our ISW. We plan to have a parent reception with guest speaker Dr. Tim. We are inviting all-state clinicians to also talk with parents. Perhaps a Q&A about searching for colleges, audition material, and music advocacy. Conductors will share about their experiences with the all-state ensembles. Give parents advocacy, Action Plans – John Taylor. This will happen Saturday afternoon. John Taylor, thinking for charging a nominal fee ($1) to help parents “buy in.” Gaile – perhaps a donation may generate more money. Gretchen – our ISW is very important for our collegiate students to make professional connections. The collegiate luncheon and focus session are well thought out. Frank can help sending any mailings out to KCOMTEPS participants. Gretchen - Over 100 ensemble submissions. We have quite a few collegiate ensembles performing! Encourage collegiate students to attend the luncheon! June leadership camp is open to college students and faculty. Open to all new KMEA leaders, both faculty and collegiate leaders. College leaders did a great job this past summer in June! Gretchen – President’s concert on Thursday night, Brett Valiant from Wichita (First United Methodist Church) will play the Wurlitzer Organ. The concert has a heavy middle school focus. Looking to do a combined number with the middle school bands, choirs and orchestras. Matt Gerry, from Salina South Middle will also perform before and after. Carolyn Welch will bring the Lawrence Children’s Choir. “Focus on the Middle” concert theme. This will be part of the Organ/Wurlitzer concert series in Exhibition Hall. KMEA All-state choir will have a treble and a mixed honor choir. In discussion right now is discussing the possible addition of 9th grade students for band and orchestra eligibility. This is slated for the 2019 ISW. March 1st is when the KMEA district split will go into effect. Each district will have a mini-convention. Justin Love and Will Cooper are the president elects for those districts. Hall of Fame, Administrator of the Year nominations deadline October 1st.
Clinic proposals are also due October 1st. Faculty are encouraged to submit applications to present clinics! If you are willing to mentor someone, or you know of teachers in your area willing to mentor young teachers, please contact Holly Taylor. Gretchen will e-mail at the end of the year asking for help for new teachers that are searching for jobs. The first letter will go out in December for students who are starting their teaching careers in the Spring. Music Day at the Capital (KS) – the date will be changing and it might move to February 21, 2018 (the day before KMEA) to help accommodate the representatives from CMA. Mike Quilling will help set this up.

ESSA (Gretchen) – KMEA is represented on the council for the Kansas ESSA plan. Colleen Riley coordinates this. There is an effort to get the ESSA plan implemented in Kansas. We are hoping that revisions will be discussed with the entities represented on the committee. This should occur in April 2018. ESSA is this generation’s version of No Child Left Behind, Title 1 (at risk students) – basically says they want to fund a well-rounded education in which music is a stand-alone subject. This includes staff development (Title 4). Block grant money is also available to school districts to help train music teachers and resources. Term Core Subjects no longer exists. This is no longer the law; it is now “well-rounded” subjects. For the first time in the USA, music is listed and included as one of these subjects (John Taylor). Initially, congress decided how to fund. Obama and Trump have allotted very little… We need to get congress to fund ESSA appropriately as it was planned and discussed initially. CMA representatives are helping to advocate with congress. CMA has chosen Kansas because of our proactive approach for advocacy. We need high profile artists and celebrities to help us get our foot in the door (John Taylor). Each state is charged with deciding how to spend these funds. Mike Quilling has been our representative. Elaine, will CMA representatives sit in with any of the collegiate sessions? Frank, Elaine, any of our collegiate people, can help coordinate collegiate sessions with CMA representative and getting the word out.

Holly Taylor – Mentoring. We now have three state mentor chairs. Each has two KMEA Districts. Lynn Unrugh and Janelle Browder are the other two mentorship chairs. This is part of the President’s strategic plan. This weekend we are going to Tan-Tar-A resort to a mentoring conference and workshop. We would like to put online some information for mentors. There is a new mentor handbook for student. There is no information there for mentors. Craig Manteuffel did an e-mail blast to all school principals. There are now over 40 matches!!! Ron Chronister also reached out to all of the elementary principals. We have 2 matches. There is a form that new teachers fill out. Frank, link can be posted on the SMTE Kansas Page. Holly personally e-mailed every student that was interested. Holly if you will please recommend to her students who are graduating December 2017 or May 2018 so that she can personally e-mail all of these students to help them get matched up. Bottom line: we are trying to help new teachers. This year Holly had a sign-up sheet at Essene Music and had over 15 students sign up. New teachers have a “green” ribbon on their badge at the ISW to help identify them so that experienced teachers can help make connections. Email: mentoringatKSMEA.org Gretchen encouraged the college faculty to help bring in our mentorship chairs to come in and be a guest speaker to talk with prospective teachers. MMEA hosts a conference for new teachers (new 3-4yrs). We need to figure out if we can do something like that here in Kansas. Mentorship chairs will attend this conference.

CAEP – Emporia: Gaile - All four areas are going into effect. The request for student data: CAEP is requesting test scores from students and asking principals to share evaluations of their teachers.

Kansas Can – Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (a systems approach to K-12 accreditation) New organization that is tracking student through grade 14. Foreseeing that high schools will be responsible for college performance and colleges responsible for success of students in the workplace. Elaine, how to we assess student progress. We need to design an assessment tool. Five R’s.

Elaine will forward information on this program.

Schedule-keep schedule the same next year for KCOMTEPS.
Possible Speakers:
Motivation/Community Anne Marie Stanley
Improvisation may be good topic, considering the new standards revisions.
Improvisation may be better suited for Sunday’s sessions.
September 30-October 1, 2018

Frank suggest to Panya about getting a session on how to use social media.
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