

KCOMTEPS PROFESSORIATE MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2017

Marcus Center, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

ATTENDANCE (11)

Frank Perez, Baker University
Elaine Bernstorff, 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

1 **Agenda**

2 11:52 Welcome & Introductions

3 Gretchen Bixler introduction.

4 KMEA President Gretchen Bixler discussed key KMEA events from the past year, Summer KMEA
5 activities and plans for this upcoming year and maybe two years.

6 Trying to move some program forward in KMEA. 2018 ISW will have a few special guests: Partnership
7 with NAFME and Country Music Awards (kind of adopted KS as their favorite rep). Government chair

8 Mike Quilling is working on monetary support (Grants, etc.). CMA rep will be at our ISW and at the
9 capital. Excited to talk to our senators and congressmen. Hill Day was fun. More congressmen took

10 photos with CMA artists. CMA want to help states that are self-starters. Salina South Middle school was
11 an award winner. CMA and Radio Disney want to go back to Salina South! Foot in the door! National

12 President Denise Odegard will make an appearance at our Kansas ISW. She will be our keynote speaker
13 at our opening session and talk about our music standards. She is looking at presenting a mentoring

14 clinic. She is excited to be here. If you see us walking around with her, please stop and introduce

15 yourself! She loves our state! Panya was a great with our national board. Dr. Tim will talk with

16 collegiate and Tri-M chapters at our ISW. We plan to have a parent reception with guest speaker Dr.

17 Tim. We are inviting all-state clinicians to also talk with parents. Perhaps a Q&A about searching for
18 colleges, audition material, and music advocacy. Conductors will share about their experiences with the

19 all-state ensembles. Give parents advocacy, Action Plans – John Taylor. This will happen Saturday

20 afternoon. John Taylor, thinking for charging a nominal fee (\$1) to help parents “buy in.” Gaile –

21 perhaps a donation may generate more money. Gretchen – our ISW is very important for our collegiate
22 students to make professional connections. The collegiate luncheon and focus session are well thought

23 out. Frank can help sending any mailings out to KCOMTEPS participants. Gretchen - Over 100

24 ensemble submissions. We have quite a few collegiate ensembles performing! Encourage collegiate

25 students to attend the luncheon! June leadership camp is open to college students and faculty. Open to all
26 new KMEA leaders, both faculty and collegiate leaders. College leaders did a great job this past summer

27 in June! Gretchen – President’s concert on Thursday night, Brett Valiant from Wichita (First United

28 Methodist Church) will play the Wurlitzer Organ. The concert has a heavy middle school focus. Looking
29 to do a combined number with the middle school bands, choirs and orchestras. Matt Gerry, from Salina

30 South Middle will also perform before and after. Carolyn Welch will bring the Lawrence Children’s

31 Choir. “Focus on the Middle” concert theme. This will be part of the Organ/Wurlitzer concert series in
32 Exhibition Hall. KMEA All-state choir will have a treble and a mixed honor choir. In discussion right

33 now is discussing the possible addition of 9th grade students for band and orchestra eligibility. This is

34 slated for the 2019 ISW. March 1st is when the KMEA district split will go into effect. Each district will
35 have a mini-convention. Justin Love and Will Cooper are the president elects for those districts.

36 Hall of Fame, Administrator of the Year nominations deadline October 1st.

1 Clinic proposals are also due October 1st. Faculty are encouraged to submit applications to present
2 clinics! If you are willing to mentor someone, or you know of teachers in your area willing to mentor
3 young teachers, please contact Holly Taylor. Gretchen will e-mail at the end of the year asking for help
4 for new teachers that are searching for jobs. The first letter will go out in December for students who are
5 starting their teaching careers in the Spring. Music Day at the Capital (KS) – the date will be changing
6 and it might move to February 21, 2018 (the day before KMEA) to help accommodate the representatives
7 from CMA. Mike Quilling will help set this up.

8 ESSA (Gretchen)– KMEA is represented on the council for the Kansas ESSA plan. Colleen Riley
9 coordinates this. There is an effort to get the ESSA plan implemented in Kansas. We are hoping that
10 revisions will be discussed with the entities represented on the committee. This should occur in April
11 2018. ESSA is this generation’s version of No Child Left Behind, Title 1 (at risk students) – basically
12 says they want to fund a well-rounded education in which music is a stand-alone subject. This includes
13 staff development (Title 4). Block grant money is also available to school districts to help train music
14 teachers and resources. Term Core Subjects no longer exists. This is no longer the law; it is now “well-
15 rounded” subjects. For the first time in the USA, music is listed and included as one of these subjects
16 (John Taylor). Initially, congress decided how to fund. Obama and Trump have allotted very little... We
17 need to get congress to fund ESSA appropriately as it was planned and discussed initially. CMA
18 representatives are helping to advocate with congress. CMA has chosen Kansas because of our proactive
19 approach for advocacy. We need high profile artists and celebrities to help us get our foot in the door
20 (John Taylor). Each state is charged with deciding how to spend these funds. Mike Quilling has been our
21 representative. Elaine, will CMA representatives sit in with any of the collegiate sessions? Frank, Elaine,
22 any of our collegiate people, can help coordinate collegiate sessions with CMA representative and getting
23 the word out.

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

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42 CAEP – Emporia: Gaile - All four areas are going into effect. The request for student data: CAEP is
43 requesting test scores from students and asking principals to share evaluations of their teachers.
44 Kansas Can – Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (a systems approach to K-12 accreditation) New
45 organization that is tracking student through grade 14. Foreseeing that high schools will be responsible
46 for college performance and colleges responsible for success of students in the workplace. Elaine, how to
47 we assess student progress. We need to design an assessment tool. Five R’s.

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49 Elaine will forward information on this program.

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51 Schedule-keep schedule the same next year for KCOMTEPS

- 1 Possible Speakers:
- 2 Motivation/Community Anne Marie Stanley
- 3 Improvisation may be good topic, considering the new standards revisions.
- 4 Improvisation may be better suited for Sunday's sessions.
- 5 September 30-October 1, 2018
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- 7 Frank suggest to Panya about getting a session on how to use social media.
- 8 Adjourn 1:00pm