

KCOMTEPS PROFESSORIATE MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2020
Virtual Conference/Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE (11)

Frank Perez, Baker University
Elaine Bernstorf, Wichita State University
Brett Martinez, Butler Community College
Shawn Knopp, Tabor College
John Taylor, KMEA Executive Director

Kyle Hopkins, McPherson College
Michelle Meyer, Colby Community College
Jacob Dakon, University of Kansas
Gaile Stephens, Emporia
Steven Oare, Wichita State University
Gae Phillips, KMEA President

1 **Agenda**

2 11:03am – Welcome & Introductions

3 Frank – Welcome

4 Introduction of Gae Phillips, KMEA President.

5 Thanks to Frank for the work on the KCOMTEPS conference and also Drew Villaca and Lori
6 Supine.

7 Gae- Congratulations to students and directors for being selected to the NAFME national honor
8 ensembles. CMA awarded KMEA for a grant again this year. Money will be used for
9 “Topeka Hill Day.” In 2020 – Shelly Cole’s chapter attended Hill Day and choir sang.

10 Mentoring team have been hosting “mentoring minute” sessions on Saturdays for new teachers.

11 Big event will be October 23th – Mentoring Conference. Gae Thanks mentoring team. Tri-M-we
12 need to encourage directors to charter new chapters. We need to encourage outreach. We are
13 very close to establishing a small schools mentoring hotline. This if for 1A and 2A music
14 teachers. Erik Stone is our new social media director for KMEA. KMEA ISW will be going
15 virtual in 2021. Thank you to Frank for helping with the technology side. KMEA is using
16 GoToWebinar as the platform for the conference. Districts will host online auditions. Look for
17 upcoming announcements from KMEA – It’s all new! Stacey Williams and Jaime Minneman are
18 our president-elect candidate. KSDE school redesign is causing concerns. It affects elective
19 courses. Gretchen Bixler is looking into this. KMEA has declared that “music is essential.”

20 KMEA is taking the lead on advocacy.

21 Faculty introductions

22 Gaile Stephens – plug for writing for KMR (professors and graduate students welcome).

23 Themes: Small Schools. We have collegiate member of NAFME is doing a podcast of his

24 experiences as a young educator. Big focus: Any tips for virtual teaching. Reprints are

25 encouraged. If you have suggestions for articles that should be reprinted, Gaile can secure the
26 rights.

27 Frank shares Mentorship links.

28 \$10 fee. John likes the option of sending one school check. We should add this option to the

29 website. Shawn would like to suggest that the conference is free for students. Shaw suggests if

30 our affiliate organizations would consider sponsoring our clinicians. Perhaps no fee would

31 encourage greater attendance. Gaile, record number of students registered from ESU due to

32 virtual format. Senseney donates use of the building and pays for pizza. John, KMEA Executive

33 committee can decide if there will be a fee. Determined by format online vs. in-person. Elaine,

34 the only concern with Virtual is the lack networking aspect. We can leave it up in the air for now.

35 John, we should wait for the attendance date form each session before we make decisions on

36 format online vs. in-persons. Michelle, some schools are not able to attend due to distance. This

37 is the first time that it has worked out for Colby Community College to attend. Elaine, it would

38 be tough to host more than about 30 students in person. Gaile, in favor of the one-day conference

1 format – perhaps Sunday. Unanimous vote to keep one-day conference on Sunday. Gaile, perhaps
2 a pre-conference content available.
3 John mentioned that we may be able to keep our KMEA Zoom accounts for future conference
4 use. Gaile loves breakout rooms in Zoom.
5 Speaker shortlist - Patricia Sheehan Campbell – Multi-cultural (vital is best); Carlos Abril,
6 University of Miami; Frank Diaz – Music and Mental Wellness.
7 Dennis Fisher -Advocacy; Paula Crider
8 Elaine – How is everyone handling KPTP – what are some of the things we need to make sure
9 that we are addressing them with our students. There is no centralized assessment, do we want to
10 find some commonalities? We ought to talk about what we want our students to know.
11 Gaile – can help set up a meeting to discuss the KPTP. It's the idea of sharing.