



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year
DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES
(ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 1	MEETING DATE: January 23rd, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 3	LOCATION: Gulf Breeze High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Dunn
- Thanks to Neal McLeod and the Gulf Breeze Band Parents for hosting our meeting.
- Thanks to Shannon Collins of Great American Fund Raising for sponsoring our meal.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Hank Phillips – Pryor MS

Chris Word -- Pensacola HS
Gray Weaver – Milton HS
Teri Adams – Warrington MS
Stacy Rohde – Woodlawn Beach MS
Jarod Leddy – Pace HS
Karlyn Chism – Milton HS
Joe Hooten – Tate HS
Patricia Maness – Ransom MS
Nicole O’Neill – Bailey MS
John Wilk – Retired
Jeff Adams – Niceville HS
Jordache Grant – Bellview MS
Scott LaBorde – Bruner MS
John Dowler – Liza Jackson Prep.
Tony Chiarito – Baker MS/HS
Melodie Shaw – PCA
Charles Samuel – Hobbs MS
Travis Coakley – Tate HS
Rick Glaze – UWF
Aaron Gellos – PCA
Dan Akins – Crestview HS

Neal McLeod – Gulf Breeze HS

Kim Odom – Richbourg MS
Lawrence Young – B.T. Washington HS
Alicia Trevino – Holley-Navarre MS
Susie Smithey – Gulf Breeze MS
Stacy Yarbrough – Navarre HS
Paul Harris – Meigs MS
William Shaner – Sims MS
Janie Walker – Ransom MS
Jordan Wood – Escambia HS
Tom Ewing – Retired
Doug Holsworth – Escambia HS
Randy Folsom – FWB HS
Jason Bennett – Rocky Bayou Christian
Connie Pettis – Jay MS/HS
Nick Kozar – PCA
David Riggs – Avalon MS
Pete Krostag – Pine Forest HS
Mitzi Bumbarger – Ferry Pass MS
Joe Spaniola – UWF
Tim Willis – Bailey MS
Mike Philley – Davidson MS

Guests present:

*Rick Glaze introduced Joe Spaniola, new staff member at University of West Florida teaching applied Brass and Jazz.

*Jeff Adams (Niceville HS) introduced Chris Bailey, intern from FSU.

*Nick Kozar (PCA) introduced Aaron Gellos who will be teaching privately at PCA.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- On the web at www.flmusiced.org/fba

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- Our current balance is \$10,974.03.
- We received \$533.50 from CA Video for our share of DVD's sold at the Marching MPA
- We will have bills for medals, plaques, judges and MPA expenses coming soon.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

- www.flmusiced.org/advocacy/index.html

Legislative Talking Points

These are general points and as yet do not point to specific legislation. If you schedule a meeting with your legislator, these are the issues of concern.

- Protect the dedicated fine arts credit for high school graduation.
- **Oppose efforts to require 225 minutes per week for physical education in grades 6-8**
- The need to have a middle school fine arts course requirement
- Include the fine arts in any revision of the Sunshine State Standards or World Class Standards

There is a great deal of discussion about the "next" American economy – which is being called the "Creative Economy" by many pundits. The idea is that tasks which are concrete-sequential, able to be thoroughly defined, and are usually linear in nature are the jobs that will be exported to
The jobs that will define the next American economy will be those that demand innovation, creativity, and imagination, coupled with an ability to work as a part of a collaborative team.

You can read about these issues in Daniel Pink's book – *The Creative Mind*, or the updates to Friedman's *The World is Flat*.

These are powerful arguments for not only protecting the arts in the school day, but in making certain that all students have opportunities to explore their creative and imaginative minds. It is reasonable to assert that students without opportunities to have an arts education are being relegated to parts of the work force that will be less fulfilling and lower paying.

Equity – providing equal education for all students no matter their socio-economic status – is also a powerful argument and one that should also be advanced.

- P.E. Credit discussion

* This item was discussed at length by the membership. Mr. Dunn and others encouraged the membership to become active and to make our booster organizations aware of this issue. Members were asked to pass information along to the individuals in those organizations who were vocal and use them and their contacts as the means for getting information out. THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW!! BE AN ADVOCATE!!

Item 6: Communications

- Correspondence from Jeff Messing concerning recording of MPA's. A letter was read by Mr. Dunn from Mr. Messing. There was no discussion. See later minutes (Item #17) for more info.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

- Classification report in the December Bandmaster.
- See report
- Some bands may be different this year.
- FMEA Clinic observations
- All-State

Item 8: Committee Reports

- None

Item 9: New Business

- Entry forms and assessment checks collected. Forms and checks were collected by Mr. Philley.

Solo & Ensemble Information:

- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22nd and 23rd, 2008 at Gulf Breeze High School

- High School students will be scheduled on Friday.
- Middle School students will be scheduled on Saturday.
- MPA online issues? (A sheet was passed around for members to list any problems regarding the MPA online process.)

Concert MPA Information:

Jazz MPA:

Date: February 29th, 2008
 Site: Crestview High School
 Adjudicators: Jeff Cayer – Southwest Middle School,
 Mike German – Lawton Chiles High School
 TBA

HS Concert MPA:

Dates: March 7th and 8th, 2008
 Site: Ft. Walton Beach High School
 Adjudicators: Dr. John Southall – Indian River Community College
 TBA
 Jim Knight (SR) – Birmingham, AL

MS Concert MPA:

Dates: April 17th and 18th, 2008
 Site: Ft. Walton Beach High School
 Adjudicators: Shawn Barat – Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
 Richard Davenport – Chipley High School
 Dr. Shelby Chipman - FAMU
 SR - TBA

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

Solo/Ensemble:

- North: April 7-9, 2008 - West Port High School
- South: March 31 - April 2, 2008 - Taravella High School

Concert:

- North/Central:
 - April 14-16, 2008--University of North Florida
 - April 17-18, 2008--Bartram Trail High School
- South:
 - April 14-18, 2008 -- Vero Beach High School

Item 11: Election of Officers (if applicable)

- Mike Philley was nominated to be our new District Chairman (Adams/Willis) and was elected unanimously.
- Travis Coakley (Krostag/Willis) and Neal McLeod (Weaver/Samuel) were nominated for the Secretary position. Joe Hooten and Pete Krostag spoke on behalf of Mr. Coakley. Gray Weaver and John Wilk spoke on behalf of Mr. McLeod. After a very close vote, Travis Coakley was elected as our new District Secretary.
- Randy Folsom expressed his appreciation for those who had volunteered their service to FBA.

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

Corresponding Dates:

- Marching: October 11, 2008
 - S&E: February 20-21, 2009
 - Jazz: February 27, 2009
 - HS Concert: March 6-7, 2009
 - MS Concert: April 16-17, 2009
- Calendars for 2008-09 are not available at this time. We will revisit these dates in April. Members were encouraged to attend the April meeting or send your input via proxy. This meeting is sometimes poorly attended despite very important business that is decided on at that time. Please attend!!

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Lindsay Sargent – FAMU (may already be on the list)

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

None at this time

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

None at this time

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

None at this time

Item 16: Other

None at this time

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

- Congratulations to our new FBA President – Elect, Randy Folsom!!
- Congratulations to Tim Willis – recipient of the Oliver Hobbs Award
- All-County Concerts
 - Santa Rosa – Friday, Jan. 25th (Milton HS @ 7pm) Steve Moser (HS) & Patricia Maness (MS) are the clinicians
 - Okaloosa – Saturday, Jan. 26th (OWC @ 2pm) Paula Thornton (HS) & Jeff Cannon (MS) are the clinicians
 - Escambia – Tuesday, Jan. 29th (Olive Baptist Church @ 6:30pm) Jim Dodd (HS), Dan Wooten (MS), and Don Snowden (Orchestra) are the clinicians
- Other concerts / performances
 - Niceville HS Wind Ensemble will perform on Feb. 28/29 in Columbus, GA for the CBDNA/NBA convention @ Columbus State University
 - Niceville HS Marching Band was recognized for their outstanding performance in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day.
 - Membership also recognized Don Snowden (PJC) for an outstanding job as clinician for the Middle School All-State Band in Tampa.
- Teachers of the Year – David Riggs (Avalon MS)
- Retirements -- None
- Shannon Collins – QSP sponsored our meal this evening and gave out information on his company.
- Lindsey Stuart – Offered his services to the district for recording of MPA's as well as our own band concerts in the future.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

- Wednesday, April 23rd, 2008, at Choctawhatchee High School...or a restaurant ...or someone's house...???

Item 19: Adjournment (Hooten/Weaver)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Philley, Secretary -- District 1