



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES (ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 6	MEETING DATE: 4/28/08
MEETING NUMBER: 4	LOCATION: Millennium MS

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by the District Chair, Josh Langston.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Adam McIntyre, Winter Springs HS	PL Malcolm, Seminole HS
Monique McIntyre, Deltona MS	Todd Leighton, Lake Howell HS
Marc Kolodinsky, Deltona HS	Barbara Kaminsky, Chiles MS
Brian Kuperman, Rock Lake MS Intern	Erik Johnson, Sanford MS
Michelle Seth, Southwestern MS	Ted Shistle, Deland HS
Kerry Couch, South Seminole MS	Cindy Berry, Lake Brantley HS
Bill Reinecke, SCPS Music Specialist	Terry Pattishall, Lake Mary HS
John Seth, Spruce Creek HS	Barry Sturms, New Smyrna Beach MS
Paul Robinson, Pine Ridge HS	Brian Sullivan, New Smyrna Beach HS
Gary Bottomley, Teague MS	Jeremy Williamson, Jackson Heights MS
Gary Ulrich, Tuskawilla MS	Michael Williams, Silver Sands MS
	Angelo Lindine, Milwee MS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- Posted on website and hard copy available
- **Motion to accept minutes as posted. Shistle/MacIntosh PASS**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: (as of 3/31/08): \$9, 410
- State assessment still due @ \$.80 per entry
- Proposed Budget for Next Year: No major foreseeable changes
 - Discussion of cost of pianos at S&E
 - Looking into the use of digital pianos for next year
 - To save money on tunings
 - To make set up of MPAs easier

Item 5: Announcements, etc.:

- none

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA

Legislative Action Alert: April 17, 2008

Our newest challenge has appeared and we need your assistance!

[SB 1914](#) (Senator Gaetz) accepted an amendment which allows "practical arts" into the required fine arts credit for high school graduation. The language in this bill now reads:

5. One credit in fine or performing arts, which may include speech and debate or practical arts. (line 382)

We anticipate that if this passes there will be huge consequences for arts programs in high schools. It is our belief this required credit, in many places, has been responsible for holding music and art opportunities in place for our students. We also believe that all students should have at least one experience in an arts course for graduation given the changes in the coming creative economy and workforce.

The next stop for this bill is the floor of the Senate.

ACTION REQUIRED TODAY!

Contact your state senator with the message:

“Oppose SB 1914 which adds “practical arts” to the one credit for fine or performing arts. That phrase must be removed!” Phone calls and emails should be directed at your own state senator (see below). It is important to take this action now – and again, when we know that the bill is moving to the Senate floor (another alert will be sent when it is scheduled).

Please motivate all booster organizations, community arts supporters, and anyone else who may be able to influence a senator on this topic. This is a “heavy lift” and will require large numbers from constituents of the senators.

To find your state senator

If you do not know who your state senator is follow these 6 steps – **1)** Do not use this window for emailing, but click on [this link](#) (read on). **2)** Once you know your senator, click [here for the Florida Senate](#) and **3)** select your senator from that list. (It is important to use the second link, NOT the first one, to send an email). **4)** Click on the email address provided in the senator’s information and **5)** paste “Oppose SB 1914” in the subject line. **6)** Paste the talking points (as many or as few as you wish) into the body of the email – and then personalize the email in some way. Remember NOT to send emails from a school district system! Phone calls may be the most effective tool at this point, in any case.

If you know who your state senator is follow these 5 steps -- **1)** go directly to the [Florida Senate](#) and then **2)** select your senator. **3)** Click on the email address provided in the senator’s information and **4)** paste “Oppose SB 1914” in the subject line. **5)** Paste the talking points (as many or as few as you wish) into the body of the email – and then personalize the email in some way. Remember NOT to send emails from a school district system! Phone calls may be the most effective tool at this point, in any case.

You may also want to utilize the [“Click here to find your representative by school name”](#) link to be certain of the senator that represents your school’s area (it might be different than your home address).

Talking points About SB 1914

- The arts include music, dance, theatre, and visual art. These are the only courses that are offered during the school day that require a student to tap their own creative, imaginative, and innovative skills at even the most basic levels of skill development. Without these courses, students are entirely focused on linear, sequential tasks. Students need arts courses that teach how to synthesize details into the big picture, to understand non-verbal communication, and to be creative enough to know what to do when there isn’t a single, “right” answer.
- We have to stop treating the arts as a non-essential subject. It is essential as our economy changes. More and more business leaders are saying they want creative, innovative, and imaginative people in their workforce. How can we provide that without provide some experience in the arts?
- While the bill language puts the “practical arts” requirement on the fine arts credit it should be noted that few of those courses have anything to do with the arts and those that do are focused on skills rather than artistic/creative elements . Calling them “practical arts,” is, in fact, complete mis-direction, since all of these courses are “career and technical” courses which have nothing to do with how to be creative. A better place for this credit requirement would be to allow it to substitute in another area, such as the 4th year of math, or the 3rd year of science.
- There should be no “fight” between the arts and workforce electives – both fields are important for success in the creative economy – and there would not be if there were sufficient periods in the day and sufficient funding to provide learning opportunities for all Florida students.

Monty urge all directors (esp HS) to create emails lists to inform and educate parents.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

- Complete adjudicator evaluation forms for Solo/Ensemble and Concert MPA’s
- Comments re: MPAs
- Thanks to all our hosts this year!!
 - Erik Johnson, Sanford MS (All-State)
 - Ted Shistle, Deland HS, Spec Martin Stadium (Marching MPA)
 - Mike Rice, Hagerty HS (HS S&E)
 - Monique McIntyre, Deltona MS (MS S&E & Jazz MPA)
 - Josh Langston, Millennium MS, (HS Jazz MPA)
 - Brian Sullivan, New Smyrna Beach HS, (HS Concert MPA)

- Tery Pattishall, Lake Mary HS, (HS & MS Concert MPA)
 - Dr. Bill Richardson, Mainland HS (MS Concert MPA)
 - Thanks to Bill Reinecke for acquiring adjudicators for our MPAs!!
 - MPA Dates for next year
 - All-State Auditions:9/20/08
 - Marching MPA:11/8/08 (backup date 11/1)
 - Discussion took place on moving Marching MPA to Nov. 1 to avoid conflicts w/ several Homecomings.
 - District HS will be polled to weigh need of changing dates
 - HS Jazz MPA: 02/05/09
 - HS Solo and Ensemble MPA: 02/6-7/09
 - MS Jazz MPA: 02/20/09
 - MS Solo & Ensemble MPA: 02/20-21/09
 - HS Concert MPA: 03/5-7/09
 - **Motion: Bottomley/Ulrich: Move to have MS MPA March 26, 27, 28, 2009. – PASS**
 - **Motion: Malcolm/Seth: Move HS MPA to March 12, 13, 14, 2009. - PASS**
 - NOW ACCEPTING LETTERS FOR HOSTING!!!
 - State MPA Dates for next year
 - April 20-25, 2009
 - South at North Port
 - North ??
- State S&E
 North [March 30,31](#), [April 1, 2009](#) West Port High School in Ocala
 South [April 6,7,8](#), 2009 Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples

Item 8: Committee Reports

N/A

Item 9: New Business

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2008-2009

- Meeting 1 Monday, 8/25/08 -
- Meeting 2 Mon., 11/17/08
- Meeting 3 Tuesday, 1/20/09
- Meeting 4 Monday, 4/27/09
- Locations to be announced

Motion Sullivan/Williamson – to accept dates - PASS

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

Please email any suggestions to the chairman

Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

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Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

(must be in the form of a motion)

Discussion brought by John Seth – Concerns to Board about State S&E and MPA.

Informal committee formed to outline the perceived problems with State S&E and Concert MPA

Item 15: Correspondence

none

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

Upcoming Concerts:

Next Saturday, May, 10 2008 Lake Mary's Spring CONCERT (Terry Pattishall's final one!!)

Summer Convention: July 10-12, 2008

Job Openings Next Year: Lake Mary HS

Retirements: Terry Pattishall

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

Monday, August 25, 2008, location TBA

Item 18: Adjournment

Motion: Angelo/MacIntre - To adjourn PASSED

Name of District Secretary:

Dave Hedgecoth

Signature

Minutes taken by PL Malcolm