



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 71st year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES (ver. 08-06)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 16	MEETING DATE: August 15, 2006
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: Miami Killian Senior High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Erich S. Rivero at 7:04 p.m.
- Acknowledgements:
 - All-County Music for tonight's food
 - Palm Spring M.S. Boosters for tonight's food
 - Killian SHS musicians for the entertainment before and after the meeting

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Members Present:

Name	School
De la Rosa, Alfredo	Academy of Arts and Minds
Hutchinson, Jon	Ammons MS
Thorp, Kim	Arvida MS
Lalama, Susie	Barabara Goleman SHS
Virgil, Kermit	Booker T. Washington HS
Williams, Francisco	Carol City MS
Gross, Jeff	Centennial MS
Scavella, Arthur	Charles R. Drew MS
Miller, Jeff	Coral Gables SHS
Llinas, Dennis	Coral Park HS
Wuttke, Brian	Coral Reef SHS
Gonzalez, Robert	Coral Way K-8 Center
Vento, Elissa	Cutler Ridge MS
Gonzalez, Alexander	Felix Varela HS
Thomas, Lowell	Ferguson HS
Jones, Sterling	Glades MS
Gomez, Sherri	Henry Filer MS
Napoles, Rafael	Hialeah HS
Matusow-Hirschowitz, Alina	Holmes Braddock HS
Timmons, Eugene	Homestead MS
Fontus, Darlene	Homestead SHS
Ellis, Ryan	John Ferguson HS
Camacho II, Manuel	KenwoodK-8 Center
Serrano, Thomas	Miami Killian HS
Cubberly, Gayle	Lamar Curry MS
Napoles, Christine	Mays MS
Ingram, Fredrick	Miami Carol City HS

Name	School
Zilliner, Jimmie	Miami Jackson SHS
Bixby, John	Miami Killian SHS
Rivero, Erich S.	Miami Killian SHS
Pena, Ana Lebron	Miami Lakes MS
Simons, Anthony	Miami Norland HS
Lockhart, James	Miami Northwestern HS
Altamiranda, Leo	Miami SHS
Luna, Andy	Miami SpringsSHS
O'Neal, Tyrone	Miami Sunset SHS
Modia, Ray	Nautilus MS
Alston, Brenton	New World SOTA
White, Aafare	Norland MS
Normandin, John	Palm Springs MS
Diez, Oliver	Palmetto Elem.
Berrios, Robert	Palmetto MS
Smith, Paul	Palmetto SHS
Ercilla, Edward	Ponce de Leon MS
Birkett, Tim	Riviera MS
Walters, George	Robert Morgan Ed. Ctr.
Gonzalez, Aramis	Ruben Dario MS
Cochrac, Jason	South Dade SHS
Castneda, Pablo	South Miami MS
Garcia, Giovanni	Southridge HS
Zalueta, Melissa	Southridge HS
Hoffman, Joseph	Southwest SHS
Calle, Malena	Southwood MS
Diez, Fernando	W.R. Thomas MS

Guests Present:

- James Perry, FMEA/FSMA Executive Director
- Betsy Kaplan, Former MDCPS Board Member
- Duane Hendon, FBA Executive Director
- Fred Schiff, All-County Music
- Bill Pender, All-County Music
- Manny Perez, Manuel Perez Woodwind & Brass Repairs
- Jay Brown, Miami Dade College
- Matt Bonelli, from Miami Dade College
- Victor Lopez, MDCPS Division of Life Skills
- Dora & Glenn Perry, Perry Music Center
- Brandon Rodester, Miami-Dade College
- Bernard Thomas
- Linda Lenten

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes.
Oneal/Walters - **UNANIMOUS**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report- Jenni Jimenez

- End of Past Year's Statement as of June 30th: \$4201.44
- Proposed Current Year Budget: \$73,810.00
- Emphasized the importance of matching your Assessment Costs with the Paperwork, later in December

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

- 6th Grade Physical Education Requirements. – not a state mandate, adopted by MDCPS
 - Mandatory PE will be implemented for 6th grade this year 2006-2007, 7th grade in 2007-2008, then 8th grade in 2008-2009; this will seriously limit elective choices and will seriously effect all secondary music programs and electives
 - James Perry:
 - highly recommended that the membership visit <http://capwiz.com/flmusiced/issues/> to view a summary of the bill passed by the state recently
 - He also presented his views on MDCPS requirements and what was passed at the state level, and how MDCPS may have interpreted the bill without the future consequences in mind
- Parent Coalition (Music Advocacy) Meeting at Granada Presbyterian Church on Wednesday August 16, 2006 at 7:00PM, it will be lead by James Perry
 - PLEASE BRING COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARENTS AND ANYONE IN FAVOR OF THE ARTS
- 1 Credit Fine Arts Mandate for All High School Students passed by the Legislature, but NO Credit for Fine Arts mandated for Middle school, FSMA is currently working on adjusting this issue with legislatures
- ArtsWork in Education Individual membership \$25.00
 - Helps strengthen our presence at the state level, this will help music education statewide and will especially help in our county
 - Look –up questions to ask Florida State Candidates on the www.flmsuiced.org
 - Ask these questions to Rob Arza, local candidate
 - Ask these questions to Marco Rubio, running for the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Try to include a \$5.00 Donation supporting the arts when renewing your FBA membership.
- Betsy Kaplan:
 - has been talking to Board Members in support of music and has arranged a meeting with four MDCPS Board Members and James Perry on Wednesday August 16, 2006. She

reiterated her strong support of the arts in our county and will make her best efforts in helping preserve the arts in Miami-Dade.

- Duane Hendon:
 - Strongly encouraged everyone to go out and vote. He also encouraged directors to make parents aware of the importance of their voice in the upcoming elections. It will make a difference!

Item 6: Announcements

- New Directors Recognized at New Schools
 - Miami Southridge HS: Melissa Zulueta & Giovanni Garcia
 - New World SOTA: Breton Alston
 - Ruben Dario MS: Aramis Gonzalez
 - Miami Springs SHS: Andy Luna
 - Killian SHS: John Bixby
 - Southwest HS: Joseph Hoffman
 - Coral Gables HS: Jeff Miller
 - Coral Way K-8 Center: Robert Gonzalez
 - Holmes Braddock HS: Alina Matusow-Airschkowitz
- Erich Rivero announced that he will be transferring from Killian SHS to Coral Reef SHS
- New Directors Sign-up Sheet passed out for new teachers to the county, Mentors will be contacting them shortly
- The FBA District 16 Board was introduced:
 - Erich S. Rivero, HS Chairman
 - John Normandin, MS Chairman
 - Jason Cochrac, HS Secretary
 - Manuel Camacho, MS Secretary
 - Jennifer Jimenez, Treasurer
 - Pablo Castaneda, Treasurer
- Introduction of ALL Directors
- FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.
- James Perry:
 - Look on www.flmusiced.org for Hotel Reservation details for All-State, make sure to cancel reserved rooms that are not needed by Dec. 8 or you will pay for those rooms

Item 7: Communications/Distribution of Packets

- Miami Killian High School, H.S. S&E
- Miami Senior High School, H.S. Concert MPA
- TBA, M.S. S&E, Jazz
- TBA, M.S. Concert MPA
- Miami Dade College, All-State Auditions
- Florida International University,
 - Will be performing at the HS Marching MPA during the afternoon and evening breaks
- University of Miami,
 - Declined our offer to perform at HS Marching MPA due to their homecoming events
- Bandlife.com
 - Will possibly record our HS Marching MPA and sell DVDs of the event
- Jolesch Photography
 - Sent a proposal letter, discussed in more detail in "Item 8: Unfinished Business"
- Manuel Perez Woodwind and Brass Repairs
 - Will be glad to help directors in repairs

Item 8: Unfinished Business

- Hosting Sites
 - Miami Killian High School, HS S&E
 - Motion to Accept: ONEAL/THOMAS **PASSED**
 - Miami Senior High School, HS Concert MPA
 - Motion to Accept: Lowell/Garcia **PASSED**

- (Changed) TBA, M.S. S&E & Jazz
 - **Motion Nullified**
- All-State Auditions at Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus
 - Motion to Accept: Ellis/Smith **PASSED**
- MS Concert MPA & S&E/Jazz site needed, some schools did show interest, but letters of intent were not presented, the chairman requested that any school wanting to host an event submit a letter stating their interest. The letter must be signed by the Principal
- Push Solo & Ensemble participation to lower assessment costs
 - Use Smartmusic to simplify the accompanist process if necessary
- Pictures for MPA's
 - A "Bid" was submitted by Jolesch Photography concerning M.P.A. Concert Photography. Discussion ensued. Some points of interest:
 - Photos will be done on stage
 - \$1000 bonus
- Vote:
 - 21ST Century Bid – **DID NOT PASS** – 0 Yes, UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION
 - Jolesch Photography – **PASSED** – 36 Yes, 0 Oppose
 - Concerns:** pictures that fit common size frames preferred, or having Jolesch frame the pictures for each school

Item 9: Committee Reports

- Mentoring Committee Announced, volunteers called on to help new directors in the county. The following directors Signed-up to Mentor:
 - Malena Calle, Ryan Ellis, Ana Pena, Manuel Camacho
- Scheduling Committee Announced
 - John Normandin will be helping with MPA scheduling for the district as well as with downtown personnel (in reference to bus scheduling)
- Steering Committee – formed by Erich Rivero & Victor Lopez, will help in updating the music classroom specifications for MDCPS and other "new school" issues
 - Members so far: Victor Lopez, Erich S. Rivero, Manuel Camacho

Item 10: New Business

- Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due September 1 (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at www.flmusiced.org. Students will not be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 1st.
- **More Entries for Solo and Ensembles and having Hosting Sites Announced earlier will help with lowering the cost of Assessments.**
- Classification Forms due October 15 to the District Chairman. Principal and Director Signature Required
 - Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate
 - Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders)
 - Middles School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only

FINE: 50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
Forms are on the FBA website: www.flmusiced.org/fba
- All State Auditions: (forms are in August Bulletin and on www.flmusiced.org/fba)
 - Site: Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus Site Host: Rodester Brandon
 - Date: September 16, 2006
 - Deadline: September 1, 2006
 - Fees: 10.00 each audition

- **The All-State Sign-up Sheet for directors to help run ALL-STATE AUDITIONS was passed around. If you did sign-up and are required to sign-up please e-mail Erich Rivero at erichrivero@dadeschools.net and inform him that you will be helping.**
 - LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
 - Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state.

- Small School Honors Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination:
 - Forms are in August Bulletin and on www.filmusiced.org/fba
 - Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

- Marching Band MPA:
 - Date: November 4, 2006
 - Site: Miami Dade College North Campus Traz Powell Stadium
 - Admission: \$5.00 Each
 - Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman):

No assessment money collected at this time.
 Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors to help run the Marching MPA
 Get your Music Honor Society involved in the Marching MPA hosting, ushering, runners.
A Sign-up sheet was passed around and will be passed around again at the October meeting.

- Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):
 - Motion to Nominate George Walters: Calle/Collar
 - No more Nominations Motioned:
 - Motion to Close Nominations: Oneal/Birkett
 - District Nominates George Walters, **ACCEPTED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):
 - Motion to Nominate Bringle Cidel: Brandon/Modia
 - No more Nominations Motioned:
 - Motion to Close Nominations: Oneal/Hutchinson
 - The District Nominates Bringle Cidel, **ACCEPTED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Conducting Clinic being organized with Roby George from Florida International University
- MS Band Clinic is currently being organized and will be lead by George Walters & Myra Cobia
- Presentation by David Hillberry on the CD Recording Devices.
 - Directors will be given a "cheat" sheet to help remind them of procedures needed to operate CD recorders

Item 11: District MPA Dates and Sites

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH):	March 23 and 24, 2007	TBA (Changed)
Solo and Ensemble MPA (H.S.):	February 9 and 10, 2007	Miami Killian HS
Concert (JH/MS):	April 18 – 20, 2007	TBA
Concert (High School):	March 15 – 17, 2007	Miami SHS

Item 12: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA

Rodester Brandon	Music
Steve Kelly	Music
Tony Womak	GE
TBA	Percussion
David Ammerman	Marching
Robin McClaine	Auxillary

Middle School Jazz MPA

Alan O'Farrill	Judge
Chris Dorsey	Judge
Rick Miles	Judge
Michele Fernandez- Denlinger	Clinician
Ed Calle	Clinician

High School Jazz MPA

Chris Dorsey	Judge
Jamie Roth	Judge
Alan O'farril	Judge
Michelle Fernandez- Denlinger	Clinician
Ed Calle	Clinician

Middle School Concert MPA

Gerald Poe	Judge
Steven Kelly	Judge
Doug Yopp	Judge
Jim Hacker	Sight Reading

High School Concert MPA

Gerald Poe	Judge
Steven Kelly	Judge
TBA	Judge
Jim Hacker	Sight Reading

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

- None were made.

Item 14: Suggestions to State Committees

- Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):
- Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1): Drill Design, Programming for Evaluations/Repertoire Selections

Item 15: Proposals to the Executive Board

- None were proposed

Item 16: Correspondence

- Propose any suggestions to the Association

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

- Rodester Brandon:
 - happy to host All-State Auditions
 - also announced a Concert & Jazz Band Festival that will be slated for this year
 - Scholarship auditions, he is willing to come out to schools to audition students
 - Ed Calle will be leading a community Jazz Band at Miami Dade College for HS students and adults,
 - College teachers needed for evening classes

- Offered his assistance in all areas of music
- Ingram: recognized his new assistant as a talented arranger of new pop. music
- Hendon: thanks to kids, Booster association, happy to see a positive first meeting
- Kaplan: scholarships available for descendants of African heritage for students in MDCPS wanting to pursue the Arts, she also announced the current recipients
- Ellis: thanked Erich S. Rivero for the great job tonight at the meeting
- Perry: participate in FMEA conference, great concerts coming, USAF Band
- Serrano: "President's Own" coming to perform at FAU

Item 18: Next Meeting Date and Place

- October 10: Location TBA

Item 19: Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: **Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted,

Manuel A. Camacho

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Florida Bandmasters Association, District 16