

Chinook Music Educators Association

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 10 October 2023

Location/Time: River's Edge, 6pm

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Jessica Ewing, Lisa Pearson, James Harper, Darren Johnson, Kim Brumbaugh, Cameron May, Maria Hoffman, Joe Sokolik, Kim Merkley, Joe Dyvig, Katharine Sartori, Stacey Brown, Melissa Maanao, Austin Schlichting, Scott Means, John Rantz, Nick Sanders, Jennifer Palmer, Josh Keeling, Randy Grostick, Ana Dewitt, Ben McDonald, Cal Anderson, Keith Holder, Jerry Huff, Greg Allison, Rebecca Gage, Jeff Simmons, Lauren Hays, Travis Sipher, John Guarente, Kathleen Alviar

- Approve Spring Meeting Minutes
 - Joe Sokolik motions, Austin Schlichting seconds, all approve.

- Treasurer's Report and Approval
 - Checking: \$4885.40
 - Updated \$5070.
 - Savings: \$17,192.51
 - Outstanding Invoices from 22-23: Yelm HS Choir S/E: \$22
 - Please look over the [CMEA email list](#) and make any edits/changes if needed
 - Send mail to Nisqually MS Attn Kim Brumbaugh
 - Please get payments made in a timely manner, could be barred from festivals in the future
 - Rantz - what is the balanced limit? 1-2 years in reserves. Harper - not aware of a limit, but will look into.
 - Jennifer Palmer motions, Darren Johnson seconds, approved.

- Old Business
 - Updates from WMEA
 - Do you have successes/challenges to share with WMEA?
 - Olympia SD updates?
 - Keith Holder - OSD lost 4th grade strings. Not sure if it could come back in the future.
 - Joe Dyvig - many issues, very few related to music. Change in bussing from 3 to 2 timelines, cut 15 min from Elementary schedule each day. Support to save instructional minutes. Teachers struggle to know what to do with students not in band or strings, so they just wouldn't do anything, which created the inequity issue that wasn't articulated. They thought this would fix all their problems. Show of force from community and support did put them on high alert about not behaving that way. Neighboring districts lose more instructional time so keep aware.
 - Joe Sokolik - how much time are these multiple schools getting for band/orchestra. Ewing - 90 min per week.

- Rantz - more administration. Stopped elementary and middle school music during the pandemic. Brought back elementary choir/music. Now that middle school music is coming back it's coming back strong.
 - Harper - If you need assistance from WMEA for advocacy, Ron and Beth are really good at that and are willing to help.
 - Stacey Brown - what is the timeline on turnaround for help from WMEA? Harper - Can't say exactly. They are quick to respond.
 - Scott Means - OSD issues had been brought up in Yelm as something they could do. 5th grade band is up to 65% participation at 6 schools. Elementary gets 120 min per week. Already being told there is nothing extra in the budget, might not get money for busses, etc.

- New Business
 - [Festival Schedule for 2023-24](#)
 - Festival Chairs Meeting - November 7th at Equal Latin 6pm
 - Middle School Band festival date will be updated to the 25/26th
 - Registration fees should be the same \$185 for ensembles, \$22 per entry for S&E.
 - Festival hosts can change the registration deadlines, let James know and we can update them.
 - [WMEA All-State and Conference Updates/Changes](#)
 - Feb 16-19, 2024 in Yakima
 - HS will remain in Yakima this year, 2025 WMEA HS will shift to January in Tacoma. Jr All-State and NAFME All-NW will stay in February.
 - Jazz Friday, HS Saturday, Jr All-State Sunday
 - This allows students to participate in both All-State and All-NW
 - Adding ensembles: intermediate orchestra and concert band. More opportunities for freshman/sophomore students, reduces size of HS ensembles. SA and TB pull out ensembles.
 - YME can help with fees. Encourage to fill out the paperwork.
 - Housing - more lax about staying at home if you are local.
 - Concern moving forward about adding ensembles. Encourage applications. WMEA is open to hearing thoughts/opinions on audition materials. Send to John Weatherington and Scott Ketron.
 - Elementary Connection Opportunities/Suggestions
 - Encourage elementary teachers to come. We can have a separate meeting or break out session to facilitate this.
 - Elementary music festival opportunities - honor choir
 - Auburn conference in November
 - [Seattle Symphony Conducting Workshop @ Yakima Conference](#)
 - 6 conductors

- Open Items
 - Olympia Symphony Orchestra
 - Concert October 15th at 3pm featuring winners of the young artist competition
 - Codes that will be good for student/educator discounts
 - November 12th Animated Orchestra Family Concert - Bruce Walker

- January 18th Carnegie Hall Link-up concert w/4th grade from OSD. Will be expanded in the future.
- SOGO - Cameron May/Greg Allison
 - Concert November 5th - educator vouchers and student discount vouchers.
 - November 12th invite a friend to SOGO side by side day, instrument petting zoo at OSO concert
 - Enrollment over 150
 - SOGO to schools program. Sectionals, group clinics, lessons teachers.
- SPSCC - John Guarente
 - Enrollment went up 15-20% overall. Chamber singers time changed. Fiddler on the Roof this spring. On the board for ACDA, "sip and sing" events - November 17th?
- Harper on leave November to January! Any questions please direct to Lisa or Darren.
- Randy updated website
- New home for MS Band Festival needed

Motion to adjourn - Jennifer Palmer

Seconded - Lisa Pearson

May 14th for spring meeting - River's Edge