

FGMEA Executive Board Meeting
FEA Office
October 29, 2013

I. Call to Order 4:33pm

Present: Michael Dennis, Jennifer Frazier, Deb Rudd, Carolyn Dorey, Kelly Harbison, Erin Cooper, Josie Walker, Lee Larsen, Marian Schultz, Joy Petty, Jeanette Essig, Kate Fellin, Sara Alipanah, Alice Real, Pam Beck, Debbie Key, Meg Hannan, and Rod Tompkins

II. President's Report: Michael Dennis

A. Master Schedule survey

1. Michael and Jennifer have discussed survey modifications. Questions will be split into: K (stay the same); 1st-3rd grade have music class for at least 60 minutes a week; 4th-6th grade have general music class for at least 45 minutes a week.
2. Because there were many common comments, the choices for the band/strings/chorus questions will change from simple yes/no to a few options that will better reflect what might be happening in the school (i.e. my students have strings one time and general music the second time...)
3. Survey will be sent to teachers soon.
4. Answers will be collated to old surveys and will also set a new baseline for the new regulation.

B. Men's Chorus plans

1. This pilot program for Cluster VIII is still in the planning stages, but will have the Army Quartet perform at their event.
2. Because of budget restraints, only one cluster is trying this out, ultimately to promote boys in chorus in later years and collaboration within each pyramid.
3. Guest clinicians, building space, and food are all taken care of, but the cost of transportation is not.
4. Suggestion: VEMEA has grants for events like this. Michael will check into this. Michael is working with Rita Gigliotti, president of the FCCDA to have the organizations support each other and the students we serve.

C. Progress Report issues

1. Michael is already aware of a few glitches and will be speaking to FEA about them.
 - a. Students cannot be delegated to a specialist if they switch schools
 - b. Specialists are not able to view roster information/classroom info unless the grading window is open
2. Problems specific to specialists can be sent to Jeanette first, she'll send to Susan Whaley and up the ladder until it is resolved.
3. Specialists cannot give a comment to a whole class at once like classroom teachers can. This is a software issue that will be resolved.

III. Vice President's Report: Jen Frazier

A. Electoral issues

1. A paper should have come to your home that promotes the people running for office that FEA considers education-friendly. If you have any questions, please contact FEA office to ask for the people in your district.
 2. GO VOTE!!!
- B. Open Enrollment
1. Kaiser plan is staying the same; other plans are discontinued and people will be auto-enrolled in a comparable new plan. Please check to see if your doctors participate in the new plan. Enrollment materials should have arrived at home address, and the plan websites can be very helpful.
 2. Open enrollment is now until Nov 15.
 3. Copay will remain the same right now, but it will increase soon.
- C. Other Issues
1. FEA would like us to go talk to people about the budget crisis teachers are facing. Some areas that could be affected are: IA's, classroom size, assistant principals, and possibly Fine Arts programs. FEA would like for us to share our stories so the community hears us and possibly word spread to the 'right' people that influence tax increases. We will need to cut approximately \$150 million.

IV. Secretary's Report: Rebecca Caldwell

- A. Meeting notes from May 2013 were approved as corrected.

V. Treasurer's Report: Deb Rudd

- A. Financial Report:

<i>Ending Balance 09/24/13</i>	<i>\$14,170.97</i>
<i>Deposits/credits</i>	<i>718.89</i>
<i>Withdrawals/debits</i>	<i>23.12</i>
<i>Ending Balance 10/29/13</i>	<i>\$14,866.74</i>

VI. Fine Arts Office Report: Jeannette Essig

- A. Jeanette spoke about iSIS when Michael brought it up in his report. She is making the vendor aware of problems like classroom teacher features that the specialists don't have yet.
- B. Professional Development Focus/Monday Designated Days
1. Since all ES teachers go to meetings, Instructional Services also want the music teachers to utilize these days. There are certain elements of instruction that need to be unified, and these Mondays can be a way of delivering the message. In MS and HS there are department chairs that deliver messages, but in the ES world, we will use these days to meet together. In the past, we used Mondays for ACCF and area rehearsals, but we need to have more Professional Development opportunities and learning experiences from each other. Jeanette might use ACCF site rehearsals as a way to reflect on what we see for Professional Development.. We will use the date in January as an in-service.
- C. ACCF
1. We have 3 permissions right now for streaming and practice CD
 2. License fees are going up – consumer pays that for the end result CD
- D. Other Budget items

1. In the last principals meeting, there was discussion about band and strings being on the chopping block again. Nothing specific yet as the budget documents are not out yet. Be aware, we may need to help our colleagues.
 2. Dr. Garza is going to listening meetings to gather information; you may go and participate in the discussions there or visit a website and the ability to vote on things and can leave input.
- E. Jennifer Frazier and Beth Atkins are leading a Smartboard course at Hunters Woods ES. All are invited to a pot luck at the end of the course at Jeanette's house!
- F. Technology Questions
1. Garage band is not on the approved list any more. Jeanette will look into this. As of June 28, 2013 it was not approved.
 2. For iPad app approval, send the request in from a school and it will get sent to Jeanette for approval. Jeanette will help with that process and encourages it. She will post the link of tech assessment in Blackboard 24/7 and/or in the weekly Friday update.

VII. Committee Chair Reports:

A. In-Service: Emily Sternisha / Kate Fellin

1. Oct 7th was great! The school double booked one of the areas and the music people were moved, which in the survey was the biggest complaint – space.
2. Many requests for assessment-focused inservice in the future, along with other topics that might be addressed in other formats like cluster sharing, etc.

3. Motion: Debbie Key

I move that FGMEA pay a \$50 honorarium to each in-service presenter who is not serving as in-service chair on the FGMEA board.

Second: Joy Petty

Passed

Discussion – This has been done for in-house people in the past. It is consistent with the amount paid before and is a good way to support and encourage sharing. Only caveat is that we cannot receive compensation for our positions on the board, which is why anyone serving as FGMEA In-Service Chair cannot receive an honorarium for in-service work.

4. 2014 – Will approach Dr. Brophy from Florida State.
5. Requests with assessment criteria... i.e., “I want to know what a “4” looks like in the 3rd quarter for singing in 3rd grade,” etc...
6. Videos of Kate's dance session are on YouTube, it's done and will follow up next meeting.

A. Cluster Chairs

7. Rod and Pam worked a way to pull the list for emails/people for each cluster chair to use for distribution emails. They will send out information to their cluster soon and check-in to see what concerns the teachers may have.
8. Joy will send the amendment to cluster chairs, so they may send to all members at least 14 days prior to the read-through session.

B. Choral Festival

9. Read-through – all ready to go at the Oakton HS lecture hall. Assignment cluster changes, but double checked for numbers, driving distance, and number of teachers who play piano. We might have google docs be available to self-edit to help Margie.
10. Let Lee and/or Marian know if you cannot attend. ACCF CANNOT PONY MUSIC!
11. Recording possibility is Dec 9, Lee is in contact with people and making plans.
12. ACCF Blackboard will be up soon.

13. **Motion: Marian Schultz**

I move that Ms. Emily Ellsworth be offered a contract to be the guest clinician for the 6th Grade All County Chorus Festival for the 2014-2015 school year.

Second: Lee Larsen

Passed unanimously

14. Contract for 2014 Clinician: Emily Ellsworth. She has the dates reserved. Her contract will come from the Fine Arts Office in the summer. Marian will send Emily this news.

C. Grants: Josie Nader / Bev Ogden

15. No one submitted any grants proposals.
16. Josie will send out an email to extend the deadline.

D. Membership: Pam Hill

17. As of today, we have 173 members and have taken in a total of \$2,305.00 for dues.
18. In response to an email stating that we had not made enough of an effort to invite new teachers to join, here is the number of ways we have contacted all teachers:
 - a. Rod and I sent several emails in August and early September inviting teachers to join online or by using a paper registration which was attached to the email.
 - b. We had a table set up with several laptops for people to use to join at the August in-service.
 - c. I sent at least two more emails inviting teachers to join in late September and in October.
 - d. I had a table with paper forms and a laptop at the October 7 in-service for people to join.
 - e. I will have paper forms and a laptop at the November ACCF reading session.

E. New Teacher: Camille Haberland

19. Fine Arts Library Singalong/Exploration session – logistical trouble. It's in a tight space that cannot accommodate 90 teachers. Also, people need to leave when the cleaner leaves at 5 pm. If we can have one or two Mondays at different sites that people can sign up to attend, it would be a more efficient venue. The host would go get music at warehouse and share it. This is for new teachers and mentors, but could be at any school, perhaps on Mondays. This isn't a designated activity, but wanted to give an option. Please consider this and we will discuss next time.

VIII. Old Business

Men's Chorus Workshops – motion was postponed from previous meeting (Jen Frazier) - **that FGMEA work with FCCDA to sponsor men's chorus events including 6th grade students.**

- A. Basic concept is for FGMEA to support FCCDA in a project to promote boys continuing in chorus through the middle school years. This is the primary enrollment concern for choral programs. Since FGMEA would not have financial obligations, a rewording of the motion was made (Lee Larsen), **“to delete the word sponsor and insert the words encourage and support.”** Second - Kelly Harbison.
- B. This will be held in mid-January and the hope is that once cluster 8 trials this it can be replicated in all clusters. Motion as amended carried by majority.

IX. New Business

- A. Ways and Means: T-shirts for ACCF is a position that is still open and Michael is working on filling it.

X. Adjournment 6:01pm