



## Eastshore Music League

Washington Music Education Association

### Minutes for High School Membership

#### Call to Order

A general meeting of the High School Membership of the Eastshore Region was held on March 7th at Issaquah High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM and was presided over by Haley Isaacs with Cory Edwards as secretary.

#### Attendees

Members in attendance is summarized in the chart below

School	Member	Email	Attendance
Mount Si - Choir	Haley Isaacs (Pres)	isaacsh@svsd410.org	X
Bellevue Chr - Band	Kathy Boone (Treas)	kboone@bcsmail.org	X
Newport HS - Band	Cory Edwards (Sec)	edwardsc@bsd405.org	X
Bellevue HS – Band	Edd George	georgee@bsd405.org	
Bellevue HS – Band	Will Harvey	harveyw@bsd405.org	
Bellevue HS – Orch	Chase Chang	changc@bsd405.org	
Bellevue HS – Choir	Andrew Jacobson	jacobsona@bsd405.org	
Bellevue Fine Arts Coord	Mark Wilbert	wilbertm@bsd405.org	
Bellevue Chr – Choir	Ross DeWit	rdewit@bcsmail.org	
Cedarcrest – Band	Kyle Thompson	thompsonky@riverview.wednet.edu	X
Cedarcrest – Choir	Ryan Lewis	lewizr@riverview.wednet.edu	
Interlake HS – Band	David Kim	kimd@bsd405.org	
Interlake HS – Band	Paul Gillespie	gillespiepa@bsd405.org	X
Interlake HS – Orch	Shira Katsman	katsmans@bsd405.org	
Interlake HS – Choir	Michael King	kingm@bsd405.org	
International – Band	Adam Harris	harrisa@bsd405.org	
International – Orch	Anna Silarski	silarskia@bsd405.org	
International – Choir	Michael Scott	scottm@bsd405.org	
Issaquah HS – Band	Patrick Holen	HolenP@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Issaquah HS – Orch	Doug Longman	longmand@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Issaquah HS – Choir	Barbara Irish	irishb@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Liberty HS – Band	Jared Tanner	Tannerj2@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Liberty HS – Orch	Jana Dalpez	dalpezj@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Liberty HS – Choir	Robin Wood	woodr2@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Mercer HS – Band	Parker Bixby	parker.bixby@mercerislandschools.org	X
Mercer Fine Arts Coord	David Bentley	david.bentley@mercerislandschools.org	
Mercer HS – Orch	Vicki White-Miltun	vicki.white.miltun@mercerislandschools.org	
Mercer HS – Choir	Tom Cox	tom.cox@mercerislandschools.org	X
Mercer HS – Band	Ryan Lane	ryan.lane@mercerislandschools.org	X
Mercer HS – Band	Bryan Wanzer	bryan.wanzer@mercerislandschools.org	
Mount Si – Band/Orch	Matt Wenman	wenmanm@svsd410.org	X
Mount Si – Band	Bill Leather	leatherw@svsd410.org	X
Newport HS – Band	Todd Mahaffey	mahaffeyt@bsd405.org	
Newport HS – Orch	Christine Gero	geroc@bsd405.org	
Newport HS – Choir	Nancy Fisher	fishern@bsd405.org	
Sammamish HS – Band	Chandra Rampersad	rampersadc@bsd405.org	X

Sammamish HS – Orch	Andrew Kam	kama@bsd405.org	
Sammamish HS – Choir	Carol Whitworth	whitworthc@bsd405.org	
Skyline HS – Band	David Pitt	PittD@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Skyline HS – Orch	Doug Longman	longmand@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Skyline HS – Orch	Darrin Cook	cookd@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Skyline HS – Choir	Nancy Ziebart	ziebartn@issaquah.wednet.edu	

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by **Pat Holen**. The motion passed unanimously.

## Officers' Reports

**The Treasurer's Report** presented by Kathy Boone. The biggest issue currently is the annual trend of Solo & Ensemble going over budget. Currently, before paying the Bellevue College bill, the festival is running roughly \$1,000 short. We have some money-makers, Jazz Band in particular, that can help to offset the cost.

**Action Item:** The board will prepare and share out data regarding S&E in order to help decide if we ought to raise the cost of participation. Data is mostly referring to number of registrants in past events. Other alternatives include limiting distance traveled by clinicians to lower travel expenses.

## Other Reports

**Festival Discussion** was truly an open group discussion inviting every member in attendance to contribute to improving festivals in 2018. Members Parker Bixby, Kyle Thompson, Matt Wenman, and Cory Edwards expressed a concern regarding quality of the experience versus the expense to the programs participating. They discussed a continuing trend for schools to only attend the bare minimum in festivals, leaving many schools performing for an empty auditorium. For the same cost, schools and/or the Eastshore region could be hiring some amazing talent to provide very significant and unique educational opportunities.

Patrick Holen and Chandra Rampersad discussed the importance to consider school facilities, schedules, academic conflicts and commitments for students, and many other factors. Through discussion, the group generally agreed that each specialty would be able to propose ways to work around that and to deliver a quality festival in spite of the challenges.

There is an assumption members will bring their groups, so there is little to no pressure to deliver a truly inspiring experience – we are motivated to make it through and hand it off to the next lucky host. If we instead created a festival we ourselves would be really excited to take our groups to, then we are providing an experience worth attending. Systems and incentives that encourage groups to stay all day should be explored so that there is a sufficient audience to provide an authentic performance environment.

**Matt Wenman** proposed that subcommittees meet, one for each ensemble, in order to determine how they would like their festival to look next year, including schedule, clinicians, guest talent, date and time, etc. Parker Bixby was selected to host the band discussion, Matt Wenman to host the orchestra, and Haley Isaacs the choir. The proposal was agreed upon by all in attendance as a suitable course of action. Sub-committees will communicate via email to set a time and location for their meeting sometime before the May general meeting.

## Announcements

There was continued discussion regarding the role of the membership, attendance, and how the board can best meet the needs of everyone involved. We are not seeing an uptick in attendees at our general meetings. Discussion is on-going. Please feel free to get involved by providing your board with feedback or suggestions.

We continue to seek a Vice President to begin working with the board. If you're interested, simply contact Haley Isaacs (isaacsh@svd410.org).

## Adjournment

**Haley Isaacs** moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at **7:48 PM**.

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Cory Edwards  
Secretary  
Eastshore Region

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Date of Approval