



## EASTSHORE MUSIC REGION

### Call to Order

A general meeting of the High School Membership of the Eastshore Music Region was held on October 3rd at Ricardo's in Factoria. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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	X
Bellevue HS – Band	Will Harvey	harveyw@bsd405.org	X
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	
Cedarcrest – Choir	Ryan Lewis	lewisr@riverview.wednet.edu	X
Interlake HS – Band	David Kim	kimd@bsd405.org	
Interlake HS – Band	Paul Gillespie	gillespiepa@bsd405.org	
Interlake HS – Orch	Shira Katsman	katsmans@bsd405.org	
Interlake HS – Choir	Michael King	kingm@bsd405.org	X
International – Band	Adam Harris	harrisa@bsd405.org	
International – Orch	Anna Silarski	silarskia@bsd405.org	
International – Choir	Michael Scott	scottm@bsd405.org	X
Issaquah HS – Band	Patrick Holen	HolenP@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Issaquah HS – Orch	Doug Longman	longmand@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Issaquah HS – Choir	Barbara Irish	irishb@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Liberty HS – Band	Jared Tanner	Tannerj2@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
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	X
Mercer HS – Orch	Vicki White-Miltun	vicki.white.miltun@mercerislandschools.org	X
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	X
Mount Si – Band/Orch	Matt Wenman	wenmanm@svsd410.org	X
Mount Si – Band	Bill Leather	leatherw@svsd410.org	
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	X

Skyline HS – Band	David Pitt	PittD@issaquah.wednet.edu	
Skyline HS – Orch	Doug Longman	longmand@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Skyline HS – Orch	Darrin Cook	cookd@issaquah.wednet.edu	X
Skyline HS – Choir	Nancy Ziebart	ziebartn@issaquah.wednet.edu	X

Guests in attendance included Tasha Reynolds.

## Approval of Minutes

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

## Officers' Reports

**Opening Remarks** was presented by **Haley Isaacs**. The presentation started with a reading of the Eastshore Region mission statement and purpose for the high school group. Setting the tone, “working together, collaborating, and connecting”. Members were encouraged to reconnect, sharing the positives of their year so far.

In summary, the board’s goals for the year:

- To be efficient and timely with meetings
- Serve as a voice for members to the WMEA board
- To facilitate collegiate discussion amongst members
- Assist the group for making positive changes for the good of all

**The Treasurer’s Report** was presented by **Kathleen Boone**. The account, shared with the middle school membership, currently has roughly \$31,000 available for expenditure. Kathleen urged members to consider using these funds for the purpose of a commission or other project.

## Other Reports

**Jazz Band Festival Report** was presented by **David Bentley**. Members were thanked for their timely responses via email for feedback RE: the schedules. Option C (40 minute clinics) received positive feedback. David Bentley will be direct in the expectation that morning groups listen to all morning groups, afternoon groups all listen to afternoon groups. Handbook policy supports this. All other communication will come via email.

Pat Holen brings up concerns of attendance at Band Host festival.

**Action Item:** High School Jazz break-out discussing strategies for how to ensure every band has an audience for next year.

**Jazz Choir Festival Report** was presented by **Carol Whitworth**. The BSD calendar has changed since the Eastshore Region calendar was approved last spring. The adopted date for Jazz Choir Festival is now on a “no-school” day. The plan is to have a “normal” rotation for attending schools for performance and clinic time. Bellevue College will perform so that there is no cost associated with using the space.

**Motion:** Moved by Mike Scott and seconded that the Jazz Choir Festival date be changed to November 8<sup>th</sup>. The **motion carries** unanimously.

**Changes to Solo & Ensemble Rules Report** was presented by **Haley Isaacs**. In accordance with state WMEA board request, the members are to review and provide feedback on proposed rule changes for 2016-17. The feedback for each of the Proposals is summarized below.

### **Proposal Number 1 – Removing gender from Vocal-Small and Vocal-Large**

“Long overdue to remove the Large Women’s Vocal designation” – several agree with this

### **Proposal Number 2 – Removal of rule 1.6.5**

In favor, gives more flexibility to meet the need of the kids, pick the right music for the group.

In small schools, this proposal is limiting. Hard to find capable pianists.

We need to address “instrumental ensemble” versus “accompanist”. Those are different descriptions, and can’t be addressed the same.

Would be nice to find a ruling that allows for two pianos (four hand accompaniment), some vocal arrangements allow.

In general, more in agreement

### **Proposal Number 3 – “In Writing One Week”**

None

### **Proposal Number 4 – Addition of Mariachi Ensembles**

Justification for holding a mariachi festival somewhere, doesn’t make any sense for state solo ensemble

Mariachi festivals are difficult to host and go to, none out there, lots of expenses – essentially this is a service, bringing musical equity center stage. Provides more avenues for new teachers to find more support to teach mariachi.

Percussion ensemble and mariachi, why aren’t they in a separate festival? Percussion ensemble literature is also not “classical” by our normal definitions.

When we have two options, we should err on the side of inclusion.

## **Main Motions**

**Haley Isaacs** proposes that the membership consider meeting different meeting days and locations, based on feedback collected from a survey.

**Motion:** Moved by **Doug Longman** and seconded that the Chair creates a schedule of meetings and communicates to the membership as soon as possible. The **motion carries** unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved by **Doug Longman** and seconded that the Chair select the location of upcoming meetings based on feedback from the membership. The **motion carries** unanimously.

## **Announcements**

**Review of Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedures** - In summary, Articles of Incorporation were not legal documentation. Documentation have been changed in order to meet legal requirements. Ratification happened today, documents to be shared at next meeting of the members.

**Eastshore Region Invoices** - Invoices are due to Kathy Boone, give a copy to your "Accounts Payable" person. Members are to fill out invoices and return ASAP. These are used to report number of participants that are coming to festivals. Return form before paying.

Festival Hosts, use the forms in your packets!

**Discussion of Eastshore Website – Cory Edwards** proposed to do some work on our website. **Parker Bixby** proposes that a committee discusses content of the website and then we pay someone else to make it. Tabling discussion to future meetings.

## Adjournment

**Haley Isaacs** moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at **7:28 PM**.

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Cory Edwards  
Secretary  
Eastshore Music Region

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Date of Approval