District 12 KMEA Conference Meeting
February, 7, 2025, 2025 KMEA Conference 8:30am

Agenda

1. Call to order. Please sign in using the QR code on the right. Proof of sign-in sheet is available here.
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from the most recent district meetings
   Fall Meeting Minutes Zoom Meeting Minutes
4. Officer Reports
   a. **President**, Joe Stivers, Echo Trail MS
   b. **President-Elect -** Dr. Kevin Callihan, YPAS
   c. **Secretary & Treasurer -** Michelle Gilfert, Farnsley MS
   d. **Band Chair -** Conner Kinmon, YPAS
   e. **Choral Chair -** Alexis Paxton, Louisville Male HS
   f. **Orchestra Chair -** Robert Dixon, Louisville Male HS
   g. **Instrumental Jazz Chair** - Matt Yarborough, St. X HS
   h. **Marching Band Chair -** Carl Kling, Ballard HS
   i. **General Music Chair (K-5) -** Carolyn Fassio, Indian Trail ES
   j. **General Music Chair (6-12) -** Krista Mueller, Crosby MS
   k. **Middle School Band Chair** - Adam Bullock, WMSFA
   l. **Middle School Choral Chair -** Russell Cooper, Noe MS
   m. **College/University Chair -** Dr. Amy Acklin, University of Louisville
   n. **Mentoring Chair -** Lori Knapke, Echo Trail MS
   o. **Community Music Chair -** Tina Gibson, JCTMS
   p. **Special Learners Chair -** Jackie Shamblen, Academy of Individual Excellence
   q. **Technology Chair** - Dr. Lawrence McCrobie, Valley High School
   r. **Choral Assessment Manager** - Terri Foster, Louisville Youth Choir
   s. **Band Assessment Manager** - Sarah McClave
   t. **Orchestra Assessment Managers** - Large Ensemble-Chrissy Givan, Solo and Small Ensemble-Adam McIntyre
   u. **JCPS Choir** - Gregory Monsma, Butler HS & Katie Jordan, Eastern HS
   v. **JCPS Music -** Paul Robinson
5. Report from **KMEA State Office**
6. Old business (if any)
7. New business
   a. Local Dues are $5. These dues are used for District 12 Award Frames, Retirement clocks, Summer Meeting reception supplies, bereavement flowers for household members of District 12 members, music commissions, etc.
   b. **Cash** or **check** made payable to “District 12 Music Educators” and given to Treasurer Michelle Gilfert
   c. **Venmo** @Joseph-Stivers
      Select Friends & Family *not* “Purchases” switch

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8. Announcements:
    a. Congratulations to the following ensembles for being selected to perform at the 2025 KMEA Conference.
        i. Brass Band of Louisville, Dr. Jason Cumberledge
        ii. University of Louisville Women's Chorus, Won Joo Ahn
        iii. Western Middle School for the Arts Choir, Katie Cook
        iv. Youth Performing Arts School Jazz Ensemble, Dr. Kevin Callihan
        v. Youth Performing Arts School Philharmonia Orchestra, Michele Shieh-Barbosa
    b. Congratulations to the following clinicians for being invited to present at the 2025 KMEA Conference
        i. "Gender Specific Tips & Trips to Engage the Middle School Boy in your Music Classroom" –Joe Stivers, Echo Trail Middle SChool
        ii. "Tips on Running an Efficient Choral Rehearsal" –Dr. Kent Hattebert, University of Louisville
        iii. "Instrument Repair for Band Directors" –Alexander Aldridge, Doss High School
        iv. "Bad to the Bone: Responding to Challenging Student Behavior with Compassion" –Melissa Lloyd, University of Louisville
        v. "Guitar Repertoire Made Easy: A Comprehensive Graded List" –Dr. Stephen Mattingly, University of Louisville
        vi. "Guitar Repertoire Made Easy: A Comprehensive Graded List" –Ascher Taylor-Schroeder, YPAS
        vii. "An Alternate Way to Teach Young Percussionist" –Diane Downs, The Louisville Leopard Percussionist
        viii. "We Belong Together: Cultivating Identity and Inclusivity through Creative Composition" –Melissa Lloyd, University of Louisville
        ix. "Basic Preparations for Jazz Soloing" –Jamey Aebersold
        x. "Jazz Music Reading Session" –Dr. David Clark, University of Louisville
        xi. "Jazz Music Reading Session" –Dr. Jerry Tolson, University of Louisville
        xii. "Walking on Eggshells" –Melissa Lloyd, University of Louisville
        xiii. "Be a Techy Teacher with Interactive Performances and Digital Projects" –Amy Cuence, Bowen Elementary
        xiv. "No Money, No Sectional Staff, No Problem! Growing Something out of Nothing in a Small School Band" –Matt Wooten, Christian Academy of Louisville
    c. Recent Celebrations
        i. Dr. Kevin Callihan on being named the 2025 KMEA High School Teacher of the Year!
        ii. The JCPS Board of Education Honored and Presented the Band an award at the District Board meeting on January 28, 2025 to the Valley HS Band for their outstanding growth and achievements and stellar representation of the district and community. Also honored was Dr. McCrobie and his commitment to excellence and continued

program collaboration with other JCPS and community organizations.

iii. The Valley Band was featured on WAVE 3 for their history making achievements in Marching Band this fall. The Band traveled to the Bands of American Grand Nationals Competition in November and won an award from the US Army providing them with over $5,000 worth of music supplies, and a donation to the program of $2,500. Several students were given scholarships to attend college upon graduation.

iv. MCMS had their FIRST-EVER All-State Guitar Orchestra student this year!

v. Congratulations to Katie Jordan on being the next JCPS 10th-12th Grade All County Chairperson. She teaches at Eastern High School!

9. Adjournment

Click here for minutes recorded by Charles Stewart

Sadly, due to a technical error on my part and/or issues with the wi-fi signal, the minutes were not uploaded and saved to the cloud as expected. At this point I don't have a written record of what was discussed at the meeting. Sorry. *Charles Stewart*