Agenda for Summer Workshop

Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Clearwater Public Library @ SPC
9am - 3pm

The mission of the Pinellas County Music Educators Association is to support and promote professional growth and to advocate for quality music education to foster the highest student achievement in music.

In Attendance – B. Duffy, C. Marr, J. Heller, B. Gummerman, S. Finkel, A. Spencer, C. Deleu, M. Stratton

1. Call to Order @ 9:39am Duffy

2. Introductions Duffy

- Name, school, position on board, PCMEA goal
  - Blair Duffy, President, Admin
  - Christine Marr, Past President, Shore Acres EL
  - Joel Heller, Secretary, Perkins EL
  - Sarah Finkel, Social Media, Fuguitt EL
  - Clayton Deleu, Strings Rep., Sanderlin/Thurgood Marshall
  - Britt Gummerman, Advocacy, Perkins EL
  - Michelle Stratton, Elementary Rep., Woodlawn EL
  - Ajori Spencer, Supervisor, Admin
- Approval of the latest Minutes
  - Motion to waive the reading of the minutes – J. Heller
  - 2nd – C. Marr
  - Motion TABELED until AUGUST meeting – No Quorum

3. Reflecting, Review Mission, Goals Duffy

- Mission Statement Review
  - The mission of the Pinellas County Music Educators Association is to support and promote professional growth and to advocate for quality music education to foster the highest student achievement in music
- Goals –
  - Grants and Honorariums
  - More Component Connections
  - Social Events
  - Hospitality/Bereavement
  - Emerging Teachers
  - Minutes on the PCMEA Website

- Promotion of Scholarships

4. Treasurers Report Duffy/Marr

- Current Financial Status – Status Quo
- 2025-2026 Honorariums Awarded
  - Making sure that people that have requested get paid and turn in all necessary items to receive reimbursement ON TIME
  - If purchasing anything for PCMEA, tax exempt form is housed on the website
    - Make multiple copies in case the establishment needs to keep one for their records
- 2025-2026 Budget Discussion and Review
- 2026-2027 Budget Discussion and Approval
  - Motion to Approve – S. Finkel
  - 2nd – B. Gummerman
  - Motion TABELED until AUGUST – No Quorum
  - Add line item for All-County Dance
    - Funding Source
- Procedure Reminders:
  - Reimbursement Form
  - Tax Exempt Form
  - Use of OneDrive Folder for Receipts/Deposits

5. Supervisor Report Spencer

Last year's referendum –

- Passed six times by voters – 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024
- Half mill added to most recent vote
- Recruit and retain quality teachers; strengthen reading programs, enhance music and art programs, add technology
- Property taxes? It looks right now that schools are protected
- The "Big We" did better – communicating exactly what is going on
- "We are getting smaller" = less money. There's just less money.
  - Per People Funding – less than 1% change (poisitve), but costs have increased
- Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC)
  - League of Women Voters, Pinellas County Council of PTAs, Pinellas Education Foundation, Pinellas Realtor Org., Concert Organizations for Quality Education for Black Students, ACE, Pinellas County Economic Development Council
- Proposed Budget 2026-2027
  - Elementary General Music Support, Chorus Support, Band Support, String Support, Drama and Dance, Tech, Auditorium, Community Partnership, Countywide, Mileage, Multiyear Commitments
- Summer Projects
  - Sub Plan Committee, Summer Recruiting, Onboarding Planning, Performance Requests, DWT Planning, Refine School Closure Processes, Embrace Pinellas – July 29 (Sandy Lane)

6. Old Business Duffy

- Banquet reflection
  - 64 people in attendance
  - $1,500 in ticket sales
  - All-inclusive venue made more streamline event
  - Next year – moving to Thursday/Friday night? Not on a holiday weekend? Community sponsors to alleviate some cost? Budgeted - $13,000
  - Free for members, ticketed guest?
  - "Joel doesn't have a plus one" – Ajori Spencer
  - Board member – free ticket? Ticketed guest – even though Joel doesn't have one.
  - Community Liaison position on the board to find sponsors, etc.

7. New Business Duffy

- New Board Members
  - Currently down TWO board members – leaving school/county/state
    - Sam Estes- HS Chorus
    - Ana Torres- MS Chorus
    - If you know anyone who has expressed interest, please let Blair Duffy know

- DWT Planning (Aug 5- potentially Gibbs 85%)
  - Food – Mazzaro's
  - Membership
    - Having some auxiliary groups under the umbrella of PCMEA
      - Dance and Theater?
      - Line-item budget for All County Dance
  - New teacher gifts – Find out from Ajori about in Sept/August
  - General membership meeting
  - Bringing President nomination/vote to the general membership Fall/Spring DWT

- 2026/27 Meeting Schedule
  - Every first Monday of the month @ 5:00 pm
  - 80% participation required (emergencies do happen)
  - By laws state component chairs have a line in the agenda to speak, provide an update
  - If there is a holiday/no school, or district performing arts event we will do the 2nd Monday of the month instead

- Social Media Update
  - Thank you, Sara!
    - And there was much rejoicing.
  - New post suggestions?

- Teacher of the Year Reflection
  - TOY process revamp – will discuss at August meeting

- Honorariums – all funds have been distributed
    - Stephanie will e-mail recipients to give them a deadline to request funds.
    - Include information and options on how they can share what they learned.

Break for Lunch

Coordinators in Attendance – E. Ruffin, A. Blount, J. Provino, C. Shortt, G. Irizarry, M. Wight, B. Scott

- All County Processes and Procedures
    - 2026/27 All-County Coordinators
        - **Elementary**- Tyler Polston, Brian Scott & Emma Ruffin
            - *February 6, 2027 @ Mahaffey*
        - **MS Band** - Nicole Warren & Jordan Harris
            - *February 6, 2027 @ Mahaffey*
        - **HS Band** - Austin Blount & Jake Provino
            - *February 6, 2027 @ Mahaffey*
        - **MS Chorus** - Keaton Larose & Corey Shortt
            - *November 2, 2026 @ REH*
        - **HS Chorus** - Maya Berrios & Gabe Irizarry
            - *November 2, 2026 @ REH*
        - **Orchestra** - Toni Depass, Amarie McDuffie & Melissa Wight
            - *February 20, 2027 @ Mahaffey*
        - **Guitar** - Joe Sipiora
            - *April 14, 2027 @ Largo Central*
        - **Jazz** – Chris Faison
            - *April 14, 2027 @ Largo Central*
    - Handbook review
        - Reimbursement Process – available in One Drive
        - Processes haven't changed from last year
        - One Drive link will be sent out again
    - Fiscal responsibility
        - Please only spend money that is budgeted
        - Use Tax Exempt form – bring extra copies in case the establishment needs to keep one for their records
        - Coordinator duties/checklist

8. Adjournment Duffy

Next meeting: Monday, 8/3/26 @ 5:00 pm via Teams

Have a great summer!