

**VCDA District II September Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2018
Tallwood High School, Virginia Beach**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order **6:20pm**

- II. Confirmation of Agenda **David Prescott / Jennifer Girvin - Approved**

- III. Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes **Karla Robinson / Sharon Parker - Approved**

- IV. Roll Call by Sign In
 - A. Please update and sign the VCDA District II Roster. If you are willing, please include your cell phone number so I (this will not be shared) have contact information for you during non-school hours.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Introduction of 'Returning' and 'New' Faculty

 - B. ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS EVENT 2018 Report
 - i. Mary Letson and Carl Copon, Co-Chairmans
All went well. Thanks to all who helped out and pitched in where they could. Thanks to the student volunteers and chairs for each ensemble.

 - C. DISTRICT CHORAL ASSESSMENT 2018 Report
 - i. Sarah Tilghman

- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. HONOR'S CHOIR AUDITIONS 2018
 - i. When: Saturday, October 13, 2018
 - ii. Where: Longwood University, Farmville, VA
 - iii. Online registration due: Wednesday Sept. 19th by 7PM
 - iv. Financial Postmark Deadline: Friday Sept. 21st

 - B. DISTRICT CHORUS AUDITIONS 2018
 - i. When: Saturday, November 3, 2018
 - ii. Where: Brandon Middle School, 1700 Pope St, Virginia Beach, VA 23464
 - 1. Host: Michelle Powell
 - iii. Co-Chairpersons: Ashley Landon and Sarah Haigh
Registration dates: Sep 24-Oct. 5. Payments postmarked by October 12.

 - **See email from Ashley Landon and Sarah Haigh for details on registration deadlines.**

 - C. VMEA IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE
 - i. When: November 15-17, 2018

- ii. Where: Homestead, Hot Springs, VA
- iii. Pre-registration for the VMEA conference deadline is Oct 31st - <http://www.vmea.com/index.php/events-menu/conference>
- iv. Please attend the VCDA meeting

*** Carl Copon – Please make sure that if you attend VMEA, please show up to the meeting to better represent our district and have a voice in the process.

*** Question about the sight-singing for District Choral Assessment: What are the new parameters?

***Corbin Pinto – New parameters in the manual and Sarah Tilghman will send out the District Choral Assessment Sight Reading requirements in her information about the event.

D. DISTRICT CHORUS EVENT 2019

- i. When: February 7-9, 2019
- ii. Where: Tallwood HS
 - 1. Host: Corbin Pinto
- iii. Chairperson: Mary Letson
- iv. Co-Chairperson: _____**Lynne German_____
- v. Food: Sharon Parker
- vi. Conductors: Festival Chorus – Philip Keirstead
 SSAA (Treble) Choir - Laura Lazarevich
 SATB Choir - John Irving
- vii. Future host schools rotation:
 - a. 2020 - _____Booker T._____
 - b. 2021- _____Ocean Lakes_____
 - c. 2022- _____Green Run_____
 - d. 2023- _____Cox_____
- viii. Thursday, February 7th from 4PM-8PM sectionals are mandatory for all participants
 - 1. Location of MS - _____??_**Possible – Larkspur MS (Celethia Penn)____
 **Suggested new time for MS rehearsal – 5-7pm

**Karla Robinson – What can we do about the amount of rehearsal time for HS? There seemed to be a lot of ‘sitting around.’ Can we do less hours and let the kids have rest before the big weekend of rehearsals.

**Bill Boardman – Is there a way to structure the rehearsal so that it is consistent throughout the rehearsal spaces?

**Corbin Pinto will take the matter into consideration.

**Sarah Tilghman – Is there a way we can cover a group dinner for the Thursday rehearsal?

**Carl Copon – Adding on another meal would mean adding the registration fee for the High School.

**Ashley Landon – Busing might be an issue for MS because they don’t get out until 4:10pm and then would have to wait for the buses to make their run and come back to the Middle School.

**Corbin Pinto – Can we move MS to 6-8pm? Can High School be from 4-7:30pm?

**Times approved by majority.

**Corbin Pinto – Thursday Rehearsal is mandatory for our District.

E. ALL-STATE CHORUS AUDITIONS 2019

- i. When: Thursday, February 7, 2019
- ii. Where: Tallwood High School, 1668 Kempsville Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23502
 - 1. HOST: Corbin Pinto
- iii. Chairperson: Corbin Pinto

***Leslie Fenter – the rehearsals during the All-VA Auditions were much better than waiting in a cafeteria for 3 hours.

F. DISTRICT CHORAL ASSESSMENT 2019

- i. When: March 15-16, 2019

- ii. Where: Norview HS, 6501 Chesapeake Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23513
 - 1. Host: Sarah Tilghman
- iii. Chairperson: Sarah Tilghman

G. ALL-VIRGINIA CHORUS 2019

- i. When: April 4-6, 2019
- ii. Where: Richmond, VA
- iii. Conductors: SATB –Dr. Allen Hightower, University of North Texas
SSAA – Dr. Pearl Shangkuan, Calvin College

H. VCDA Directory and Communication

- i. It is each director's responsibility to register in the online directory. The registration must be completed by October 12th. The link has been emailed to you:
<https://goo.gl/forms/1fKOnIK0dqZCo1IM2>

I. Literature Manual Submissions

- a. All submissions are due to Dana Van Slyke by 4:00 PM on Thursday during conference registration. If you are interested in being a part of the grading committee, please let Dana know. Anyone submitting pieces for the manual should FIRST make sure that the pieces are not already listed.
****Corbin Pinto – I am willing to bring your submissions to VMEA. Please make sure that your submission is not ALREADY in the manual.**
****Michele Powell – make sure to submit photocopies because you will not be getting them back.**

J. VCDA “operations” Manual

- i. The most up-to-date version is currently available online.

K. For the good of the district...

- i. Make sure you have renewed your membership to NAFME and have your card at all VCDA events this year.
- ii. The VCDA District 2 website www.VCDA2.com is being updated by Ashley Landon. Please send updates or changes to her Ashleya.Landon@vbschools.com

iii. – Kathy Landas – If you want Schoology Resources, email her at Kathleen.Landas@VBSchools.com

iv. – Karla Robinson – Can you clarify the Homeschool recommendations presented in the VMEA meeting?

*****Corbin Pinto – Make sure that there are no ‘holes’ in the new recommendations for Homeschools in the operating procedures.**

v. – Celethia Penn – There is a problem with the MS requirement for eligibility for District Events based on enrollment in a semester class.

*****Corbin Pinto – We’ve always taken that rule as the student having been enrolled at any point in the year can participate in the District Events.**

J. ADJOURNMENT David Prescott / Delena Poe - Approved (6:58pm)