

Steel Band Directors FB Group Zoom Meeting #1, Mon 5/4/2020, 4:00-5:30 pm PST

Meeting Topic #1 - Biggest issues and concerns going into the 2020-2021 school year

- 1) Students having access to pans, especially large instruments
 - a) Create ways to learn, practice, and listen
 - b) Virtual pan apps and websites?
 - i) Steel Pan Gold app; needs to be updated
 - ii) Gregory Boyd suggestion: invite Salmon Cupid to join in on next meeting to discuss updating his app
 - iii) www.panoutreach.org (online steel pans)
 - iv) Kayleen Justus suggestion: check with Andy Narell about his sound sampling project (idea: Chanler Bailey and Tracy Thornton reach out to Andy about this)
 - v) Idea of croudsource funding for some kind of pan app that's more customizable
 - c) Mike Greer mentioned idea of pan practice pads
 - d) Homemade instrument idea
 - i) Tamboo bamboo transcriptions, pan round the neck (Chanler Bailey suggestion)
 - e) Non-electronic solutions?
 - i) Louis Raymond-Kolker suggested using discussion questions in [Angela Smith's steel band history book](#)
- 2) Student motivation; what are the performance goals for students outside of a large group setting? How do we keep student interest?
- 3) Maximizing rehearsal time with new school schedules?
 - a) One suggestion: ½ class time, do theory instruction with small student group, and other ½ class time have small groups playing pans
- 4) Concerts - how to format? Are they even allowed? Where does live streaming and recording projects fit into this?
 - a) Go chamber music route? Have smaller ensembles within a single class period or full group
 - i) Use backing tracks for students to practice with (name mentioned: Dave Lapio)
 - b) For concerts - do a recording project instead of a concert (Tracy Thornton good contact for this)
 - i) Have guest artists and clinicians
 - ii) Issues with copyrights?
 - iii) Wearethehits.com - use for online streaming, monetize or not monetize
- 5) Daily classroom procedures, routines, and setup/storage issues
 - a) Disinfecting mallets in between classes, in between students
 - b) Classroom layout and band setup
 - c) Storage location of mallets, stands, pans, music binders in the classroom
- 6) Also - job security in light of budget cuts

Meeting Topic #2 - Future Zoom Meetings for Steel Band Directors FB group & using NSSBE as a central resource for all ideas for remote learning

- 1) More effective to have meetings for specific levels of steel bands:
 - a) A meeting for elementary steel band directors, one for middle school directors, one for HS directors, one for college/university, community groups, etc
 - b) Other can take initiative to start their own Zoom meetings with their smaller subgroups (still creating event invites in the FB steel band directors group)
- 2) Can also have specific Zoom meetings to discuss specific ideas:
 - a) Chamber music/smaller ensembles within a larger class
 - b) Ian Meiman, guest
 - c) Creating non-electronic solutions
 - d) Etc.
 - e) Teaching online lessons
 - f) Bringing in guest artists
- 3) There's a need to have all of our ideas, meeting notes, and Zoom meeting recordings in a central hub - lots of people agreed that NSSBE's website would be the best place (www.weteachpan.org) - Brandon Haskett can be helpful with this
 - a) Create a masterlist of guests artists interested in virtual residencies

Attendees

Name	School or Group Affiliation	Location	Email
Tyler Carpenter	Steel Band Director at Olivet University	Illinois	tylerscarpenter@gmail.com
Kayleen Justus	Steel Band Director at Midtown International School; Kennesaw State University	Atlanta, GA	justusk@me.com
Mike Greer	Steel Band Director at DuBose Middle School	Summerville, SC	mgreer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Tony McCutchen	Steel Band Director and Department Head at Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville, AL	tmccutchen@jsu.edu
Aaron Ziegler	Steelband Director at University of Toledo	Toledo, OH	Aaron.Ziegler@gmx.com

Tracy Thornton	Pan Rocks, Steel Pandemic Records, performing artist and clinician	High Point, NC	Tracy@tspan.com
Jeff Phillips	Band Director/Steel Band Director at Welty Middle School - New Philadelphia City Schools	New Philadelphia, OH	phillipsj@npschools.org
Kristian Paradis	Steel Band Director at West Chester University starting in Fall 2020, former Steel Band Director at University of Delaware, Philly Pan Stars, and various pan programs in the Philly area	Philadelphia, PA	
Nick Kelley	Steel Band Director at Haut Gap Middle School	Johns Island, SC	nicholas_kelley@charleston.k12.sc.us
Jeff Martin	Middle School and High School Steel Band Director at Clark Montessori HS	Cincinnati, OH	jeffmartin213@gmail.com
Paul Ross	Steel Band Director at Harper College, Chicago freelancer; also owns and runs Pan Press (steel band publication company)	Chicago, IL	pango61@comcast.net
Quinten Petersen	Steel Band Director, Band Director, Percussion Ensemble Director at Wisconsin Lutheran High School	Milwaukee, WI	quinten.petersen@wlhs.org
Sebastian Hernandez	Elementary/MS/HS Steel Band Director	Auburn, WA	hernansa@plu.edu

Rick Kurasz	Steel Band Director at Western Illinois University	Macomb, IL	rm-kurasz@wiu.edu
Le'Roi Simmonds	Steel Band Director at Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School	St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands	Lpan1216@gmail.com
Louis Raymond-Kolker	Steel Band Instructor with Inside Out Steel Band; clinician	Austin, TX	louis.rkolker@gmail.com
Amanda Duncan	Steel Band Director at Santa Margarita Catholic High School	Long Beach, CA	aduncanpercussion@gmail.com , duncana@smhs.org
Ginny Armstrong	Community Steel Band Director	Iowa City, IA	ginnyannarmstrong@gmail.com
Mike Wendeln	Steelband Director at Withrow University High School, Steel Band Director at Walnut Hills High School	Cincinnati, OH	mikewendeln@me.com
Tracey Whorton	Steel Band Director at Urban Pathways 6-12 Charter School	Pittsburgh, PA	tracey.whorton@gmail.com
Gregory Boyd	Performing artist and clinician	Aarhus, Denmark	boydpan@gmail.com
Chris Colaneri	Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey, Pulse Percussion Club	Hillsborough, New Jersey	ccvibes@hotmail.com
Ray McNamara			https://www.facebook.com/ray.mcnamara.5?sk=wall&fref=gs&dti=136436733139232&hc_location=group_dialog