

Delaware Symphony Orchestra  
Education Committee Meeting  
Community Service Building, Lower Level  
October 20, 2015  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Purpose:** To develop our committee's input to the DSO long-range strategy

**Desired Outcomes:**

Develop concise ideas and vision for input for the Educational section of the strategy on which the DSO Board is currently working.

**In attendance:** Marcia Acero, Marty Burke, Rachel Hoke, Grace Kwon-Kubacki (and Olivia Kubacki!), Chris Nichols, Tess Pietrucci, Marjie Ripsom and Bob Stoddard. Alan Jordan joined us for the first part and David Kubacki lead us through the second part.

Most people found the parking garage and the lower level conference room with little struggle. Congratulations!

Those present had no issues and thus, by default, **approved the minutes** from September's meeting.

No questions or concerns were raised re: the **current Education Update** (10/14/15) issued with the meeting agenda. They were also provided to the Board on 10/19/2015.

**Strategic Vision**

David Kubacki led the non-Board Education Committee members through a SWOT process: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Focusing on these four areas, we brainstormed in each category and then voted on the most important ones. This process is being used with a number of DSO constituent groups and will be used as input to the development of a long-range strategy for the Symphony. Marjie hopes to share the summary of information from the Education Committee at our next meeting.

If you were not able to make this meeting and are interested in participating in a future SWOT process for the DSO, please let me know and I will work with David Kubacki to see if we can manage it.

**Wish list for 2016 – 2017.**

At the Board meeting on 10/19/2015, a challenge was issued for all groups to have preliminary budget numbers into the finance committee before the next board meeting on 11/9/2015. Due to the short timeframe, we spent the first 30 minutes boarding our wish list. Marjie will use this to start to develop costs. Here's what we came up with:

Explorer Experience

A day at the Grand

A Day in Dover

Include musician visits

Decent sized orchestra (45 or more?)

Schedule so all schools are in session (not the last 2 weeks of March)

Build the Orchestra

Continue with pilot at AG Waters and with Red Clay

Expand to 2 more schools/districts (4 in total)

Could we get additional \$ from DDOA for this specific project? The school might need to apply for the grant.

### Math and Music

Keep Teaching Artist program at Warner/Shortlidge

Add 2 additional schools: 1 in Red Clay (suggested: Highlands, Richardson Park or Mote), one in another school district

Gunning Bedford in Colonial District is becoming an arts magnet school – could that be an opportunity?

Check with the PTAs at the schools to see if there might be funding

### Small Ensemble Assemblies

Have DSO musicians suggest 2 small ensembles to travel throughout the state

They would commit to doing school assemblies targeting grades 3 – 5.

Most schools have a monthly celebration that the school funds. Could this be one?

The timing for concerts should target weeks after winter break or at the end of school, and the week before winter break if musicians are available.

### Family Concert

This would depend on program, possibly further out

### Partnering with more advanced students

UD Community School (Eliezer leads this)

First State Youth Orchestra

All-state Orchestra

DYSO – Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra at the Music School of DE

### Master Classes

### Administrative costs

With added programming, there will be an increase in administrative costs.

Jon Sarro is a contact at UD for Business of Music degree and possible interns

### **Education Committee Membership**

A number of music teachers expressed interest at the State Music Day on October 2. Marjie shared names and interests with the current committee. It was suggested to pursue Christine Kirk and Nicolette Fernandez as possible new members of the committee.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Music School of Delaware

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Preliminary Agenda:

Refine Wish List based on preliminary financials

Try and be there!