"If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now"

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"Talent" is never enough!

Success Demands More...

Commitment

- To what?
- To whom?
- Why do this? Why?

Personal goals?

Desire

"Rosebud" event?

Work ethic

- Do you have one?
- @ Rate it! (1-5)
- Learned?

Creativity

- More than Jazz Improv
- Challenges/crisis
- Your "spin"

Stolen from the "Wise"

- "Good" Discipline = "Good" Band
- "Self" Discipline = "Great" Band
- Wisdom is intellect in action
- Band kids arrive early and stay late: What every employer in the US is looking for!
- You are only as good as what you are willing to give away

More stolen from the "Wise"

- The mind purges what it doesn't want or use
- Is it the message or the messenger? Yes!!!
- Don't be correct, be wise
- Its about the people!!!

Today's reality

"Kids are different!"

NO they are not!!

Parents/Teachers/Society are!!

We expect less from them!!!

Be an "Advocate"

- We are not specialist... We are vitalists!
- This economy; Get used to it!
 Figure out a way to make it work
- The "FAT" is never coming back!

Who are the "Players"? (Who are we talking to???)

Administrators

Parents

Kids

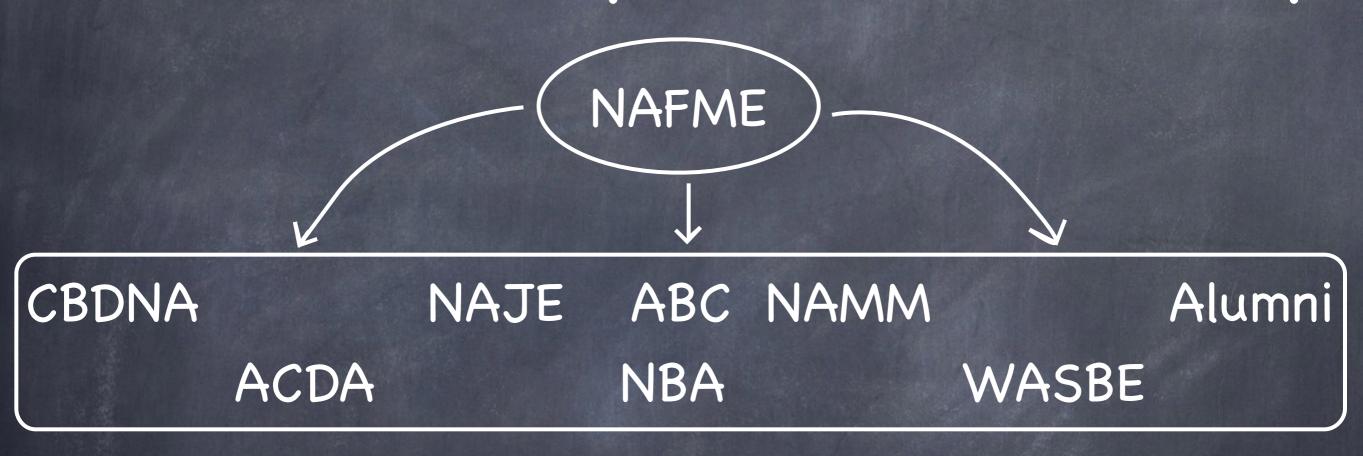
Community

Hierarchy

- Is there one?
- In your: Biethtialmity

- Find out and develop a "plan"
- \$\$\$ and ego; the cause and the cure

Hierarchy of professional help



Eckroth Music



What do you need?

- Proclamation
- Goals
- Strategy

"We are taught what success is instead of learning it for ourselves"

Life is a "Bus Stop"

We all stand there waiting...

We choose what bus to get on!

"Growing up having it all done for you means those expectations will continue until you change them"

"H.B.C." in charge!

It will not change until you change it!

Your Band Room is:

- Crisis center for you students
- "Home" for the emotionally homeless
- Oasis" of comfort

Consider this

Median number of years in profession?

Less than 4

Median number of jobs throughout your career?10!

Job security? Thing of the past!

Stats of "Well Being"

- 28% Excellent health
- 41% Stressed
- 33% Depressed
- 21% High blood pressure
- 14% High cholesterol
- @ 27% Obese

"They" say...

Butter is bad for you...
It helps keep "fat" from sticking in your arteries

Pets are dirty messy "things"...
They help build kids' allergic immune systems

Cursing is... well...
We feel 50% less pain when cursing after an "incident"

Burned out?

- Why?
- How?
- @ Flame Lit?

Mindtools.com (Take the test!)

Books I Like...

- "Teaching with Passion" Peter Boonshaft
- "The Art of Successful Teaching"
 - Tim Lautzenheiser
- "Sh*t My Dad Says" Justin Halpern
- "In 50 years we'll all be chicks" Adam Carolla

THEY DIDN'T TEACH THIS IN COLLEGE...

-OR-

"Mysteries in the search of TADAH!"

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