

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report  
to  
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent.

Please Download & TYPE the following information.

Staff Member: <u>Stephen Myler</u>	School: <u>Fernley High School</u>
Conference: <u>79th Midwest Clinic</u>	Staff Assignment
Do not use acronyms	
Location of Conference: <u>Chicago</u>	Dates Attended: <u>12/17-12/20</u>

*General Overview: Do not use acronyms*

The Midwest Clinic was a conference filled with Seminars on specific topics in teaching music. Also in attendance are auditioned and professional music groups performing. The third piece of the Midwest clinic is the multitude of exhibitors. Exhibitors had instruments of all major brands, practice room products, staging products (i.e. choir risers, drum major stands, sheet music companies, repair companies, travel companies, etc.) I attended seminars teaching basics for Saxophone, Bass and Soprano Clarinet, and Oboe and Bassoon. These are areas that I was lacking knowledge due to my experience as a brass player and not a woodwind player. I also attended a seminar about creating community with the students and the surrounding community. Overall the Midwest clinic was very impactful for my pedagogical strategies in multiple directions.

*How will this impact student learning in a positive way?*

Armed with more best practices information, in notes, demonstrations, and downloaded information, I will be able to further support my students and parents to provide them with vital knowledge. I plan to implement some of the community building strategies presented at the conference. In some examples, student led groups would organize banquets and performances for under-served members of their communities. I will be working to further include my student leadership in building relationships with the community of Fernley. Fernley has a lot of community members that want to support and enjoy music in the area. I feel that relationships built between the music program and the community will serve help with recruitment and understanding of the importance of this art form in the city. These kinds of activities will help students to learn empathy, respect, and important social skills that translate directly to adult work life skills. It also brings the whole community closer together.

## *How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?*

I will be applying the concepts learned from the woodwinds classes that I took by taking time over the next several weeks to go over the basics with the students to help remind them of articulation and wind usage. I will also be using what I experienced to help recommend instrument brands to students and parents when purchasing equipment. I can also help the district make more informed choices when purchasing instruments from the numerous instruments I was able to personally try out while at the conference. My hope is that we can create a standard across the district that keeps our budget affordable and provides quality products with longevity without the need to repurchase before they fully depreciate. I have made connections with companies that buy very old and damaged instruments, that they fix up and sell, or recycle if they are unrepairable. Most of the information given during each seminar also included handouts with very valuable information that I plan to go over and share with at PLCs with my colleagues at Silverland Middle and Silver Stage. My mission is to further build the music community between our three schools, so that we can provide more standardized teaching approaches and create community between our students.

### *Other Comments:*



Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

1-13-26  
Date



Deputy Superintendent Approval

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Date