Board Report

Early Childhood/Elementary VP

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**January-April 2022**

**I have been brainstorming potential big-name presenters for January**

* Paul Corbierre and Melisa Blum (canceled last year due to Covid)
* Anthony Meehl
* Amie Curtis Pfitzner
* Franklin Willis
* Missy Strong
* LeslieAnne Bird
* Amy Abbott

**I have been considering our theme for the conference and our “reset” conversation from the first board meeting. Some thoughts:**

* How can we shift the sole focus from excellent performances to include the other 3 Missouri standards of Create, Respond, and Connect?
* We learn best by doing and participating. In selecting presenters, I plan on prioritizing sessions that are more than just presentations/lectures.
* What opportunities can we provide for participants to SHARE and not just receive?
* Jam session breakout rooms – loosely facilitated rooms with opportunities for participants to experiment, share, and PLAY
  + Drum circle
  + Ukulele
  + Recorder
  + Xylophones
  + Toys/Props/Movement
  + Music Tech!
    - GarageBand, Littlebits, synthesizers, etc.