

New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA)  
Parent Association  
NMSA-PA

Meeting Minutes Draft  
December 7, 2013

**I. Call to order**

President, Charles Hoy called to order the regular meeting of NMSA-PA at 11:10 a.m. on November 2, 2013 at the school's location.

**II. Sign Roll Call Sheet**

Roll call sheet

Those in attendance were asked to sign in. According to the sign in sheet, the following persons were present:

Karen Conley, Christi Hield, Joey Chavez, Jake Cohen, Charles Hoy, Tracy Howell, Jerry Wellman, John King, Soledad King, Lois Harvey, Kyle Smith, Tammy Orr, Kris and David Sandoval, Shelly Robinson, Gretchen Johnson, Charlotte Jaramillo, Susan and Warren Steinman, Leonardo , Stephanie Kirkhoffer.

**III. Introductions**

Introductions were completed.

**IV. Distribution of Minutes from the December Meeting**

To save time, the draft minutes are sent to those providing a readable e-mail address next to their name on the sign in sheet or are available before the meeting by emailing any one of the following individuals, Charles Hoy ([choy@diamondlakebd.com](mailto:choy@diamondlakebd.com)), Christi Hield ([Christi.hield@juno.com](mailto:Christi.hield@juno.com)), or Karen Conley ([kfconley@aol.com](mailto:kfconley@aol.com)). A limited number of copies will be available at the meeting. Approval of the minutes is at the end of the meeting to give everyone a chance to read them.

**V. Review, Additions and Approval of the Agenda**

**VI. Assign a Timekeeper**

Christie Heild acted as timekeeper.

Principal Report:

Ms. Montoya spoke about the Charter Renewal coming through and that there was one more step to go through.

### **Presidents Report:**

President Hoy made a presentation to the AI board at the LANL Foundation on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Charter and Arts boards both brought on an Attorney. Pres. Hoy spoke to the board about the goals of the PA. Jerry Wellman attended the meeting as well and spoke about his positive experiences with the school and Visual Arts Dept.

### **VII. Treasurer's Report:**

Christi Heild reported that the Theater Dept. made \$2100.00 on the Applebee's event. The total balance in the treasury is \$13,465.43.

### **VII. Old Business:**

Pres. Hoy brought up the amendment to the bylaws and the fact that we need to pass this to give clarity to the allocations of funds. Tammy Or moved to approve the amendment to the by-laws. Nina Mastrangelo seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

The Smith's Card Fundraiser went well. In two hours 700 cards were passed out. These cards are only good for Nov. and Dec. of 2013. We will need to pass out cards again in the New Year. Joey Chavez suggested we put out props i.e. a guitar to show the public the benefit of their money to the school. Shelly Robinson suggested each Art Department have a table with cards. The next date for card distribution at the various Smith's stores will be February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Update on the SWIA potential parking lot contract. Pres. Hoy will speak with Mr. Torres about this. There was discussion about us wanting to do this. Gretchen Johnson made a motion to continue the negotiations with SWIA. Tracy Howell seconds the motion. The motion was passed.

Art exchange day was a huge success with great participation from the students. \$660.00 was made for the dance. The P.A. donated food for the dance and there are many non-perishables left.

The Student Advisory Board will be reevaluating this activity. Joey Chavez mentioned there was not enough food in the morning from the PA. This will need to be addressed next year

#### VIII. New Business:

There is a coffee house coming up on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to bring food, organize and help clean up.

Christmas Eve Farolito Walk: We will open up the parking lot at 5:00 p.m. There needs to be 5 volunteers to help.

The Liaisons will send out information to each of their departments for these events.

#### Liaison Reports:

Dance Dept.: Winter Dances are coming up in January. More information will come out.

Theater Dept: There will be a Theater Performance in January. More information will be coming.

Visual Arts Dept.: National Portfolio Day is taking place at UNM. We have 8 students participating.

Music Dept.: There is an Instrumental Music performance coming up. The price is 10.00 at the door. This will be at the Presbyterian Church downtown. All State is coming up in January. We have many vocal and instrumental students participating. The Chamber Singers will be featured as the Honor choir this year.

Graduation: Some discussion was held about Junior Parents being in charge of the Reception. More information will be coming.

Yearbook: Yearbook met twice. Photos have been taken of all students. Ads are being sold. There was a question about the yearbook club possibly doing their own fundraiser. Completion date is set for April 2014. If there are any parents that have taken pictures of events, please send to the Gmail account for the yearbook.

Yearbook club meets every Thursday at 6:00 at the school.

## **XI. Administration/Staff Reports**

Joey Chavez spoke about the administration working on intervention plans to help the students who are falling behind.

Ms. Montoya and Riis Gonzales will find out this week about the Charter Committee's recommendation.

The Master Calendar committee members are looking for ways to reschedule the academic day. Three models are being looked at. By January this will come out to the parents. It will scale back the amount of classes required each semester.

## **XII. Additional Agenda Items**

### **XIV. Approval of Minutes from November meeting:**

A motion was made by Jerry Wellman to approve the November minutes. Tammy Orr seconds. The motion passed.

### **XV. Next Meeting**

Feb. 1, 2014

### **XVI. Adjournment**

President, Charles Hoy adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Conley, Secretary