

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

Meeting Minutes Final
March 1, 2014

I. Call to order

President, Charles Hoy called to order the regular meeting of NMSA-PA at 11:05 a.m. on February 1, 2014 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, Jake Cohen, Charles Hoy, Shelley Robinson, Chris Redecki, David Sandoval, Leonardo Civale, Tammy Orr, John King, Stephanie Kirchhoffer, Tom Osgood, Cindy Montoya, Renee Martinez, Soledad King, John King, Mawgie Alley, Warren Steinman. Megan Stavrowsky

III. Introductions

Introductions were completed.

IV. Distribution of Minutes from the February 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@diamonddlakebd.com), Christi Hield (Christi.hield@juno.com), or Karen Conley (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

Agenda was approved with no additions

VI. Assign a Timekeeper

Jake Cohen acted as timekeeper.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Christi Heild was not able to attend the meeting so Pres. Hoy gave the report.

At this time we have a balance of 10,236.64 in our treasury. This does not include the money made from the desert theater.

VIII. Presidents Report:

No Items a time.

IX. Old Business

There was some discussion about the proceeds from the Smiths fundraiser and how it is distributed to the school. The proceeds are distributed on a quarterly basis. Ms. Montoya reported that it was great getting that first check. The fundraiser seems to be going well and the February dates passing out cards went well.

X. New Business

a. President Hoy brought up the idea of approaching Albertsons to link into their card system. They pay out a maximum of 24,000.00 a year. Smith's cards need to be renewed annually. There was a mention of Whole Foods doing a bag deal for 10cents a bag.

b. Ms. Montoya mentioned that there is going to be a parent led river clean up and there was a need for a parent volunteer.

c. There was discussion about trying to make use of the parking lot more often as a fundraiser. Next year we need to think about tapping into Music Fest which takes place in October and Art Feast, which takes place in late January.

d. John King brought up the subject of Music Department Schedules. He feels the Music Dept. needs more awareness with the outside groups that the music students participate in as far as scheduling. There have been some major overlaps in concerts and rehearsals, which puts a lot of stress on our students.

e. Teacher Appreciation Day

There was a request from Christi Heild for \$900.00 to help out with costs for the week. There was discussion about what the funds would be used for. The money would be for gift bags, food, coffee etc. Renee Martinez made a motion to donate the \$900.00 toward Teacher Appreciation. Jake Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

f. Art Spring

Riis Gonzales sent a letter of request for a donation from the PA to Art Spring. There was a lot of discussion about how much money the PA needs to have in its treasury for the next year. President Ho led a long discussion about the incoming and outgoing of the money. At this time it was decided that a committee be formed to work on a budget for the PA. The following people volunteered to be on the committee:
Lois Harvie, John King, Tom Osgood, Charles Hoy, David Sandoval Christi Heild, Shelley Robinson. No decision was made at this time about the amount of money the PA would donate to Art Spring.

XI. Officer/Committee/Task Force Reports and Updates

Parent Fund Raising Events: See above

a. Liaison Reports:

Dance Dept.:

No reports at this time

Theater Dept.: Dessert Theater had a great turn out. The theater production went well. The theater students went to Roswell today to perform 33 flights Home as an outreach. One Acts will take place at the end of the year at Warehouse 21.

Visual Arts Dept.: Christina Gonzales organized the contest for the artwork on the T-Shirts. Visual Arts students selected the winner. Katie Pheobus has the file to send the art for printing. There was discussion about using our local resources for printing instead of Internet. Leonardo and David will get together on this. Katie will be sending Leonardo information about how many t-shirts to print.

Music Dept.: The Instrumental Performance was great. A new marimba was added to the department, which was funded by a donation. There will be a Junior/Senior recital March 24th at the Presbyterian Church downtown @ 7:00.

Year Book Club:

March 15 is the last day for Photos, Orders and to put in adds. If anyone has pictures from events or wants to put an ad for their business, send info to this e-mail NMSAYearbook1@gmail.com

Alumni Report:

No report at this time.

XI. Administration/Staff Reports

Ms. Montoya spoke about the staff changes for the next school year. The current Special Ed. teacher will be with us full time, Ms. Luscher will be leaving, there will be a proposal to both boards to hire another administrator to assist Ms. Montoya, there is a \$75,000.00 grant from Dell for technology which will be used to hire people as tech. Specialists.

NCA Accreditation is calling for Alignment to Common Core. PARECC Assessments will be tied to the Common Core.

XII. Additional Agenda Items

None at this time

XIV. Approval of Minutes from February 2014

Leonardo Civale made a motion to approve the February minutes Chris Radecki seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XV. Next Meeting

Since Spring Break Starts on April 5, there was a motion to change the meeting to March 29 at 11:00. Jake Cohen Seconds the motion. The motion passes.

XVI. Adjournment

President, Charles Hoy adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Conley, Secretary