

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

Meeting Minutes Draft
October 5, 2013

I. Call to order

President, Charles Hoy called to order the regular meeting of NMSA-PA at 11:10 a.m. on August 10, 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, Susan Steinman, Warren Steinman, Susan Cork, Charles Hoy, Kyle Smith, Tracy Howell, Eugene Maetas, Nina Mastrangelo, Brenda Euwer, Kristina Yamichiro, Chris Redecki, John King, Soledad King

III. Introductions

Introductions were completed.

IV. Distribution of Minutes from the September 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), 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 Student Council and Request for money for Theater Department added.

VI. Assign a Timekeeper

Christie Heild acted as timekeeper.

Presidents Report:

President Hoy will be making a presentation to the AI Board on November 7th @ 1:00 at SFCC.

VII. Treasurer's Report:

Christi Heild reported that there is a balance of \$11,550.10. Last year's fundraisers were: Birch \$5,000.00, Theater \$5,400.00, Music \$920.00. Christi feels we are not tapping into Fundraiser opportunities.

Payouts last year were: Teacher Appreciation, Yearbook and Choir Uniforms.

VII. Old Business:

President Hoy presented 5 points addressing the distribution of the monies. Raise money, assist putting on an event, fund a project or generally help out. It was stated again that the intent of the PA is to work together.

Tom Osgood, Alumni Rep. clarified the previous discussions that had been brought up during meetings about how the money was distributed and the consensus always was that we work together and share the monies. Nina Mastrangelo suggested there be a parent group formed to search out grants. There is a Grant Writer for NMSA and each Dept. Head has submitted requests to that person.

Chris Radecki asked to take a few minutes to explain what the AI is. Kristina Yamashira spoke to this. She explained that there are two parts: the AI is a 5013C and its mission is to provide the Arts instruction plus do the outreach for the funds. The Charter School side is funded by the State.

Tracy Howell volunteered to bring a list of websites to explore parent funding Grants.

Site council was discussed and it was suggested that if people were interested, they needed to contact Cindy Montoya.

David Gomez spoke to SWIA about the parking lot as a designated Vendor lot. A letter written by the President of SWIA was read. David will follow up on this.

The By-laws were brought up again. Nina M. made a call for action that Charles Hoy re-edits the by-laws and brings them to next meeting. Tammy seconds the motion and it passed.

There was discussion about a music liaison position, as Karen Conley needs to resign from that role. Karen will speak to Neil Swapp, the Music Dept. Head and ask him to send out a request to the Music Dept.

The question about a parent representative for the AI board was brought up. At this time there has not been a request for one.

IX. New Business

Student Council:

Eugene Maestes spoke about the upcoming Coffee House. It will be held October 11th from 6-9. Student Council is asking for help with food and the set-up. Parent volunteers should bring food at 6:00. Student Council is sponsoring a fundraiser, which will be Coffee mugs with the school logo. These will be sold for \$10.00 and the funds will be to support events that are held by Student Council.

Liaison Reports:

Dance Dept.: The next big event planned is “Rite of Way” in October along with the Visual Arts Department.

Theater Dept.: The date for the Apple Bee is November 16th. Brenda Euwer made a motion asking for \$500.00 to buy the I-pad for the raffle. This will be paid back. Susan Cort seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Visual Arts Dept.: Tracy Howell reported about the “Rite of Way” project which is taking place at the Railyard on the 25th and 26th of October. This is a project by the seniors in which they researched and worked on set design. They will need help with set up, parents directing parking etc. National Portfolio Day is coming up for the juniors. Portfolios are put together and taken down to Albuquerque December 8th.

Music Dept.: The Music Department had students attending Vocal Solo fest. Auditions for All State are coming up. There is an Instrumental Concert on October 21st at the Presbyterian Church 7:00 p.m.

Graduation: Katy Phoebus spoke about Graduation, which will be held Saturday May 31st, 11:00 a.m. at the Greer Garson Theater. Jostens is the Graduation Vendor and there will be a representative attending the Senior Seminar on Mon. Oct. 21st to hand out information about caps, gowns rings and announcements.

The PA is being asked to provide funds and volunteers for:

A reception with Cake and iced tea.
A ceremony photographer.
A photographer for the senior pictures.
Volunteers in the weeks leading up to graduation.

XI. Administration/Staff Reports

Joey Chavez spoke about a possible fund raising idea using Smith's Cards. Cards are scanned one time for NMSA and the money comes to us at end of the year. Mr. Chavez recommended a subcommittee be formed to work on this. John King and Jake Cohen volunteered to spearhead this.

Teachers are now receiving their pre-observations. The Charter School Committee will be visiting this week. The words and standards posted around the school are required by the PED and they are being used to unify the school.

Sunrise Club- This was put in place to help students who are having difficulty getting homework in or finished. If a student doesn't come with their homework they come to school early in the morning to work on it in the Sunrise Club. Mr. Chavez mentioned that homework is a practice skill.

The MAC lab is open before school. Students can come and work. April is there to supervise.

XII. Additional Agenda Items

Student Council, Request for money from Theater Dept.

XIV. Approval of Minutes from Sept. 14, 2013

XV. Next Meeting

November 2, 2013

XVI. Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by: Karen Conley, Secretary

