

NMSA Parent Association Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 10, 2015 11:00am -12:30pm Location: Cafeteria

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by David Sandoval, President, at 11:08 a.m.

II. Introductions

In attendance: Renée Martínez, Mawgie Alley, Warren Steinman, Susan Steinman, Shelley Robinson, Will McDonald, Tammy Orr, Tom Osgood, Joey Chavez, Harriet Jassem, Charlotte Jaramillo, David Sandoval.

III. Assign Timekeeper

Joey Chavez served as timekeeper.

IV. Review & Approve December 6, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Shelley Robinson to approve the minutes from the December 6 2014 PA Meeting as written. The motion as seconded by Will McDonald. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

V. Review & Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Susan Stienman to add Carl Gruenler to the agenda to provide information about the SFPS Technology Fund. The motion was seconded by Mawgie Alley. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

VI. President's Report (David Sandoval) Nothing to report.

VII. Treasurer's Report (Shelley Robinson)

Shelley highlighted adjustments to previously reported expenses for book shipping costs and less coming in from Christmas Eve parking lot fundraiser. Open commitments amount to \$5,700.

VIII. Administration Report (Joey Chavez)

112 applicants for enrollment have been received so far for next year. 50 students are targeted for new enrollment. A handout with student testing dates was distributed.

IX. Department Liaisons

Theater - February 28 is the new proposed date for Dessert Theater to allow for more time to organize event. The Music department will participate in the event and all departments are invited to participate.

Visual Arts - Glazing project. Student items to be auctioned in February.

X. Old Business

- Family Directory. Is completed and is ready to be printed. A digital copy will be sent out to all parents.

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- Smith's Fundraising. We cannot distribute Smiths card at the stores. We need alternate distribution channels. Cards should be available at all future events. A development office representative will be at each event and can promote the cards.

XI. New Business

- Yearbook Photos – A request was made for \$350.00 for Jennifer Esperanza to take photos for the yearbook. Students are willing to have a February bake sale and sell disposable cameras for candid photos to contribute to the cost. **A motion was made by Shelley Robinson provide \$350 in PA funds for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Mawgie Alley. The motion was tabled for one month.**
- Michael, Aprendia Learning, www.apredialearning.com , moved from Michigan a year and a half ago. He can provide free practice SAT and ACT tests, test strategies. A seminar is scheduled on the new SAT that will be used starting in Spring 2016. He worked with SF Prep and Desert Academy last year. DA provided 1 hour a week to all Juniors. SF Prep conducted classes for those interested, the classes are open to other schools.
- Upcoming Mill Levy Election - Carl encouraged parents to vote on February 3rd for the HB33 Mill Levy which provides for school building maintenance. See handout. It is important to get the word out. Joey Chavez suggested that we place the announcement on the school web site and include a post in the next newsletter. Early voting is starting soon.
- Christina Yamashiro, NMSA Budget - Christina provided a NMSA FY14-15 budget primer for the PA. All revenues must be targeted for an expense. 11 different revenue sources, e.g. Title I for low income student academic assistance, state equalization guarantee, Dell Grant, and SB-9. Expenditures may not exceed budget allocations by category-function. Total expense budget is \$2,238,724. There is a separate budget for the Arts Institute, not for profit; the expense budget is \$1,700,000. The Arts Institute annual goal for fundraising is \$1,500,000. The PA fundraising goal is \$10,000. Direct funds are increasing over the years, where PA funds are earmarked for a specific purpose, e.g. 50 copies of To Kill a Mockingbird. Should arts fees be tax deductible? Would this result in more contributions?
- Carl Gruenler, Technology Fund – Carl is the SFPS Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations. Christina and Ruben met with Carl to discuss NMSA use of technology funds. NMSA will be included in the next distribution of charter school funds. Ruben is on staff to help with technology on premise.

Will McDonald made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Osgood. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

- Parent Concerns - Dance chaperones. What behavior crosses the line of appropriateness and should be communicated and stopped. Concerns that kids are not eating lunch.

XII. Next meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2015.