

New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA) - Parent Association (PA) Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2014 *Draft*

I. Call to order

President, David Sandoval called to order the regular meeting of the NMSA-PA at 11:04 a.m. on December 6, 2014 in the school cafeteria.

II. Sign Roll Call Sheet

Those in attendance were asked to sign in.

III. Introductions

Introductions were completed.

IV. Review and Approval of October 2, 2014 and November 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Karen Conley and seconded by Leonardo C. to approve the minutes from the October and November 2014 meetings as written. The motion carried with unanimous consent.

V. Review, Additions and Approval of the Agenda

Requests were made to revise the agenda to:

- Add Carl Gruenler, Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations - Santa Fe Public Schools, to give a presentation on the Education Technology Fund
- Add Jessie Dickter, Student Council representative, to make a request of the PA
- Add Charles Hoy to provide updated on the yearbook and on alumni relations

Karen Conley made a motion to revise the agenda accordingly, the motion was seconded by Shelley Robinson and the motion carried with unanimous consent.

VI. Assign a Timekeeper

Joey Chavez acted as timekeeper.

VII. New Business

Education Technology Fund - Carl Gruenler, Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations - Santa Fe Public Schools, reported that there are \$30-40 million in annual SFPS district technology needs and the current budget has the capacity to meet 50% of these needs. State statute gives school boards the authority to approve taxes for education technology funds. 19 school districts have already done this to a much smaller degree. SFPS decided to plan on the use of technology to transform the classroom and overall learning environment. A blended learning approach utilizes technology to amplify the curriculum through digital learning and collaboration. This approach includes a flipped classroom where lessons are taught at home using technology and practice/homework is done in the classroom. Students are encouraged to bring what is learned to the classroom to share. Sufficient and sustainable technology investment is the goal. Apple Computers is the clear leader in this area. A cultural change is needed. The change requires solid communications infrastructure to support streaming video which is bandwidth intensive. SB9 funding is not enough. \$11 million is estimated as an adequate budget over 5 years for state of art infrastructure, training for teachers and devices for each student. A contract with experts from Apple and teacher aids will cost \$7,100 per student for NMSA. TelLabs is putting fiber into each school to provide very fast internet services. HB33 is used only for maintenance. A NMSA technology plan has been submitted to SFPS. One of the first goals is

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to administer the online PARCC test to all students. Mr. Rubin is the NMSA technology leader. There is a parent on the school technology committee. The school district's digital learning plan is posted on the SFPS web site. Carl will send the PA an electronic copy of the plan. SB 9 and HB33 include charter schools with some differentiation on treatment. Does the technology plan for NMSA consider use of technology for the arts departments? Yes, to some extent, but the plan is primary focused on academic areas and the first step/gate which is to facilitate data capture and testing. Christina Yamashiro will share the school technology plan with the PA. There is a desire for flexibility in implementation so as to give the schools a say on how to use funds, e.g. training. The PA requested a follow up report from Carl in March and April.

VIII. President's Report:

David Sandoval reported that a PA email account for parent communications into the PA has been established. The address is PA@nmschoolforthearts.org.

IX. Treasurer's Report:

The current balance is \$8,481.09. The report distributed includes actual expenses and funds committed to future events.

X. Administration Report:

Cindy Montoya reported that the PARCC Test (<http://www.parcconline.org/>) will be conducted in the spring. Students will use Google Chromebooks to take the test. An initial baseline test and another test one month later will be given. There are no time limits on the test. A recommendation that the PA provide snacks on the test dates was made.

Intervention for chronically tardy students (40 for some students) is underway. Joey Chavez is working with each student. A new rule will be adopted to equate 5 unexcused tardies to one unexcused absence.

XI. Art Department Reports:

- **Theater** – Joey Chavez. On February 7, the Shakespeare Project will return and will be blended with Dessert Theater. The other arts departments will be encouraged to participate in the event. A call for silent auction items from parents will be made. Joey will outline the event schedule and PA needs. Regarding the Applebee's fundraiser, the parents who coordinated this event in the past are no longer involved at the school. Ideas for a similar event at a different venue are encouraged.
- **Music** - Performances are scheduled for Tuesday, December 9 (orchestra concert at IHM), Thursday, December 11 (vocal concert at IHM) and Sunday, December 14 (choir with Santa Fe Orchestra and Santa Fe High School and one other school)
- **Dance** – A mixed repertoire of dance will be performed at James Little Theater in December. Another event is planned for February. An exchange of NDI choreography created by Adam for performance space at Highland Theater has been negotiated.
- **Visual Arts** –

XII. Old Business

- The Family Directory is ready for email distribution to parents.

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- A proposal for allocating PA funds was made. PROPOSAL: At the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, the PA will put aside \$1,000 for each Art Department for the year, after which requests, academic and arts, will be considered on a case by case, assuming funding is available. ***A motion was made to adopt this proposal by Jake Cohen and seconded by Karen Conley. He motion carried with unanimous consent.***

XIII. New Business:

Request for PA Funds to Support Dance Outreach Program -

Karen Conley made a motion to give \$2,200 to the Dance Department for an outreach event in Albuquerque, January 31 and February 1; the funds will be used for transportation and lodging and food. See attached proposal. Shelley Robinson seconded the motion.

Discussion – One parent asked if donations from attendees can come back to the PA? Advertising plans include: invitation to NDI students, radio, posters, and YouTube video. Mawgie is contacting hotels and restaurants to solicit discounted services.

After discussion, the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Request for Parents to provide food and snacks for Coffee House –

Jessie Dicker who serves on the NMSA Student council made this request to support the coffee house on December 12 at 7 pm. The PA agreed to provide food and beverages.

Yearbook Status Report -

Charles Hoy reported that Phil Baca is working on the yearbook this year. He needs help with advertising. Students will facilitate selling advertisements.

Alumni Relations –

Charles Hoy reported that Tom Osgood is involved with the alumni association, he is getting an association started. There is a plan for a holiday event on December 19th.

Christmas Eve Parking Fundraiser –

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Eve parking fundraiser. The following parents volunteered: Shelley, Charles, Joey, Renée. The fundraiser will start at 5 pm.

XIV. Next Meeting

January 10 at 11:00.

XV. Adjournment

President, David Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Renée Martínez, PA Secretary