

# New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA) - Parent Association (PA) Meeting Minutes - September 6, 2014

## **I. Call to order**

President, David Sandoval called to order the regular meeting of NMSA-PA at 11:00 a.m. on September 6, 2014 at the school's location.

## **II. Sign 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, Susan Steinman, Warren Steinman, Charles Hoy, Shelley Robinson, Kris Radecki, David Sandoval, Tammy Orr, Lee Rohovec, Sue McDonald, Amy Weider, Diego Trujillo, Charlotte Jaramillo, Soledad King, John King, Will McDonald, Mawga Alley, and Leonardo C.

## **III. Introductions**

Introductions were completed.

## **IV. Distribution of Minutes from the August 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)), Shelley Robinson ([robinsonmade@att.net](mailto:robinsonmade@att.net)), David Sandoval ([dsandoval7@comcast.net](mailto:dsandoval7@comcast.net)). 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 new additions.

## **VI. Assign a Timekeeper**

Joey Chavez acted as timekeeper.

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

President Sandoval talked about the Site Committee letting us know that he will be the representative for the PA on the committee. If there are any concerns that parents have they can talk to him and he will take this to the site committee.

Thanks for extended to all the Indian Market volunteers.

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

Shelley reported about the Smiths fund raiser which we got 1500.00, Spanish Market 1300.00, Indian Market \$1542.00. At this time we have \$9,176.05.

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### **IX. Administration Report:**

Back to School Night - All the arts block will be talking to the Junior and Senior parents about college. Then they will meet with the sophomore and freshmen parents, talking about academics, grading, schedules etc. Then everyone goes out to the academics schedules. Parents follow the student's schedule which this is critically important for the freshman and sophomore parents. Cindy Montoya and Riis Gonzales will be talking about the new school year and other important aspects of the school.

The T-shirt for this year will have the NMSA logo along with the departments. All the teachers liked this and the students and parents do also.

Students are beginning to get used to the new schedule. The common school lunch is popular. Mr. Chavez polled some of the students. The students like the time and being able to eat with friends.

### **X. Old Business:**

Indian Market didn't make as much as we made in Spanish market. A suggestion was made to have neon colored vests. We had a lot of Vendors who stayed the whole day.

John King brought up the concern about making less money from previous years. In the past we stayed longer in the day. A suggestion was made to stay until 3:00. The handicapped parking needs to be handicapped so the people parking don't get fined.

If the handicapped parking placards are covered we can utilize those spots as regular spots.

There was a discussion about other events that we could possibly do more fundraisers. Charles Hoy and John King will work on this.

Family directory: David asked if someone would put the directory together. We will need about 225. Leonardo volunteered to put this together. A suggestion was to have the forms available at back to school night for parents who did not fill them out. This directory will be available here at school in the next couple of weeks.

President Sandoval wants to develop a bulk e-mail to send out information to the parents. There will be a password available for the executive board.

Back to School night: Do we want to provide snacks? It was suggested to put out an e-mail asking for donations on Bright Arrow. Mr. Chavez authorized it. Tables will be available in the multi-purpose room. Back to School night starts at 5:30

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p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Parents can park in the city lot is available after 5:00 p.m. A schedule was passed around with the times for different activities on this night.

A suggestion was made to have the liaisons get up and introduce themselves during the department meetings so that parents know who they are and what their jobs are as liaisons.

### **XI. New Business:**

There has been a request with no dollar amount to provide for kids that can't afford the ACT and SAT tests. Shelley reported from previous we allocated about \$600.00. Leonardo made a motion to allocate up to \$1000.00 for anything for ACT and SAT prep. The motion was seconded by John King. The motion passed.

**Parent Concerns:** Homework load seems to be okay right now. Some concerns have been expressed about the frequency of the donor visits and the expectations for the kids to present. Mr. Chavez explained that the arts heads have been given schedules when donors are visiting. Then they give the Art Institute ideas about what classes would be good for them to see. He also said that the donors visit all the departments. President Sandoval will bring up this issue to the site council.

A question was asked if there was a list of any of the students and parents from outside Santa Fe. Pres. Sandoval said that the directory will be used for this. Leonardo inquired about the dorm situation this year. Mr. Chavez said there are about 23 of them. They are being housed up at Sacred Heart across from Santa Fe Prep. He reported that the kids like their rooms and food. There is an issue about what happens during delays, or if they miss the bus down. The school is working on this.

**Yearbook:** Megan reported that the yearbook will be coming in October. The reason it is taking so long was because ArtSpring and Graduation was included. About 100 students ordered the book last year.

A letter was read from Phil Baca about the yearbook. Paper Tiger will provide a template for the yearbook. They are interested in printing the yearbook. We need someone to run the club. Joey recommended that we open this up to the parents at back to school night. Megan thinks we should print it locally, but we need programs to work at home on. Will McDonald made a motion that we would place someone under contract for 2500.00 to be in charge of the yearbook club and get the yearbook out. The motion was seconded by Mawgie Alley. Discussion was about all the responsibilities for the person responsible. Meagan will put together a list of all the things need to get done. David will ask someone to write up the contract. The motion passed.

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Meagan Smith made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mawgie Alley. The motion passed.

The previous group that met about the yearbook will set up a contract for this position.

T-shirt design: The music department requests seed money for 1,016.00 to sell t-shirts and they will pay back. Mawgie Alley made a motion to give the seed money to the music department to sell t-shirts. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Jaramillo.

Discussion by Leonardo gave the history about the T-shirts from last year. Pres. Sandoval said that if Leonardo would like to bring all the information to the next meeting he could. The motion passed.

## **XII. Approval of Minutes from July and August, 2014**

Charles Hoy made the motion to approve the minutes from July and August. Susan Steinman seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

## **XIII. Next Meeting**

October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00.

## **XIV. Adjournment**

President, David Sandoval adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Conley, Substitute for PA Secretary