



Minutes of Parent Association Meeting, March 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m by VP Mary Versace. Frances Salles is absent due to travel so Mary residing the meeting.

Attending meeting—Mary Versace (VP PTA), Jamai Biivin (Secretary), Melodi Wyss-Feliciano, Cynthis Hanna, Amy Sayers, Amy Weider, Holly Baldwin, Brenda Euwer, Linda Hamashige, Stephanie Kirchhoffer, Andrea Cassett, Joey Chavez, Cate Moses and Diane Dwenzel.

School Liaison update - Joey Chavez presented at front of meeting due to auditions at the school and his schedule would not allow him to stay the entire time. Next week is the Edutopia visit. They have a special feature “School at Work “– Edutopia magazine will be filming at NMSA for a couple of days. Two days on campus, interviewing departments, parents, and school.

Denver trip final dates will be announced very soon.

Next week is All Night Diner. 9 plays first night, 9 plays next night (18 one acts).The following Monday they will be filming the acts, whole department involved. Design Company will be here in two weeks talking about the design of the new space.

Good group of students trying out for next year’s admission. All students in theatre are returning, so there will be approximately 16 spots in theatre.

Motion to Approve Agenda – addition, Jane Trembley and Naya Spencer Wagner will be making a request for the Senior class. Agenda approved by Stephanie, seconded by Holly.

Minutes of Last Meeting – Vice President presented Minutes of last meeting. Were there any amendments or corrections? Ammended to say not enough cakes for graduation. Motion by Stephanie to approve, seconded by Melodi. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report – David. PTA approximately \$17,425.00 current balance. This includes the online fundraiser and any payments Visual Arts and Music have not asked for any money this year. David was in charge of getting shredder, he is still looking at purchasing.

Theatre Report – Holly - Losing two teachers in dance. March 22nd kicking off Booster Club at Cowgirl who mentions NMSA Dance. Begins at 5 p.m. Donation to Silent Auction requests still out.. After Spring Break, the dept. will raffle Spring Fling baskets. This is to

raise funds for summer dance programs. Cowgirl offers these for Booster Clubs on Tuesday and Wedn nights September through May.

Music Dept. – Stephanie reported out this month MPAs occurred. Strings did fabulous. The score was 100%. The other scores were 99. Ear Training was a new skill. Junior and Senior Recitals. Friday and Saturday night shows at the Scottish Rite Temple. PTA recommends that school tries to not double up departments so that students/parents can attend both, understanding that this season is incredibly busy. Jackie McGehee Young Strings Artist Competition. Maggie King won first place and \$2,000. Sam Barrett placed second. Hannah Zercher got honorable mention.

Theatre – Cynthia – Joey mentioned next weeks' performance. "Chicken and Fish". There will be a raffle and prize is a chauffeured evening for two at Four Seasons. This year performances will include Sweeney Todd and Newsies. \$220.00 per student but fundraising and raffle to reduce closer to \$180.00. Cynthia requested \$3,000 from PTA for the trip, and the theatre department will continue to raise funds for the trip.

Discussion was opened for discussion of request. The trip is educational based, and students are seeing shows in final productions, as well as work shopping. Melodi wanted to make a request that it be communicated more clearly to parents via emails to understand cost breakdown between school/parents. Melodi also requested more clarification on the agenda itself, especially for parents chaperoning. Cynthia will get Joey to get more clear directions for parents. An information sheet is requested. Holly Baldwin recommended we increase to \$600.00.

Motion was submitted by Jamai Blivin to approve \$3,000 for the trip. Seconded by Holly Baldwin. . A motion was submitted for an additional \$600 for scholarships by Andrea. It was seconded by Melodi. The department will come up with a scholarship form and requests will be submitted to the department for scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook - update Jamai Blivin and Mary

PTA is encouraged to sell ads for yearbook. Students will receive flyer. Photos can be sent to NMSA.stayconnected@gmail.com

Valentines Dance – was a success.

Update on Online Fundraiser – Mary – made 40% of goal \$4000 and extended to May 1st. The competition is over, but still extended to May 1. Around May 1 the students will be asked to disable their pages to end the fundraiser and not create confusion with those pages next year. It was challenging, but also rewarding. Feedback received was that it needs improvement. Kids didn't feel connected and didn't understand. Mary and Frances spent many hours with classroom, students, making announcements, etc.

Mary motioned a \$100 cash award and two \$10 gift certificates for the fundraiser. It was motioned by Andrea and seconded by Hannah.

NEW BUSINESS

Other fundraiser discussion, Shredder Day, Whole Foods Bags, other ideas for PTA. Students must see the value of fundraisers. There needs to be a fundraiser committee. Jamai will chair committee, Cynthia is co-Chair. Andrea will also be on committee.

Student Presentation - Jane Trembly discussed Sr. T-Shirts. Movie fundraiser on March 22 at Jean Cocteau. Last year raised \$300.00 \$10, \$8 and \$5. Request was that the PTA would match the amount students raised. Sr. Gift art piece. T-shirt cost is \$22.00 each. Can print own shirts at Warehouse 21?? Srs. want to get shirts from Josh at Travel Bug. Much less than last year. Each senior will pay \$15.00 individually. Mary also recommended they check with Kaune's on having a bake sale. Sam's Club also allows bake sales. Jean Cocteau fundraiser posters are around school. Movie was selected for families. NM School for the Arts pagebook page. Jane also in charge of instagram page. The Breakfast Club 7 and 9 p.m. Cowgirl fundraiser then movie night! Pasa Tiempo and Santafe.com for additional advertising.

Discussion occurred on the match. We should set a limit on the match amount for approval. Jamai Blivin motioned a match of up to \$550.00 Mary Versace seconded.

Graduation – Cake Volunteers. Brenda has offered to build a sign up sheet for cakes. Need to assure we have enough. Graduation is May 24th, Tuesday. Cake Odyssey is expensive. Perhaps approach them for discount for marketing/recognition. Whole Foods, Chocolate Maven, It would be good to get some quotes from several different folks. Discussion around Sams Club and Whole Foods. Linda will order cakes, plates, forks, napkins, etc. Linda needs volunteers. Jamai, Linda and Cynthia will help cut cake. We need more volunteers and there will be a signup sheets. Volunteers need to be there by 11 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, Teacher Appreciation Day, Tuesday May 3rd – Brenda will make sign up sheet. Asking parents to bring a \$5.00 gift card for teachers. Divvy gift cards for delivery. 52 teachers and staff. Flowers, gift card, cookies. Cynthia recommended that we are getting tapped. So, either get a gift for \$5.00, flowers or cookies. Mary will write the letter, send to each liaison and then it will be distributed. Discussion occurred, recommendation on travel bug. Travel Bug and OPCity Books.

Special thank you and Stephanie report will move to next month agenda.

Next PTA Meeting, April 16, 9 a.m. in cafeteria.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.