



Minutes of Parent Association Meeting, November 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Frances Salles at 9:04 a.m. Frances welcomed everyone.

Role Call – Frances Salles (President PTA), Mary Versace (VP PTA), Devin Baldwin, Holly Baldwin (dance liaison), Stephanie Kirchhoffer (music liaison), Linda Hamashige (music liaison) Cynthia Hanna (theater liaison), Joey Chavez (admin liaison)., Mikiko Ellis (School Counselor), David Longo (parent), Ally Longo (student), Phil Baca (parent), David Sandoval (Treasurer), Dianne (parent, and Jamai Blivin, (PTA Secretary).

Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes of last meeting were presented by President. Were there any amendments or corrections? None. Motion by Cynthia to approve, Mary seconded. Minutes were approved.

Approval of Agenda – David Longo has a request for new business. David Sandoval and Mary Versace will also have new business, Student Advisory Board, Student Council, Holiday Food Drive, Christmas Eve, office equipment request. Volunteers chaperone for fall dance. Motion to Approve -David. Jamai seconded. The motion approved.

Presidents' Welcome and Report – Frances welcomed the attendees and thanked them for support of the PTA. Thank you for the success of the dessert night.

Treasurers Report – David. NMSA has a company that has been doing finances. Still don't have a budget from them. Still trying to track deposits of items and events. David will contact Reese about PTA concerns. PTA has committed that each of the art areas will receive \$1,000 upon department request. Joey went to John requesting budgets for student council, Thespian Club and his dept. John Wolfe is handling charter school. Lorraine is handling art institute. Joey did receive the budget. Frances will visit John Wolfe's office. Jamai has reimbursements from Dessert Night which she will send to David Sandoval.

Mikiko Ellis – School Counselor – criteria for financial aid for PSAT and SATs classes and testing. Discussion centered on the selection process of students that need financial aid. Approximately 46% of students are free and reduced lunch, and Mikiko has access to this information. As yet, very small number of requests, so not worth creating new protocols. Agreement was made that we will look at all requests on an individual basis. Process will remain that counselor will contact PTA President with any requests for financial needs.

Yearbook - Proposal and Budget – Phil Baca

Phil Baca presented experience from last year. Advertising and sales covered 100% of the printing costs. Last year ran out of books. Phil's plan is to do rerun of a few of 2014-15 books at same time as 2015-16 books. Important to have Archive of copies at school. Ads in the Art Spring booklet, with companion pieces in yearbook. At certain donor levels, ad in the yearbook. Printing costs \$52-54 per book. Last year did 83 books. His daughter, Lila wants to be editor, and groups of students are meeting now for production. In terms of layout, we are ahead of timeline. Mini supplement will cover Art Spring, graduation. Book will be delivered one week before school is out. Photos can be sent to NMSA.stayconnected@gmail.com Stipend last year was \$2500 for Phil Baca in 2014-2015. Phil did say he would do it for the same amount. Estimate of 100 books \$5200 plus \$2500 total \$7700.00.

PTA will help to raise the funds for the yearbook. Dianne Duenzl will help with photos if need to. Phil will collect photos from anyone.

Suggestion that Phil circulate price schedule for advertising in year book, so PA can solicit from friends and contact - need to be careful to communicate and not keep soliciting the same companies. Also, parents can take out adverts.

Administration Report - Joey Chavez PARCC scores came out. Way above state average and national. Julliard's visit was a success. Students asked many questions and school indicated they had never had that type of engagement from students. We are on their radar! Frances said thank you to all of the teachers and administration!

Cindy Montoya 2014-15 PARCC Results overview: Student scored as 1-2-3-4-5. According to PARCC 4/5 means college ready. If we designate 4/5 a grad requirement, we would leave behind a huge # students. 2016 and 2017 3-4-5 is considered proficient. Not sure what school grades will be based on from PED. Won't have that information until December. NMSA will release when it is determined which scores are included. All NM results can be found at <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/NMPARCCindex.html>

Department Liaison Reports

Theatre Dept. – Rumours and Dessert Night a success. Plenty of dessert. Joey thinks we need to extend it to two weekends. Performances of House of Bernarda Alba this weekend has sold out.

Monday the 4X8 Pop Up Picture Show will open at Warehouse21.

Music Department – Orchestra held its first concert. Choir held its first concert, along with 3 piano students.

All-State auditions were held. Rosters posted on NMSMEA website, Selected students will perform with their ensembles in January at UNM, Popejoy Hall
Mara Robinson Tribute Recital is Tuesday, November 17th 6 p.m. at the Lensic. Students performing were selected by audition. Tickets are on sale through Lensic Box office.

Visual Arts Department - there was no liaison present so no report.

Mary and Frances will look into getting a second liaison who can come to Saturday meetings.

Dance - "Thriller" was a success.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Rumours/Dessert Night. Format was a positive. Food galore. Good venue. Raffle and Silent Auction \$858.00 plus \$250.00 unpaid. Goes into PA pool.

Needs to be a better system for dessert night for next year. Jamai, Mary, Cynthia, Joey, Linda will meet to debrief and come up with new system. Jamai will take first stab at revising the process we. Linda has leftover items at her house.

2. Update on Online Fundraiser. Mary Versace reported that it is delayed to the beginning of the spring semester. There is a flyer that will go out to parents/students. During Academic Seminar, student and parent volunteers will assist in how to go online. Middle of January is target date. Request that we have lead time to participate and volunteer/assist.

3. School Directory – Cynthia Hanna should have it completed soon.

Motion made by David Sandoval to extend meeting today to 10:45. Seconded by Stephanie, Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gabe – student council on November 20th first school dance. Can PTA provide water/soda for the night. David said students don't drink sodas, perhaps water. Dept. Liaison writes request for water. Each Dept. will be requested to drop off drinks. Jane Trembley breakfast for Arts Exchange Day on November 20th. Breakfast, snacks in large hall. Divided school into four groups and everyone gets to take a class in another person's art form. Request for breakfast foods/snacks

Theatre – water for dance (approximately 100 students)

3 Liaisons will connect for the Art Exchange Day (Stephanie, Maria, Cynthia)

David will provide cake for the dance

2. Request for a host family for Alyson for remaining five months of year. Ally is a voice student. This would begin January 5th. Interested families please contact David Longo. Cell 860-614-4919 D.longon@gmail.com. Ally will get this to Frances

3. David Sandoval – office need for professional grade shredder. David will bring price to next PTA meeting. If under \$500 it will go to Executive

4. Dance – need 12 chaperones – 6 each shift. 6:30 -9 and 9-11. Request could go on same email for the Arts Exchange and water request. Will go in the same request of liaisons.
5. Holiday Food Drive – asking kids to give back. Big food drive at school – bins will arrive this week. Student council needs to get kids excited. Would like to see kids getting together and going into neighborhood and asking neighbors/friends to donate. Food bank weighs food, and we would like to get a record number of lbs of food! Thanksgiving to Christmas time period.
6. Christmas Eve Parking lot will be addressed next meeting.

Calendar –

Financial Aid is Tuesday night, November 10

A Tribute to Mara Robinson, Lensic Theatre, November 17th

Fall Dance , November 20th

Arts Exchange Day, November 20

Orchestra and Choir Concert, 7 p.m. December 2nd

Fall Poetry Meeting, Friday, 6 p.m. December 4

Next PTA Meeting, December 5th, 9 a.m. in small rehearsal room.

The meeting ended promptly at 10:45.