

## Minutes of Parent Association Meeting, October 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Frances Salles at 9:10 a.m. Frances welcomed everyone.

**Role Call** – Frances Salles , President, Mary Versace, VP, Cynthia Hanna Theatre liaison, Diana Dusenzi,, Hanna Burnham, Holly Baldwin, John King, Soledad King, Will McDonald, Amy Sayers, Brenda Euwer, Kris Radecki, Jamai Blivin, David Sandoval, Treasurer, Joey Chavez, Chair Theatre, PTA Liaison, Stephanie Kirchhoffer, Music Dept. Liaison, Siri Hollander.

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

**Presidents' Report** – Year seems to be going well. School purchase of Sanbusco Center is big news. More from Joey on that soon. Online fundraiser is in the works. Parents and PTA are critical to the success of the school.

**Treasurers Report** – David. Still struggling on new accounting firm with the school, they have not provided the report requested, so no official report. Joey reported that there is a change with the accountant, and things will be tightened up ASAP. Phil Baca was paid for last year's yearbook. Phil is already up and running with this years' as well. If anyone has receipts for events, pls. save receipts for David Sandoval, he will take care of reimbursement.

**School Liaison's Report:** Joey Baca. Sanbusco has been purchased and is now owned by Sanbusco. We are in possession of the property, and tenants are now paying to Art Institute. Tenants were provided a letter and no one was requested to leave. Noone will be kicked out before Christmas. Email went out to parents. EdSpec meetings will begin on what the school should look like, led by Dr. William DeJong (Bill). Feedback from students, parents, faculty members, architects, etc. Common usage, boarding, dream school design.

### Department Liaison Reports

**Joey** – Outreach in Espanola and Pojoaque to engage all departments and potential students - on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Music Department** – (report from Stephanie) Orchestra Concert on Oct 6th (7:00 pm) Immaculate Heart of Mary

- String Master Class on Oct 10th (10:00 am) St. Francis Auditorium
- All state auditions on Oct 22nd in ABQ (tentatively waiting for schedule)
- Juilliard School visit to NMSA on Oct 27th at 6:00 pm (must register online on Julliard site)
- Choir concert on Oct 28th (7:00 pm) St. Johns College

**No report from Visual Arts liaison available**

**Theatre Department** (report from Cynthia) –Rumours Performance. Dessert night - Dessert and Raffle. Items for raffle are still needed.

**Dance Department** (report from Holly) – very successful performance last week. Earlier in September, Linda from Julliard was here. UNM working with kids this weekend for choreograph. Went to see Twilight. Adam did a dance career class on September 30<sup>th</sup> and info on BA, BFA, etc. Free tickets to Gene Kelly show. On October 30<sup>th</sup> the students will be performing at various middle schools.

Frances thanked all of the liaisons for their communications.

Online Fundraiser for PA:

On Razzu.com will allow students to make a page that will be emailed to friends/family...

First to Parents for oversight.

Students may mail letters to people in their lives who don't use the computer.

Donation will be neither Student or department specific, but will be lumped into the PA budget and split equally between departments. After each department receives it's allocation, the extra funds will go to academics.

Some parents are requested to volunteer~40 mins of their time to come to NMSA and explain the system to students once it is operational.

Some discussion of a trial run to a few students in order to test it.

It should be operational by the end of "next week" (Frances)

Some discussion of a link to community service, this year a food drive.

Yearbook: PA will invite Phil to present and ask for what he needs/expects.

Do we need/want to provide these to students if they can't afford them. Right now this is a revenue-less venture, and some parents who requested did not receive one last year. Also, the timing of the publication was poor.

There was motion passed to provide \$65 to a needy student for needed SAT or ACT funding.

A motion was proposed to allocate up to 1000\$ for this type (as above) of expenditures, but the question as to whether there should be a protocol to prove financial need of the student in order to qualify for these \$\$s tabled the motion. We should ask Makiko to look at how this should be done.

The printing of a school directory has been donated. Cynthia and one other PA member agreed to work on this.

The meeting ended promptly at 10:30