

NMSA Parent Association Meeting Minutes October 1, 2016

0906 Meeting called to order

Jacob Sisneros- visual arts teacher requesting \$1000 to cover cost for 24 students to go on trip to visit site of Star Axis Foundation. Single day drip to enjoy land art- this is an exclusive site and students have been invited to visit the site on October 7, 2016. Usually the cost is \$250/person.

Questions were asked as to what students are doing to raise funds for this trip?

A- No fundraising yet

Question if students could give presentation after the visit

Motion to Give \$500 to help cover the cost. This motion was seconded.

Vote passed to give \$500. To cover cost of Star Axis Foundation trip

Diane gave treasurers report-

Ledger update from accountant last month. Line items seemed odd. Reallocated funds appropriately to Art Institute so now have accurate balance of \$10,927. Deposits from Spanish and Indian Market parking lot fundraisers. Deposit from Smith Grocery. No longer able to hand out Smith cards at Smiths but can push to get cards out at school. Will push for Smith cards to be distributed in January. Frances has agreed to help with this in the new year.

Withdrawals from ledger include money for timpani drums and 3 payments to Brian Serna for drug/alcohol awareness presentations.

Before next meeting will check into receiving money from Whole Foods, Co-op, Sprouts, Albertsons in reference to their bag credits.

Old Business-

Razoo fundraiser- Frances gave update. She will connect with chair of each art department to introduce fundraiser in 2017.

Yearbooks are available per Joey Chavez. List of those that signed up for them and can pick them up in the school office. The year book includes graduation pictures so that is why they come out at the beginning of the next year rather than before school gets out.

New Business-

Bill Bruno brought up the way for parents to correspond for car-pooling purposes. Can try nextdoor.com but do not know if people from multiple neighborhoods can communicate through that app. Maybe google group would work. Suggestion to put a sign up in the office for parents to put their name down if would like to be included in car pool name group.

A motion was made for an email and letter to be written to send to parents. This motion passed.

Has been discussed by school leadership during the month.

Parent Fundraiser events/idea?

Whole kids for gardening, healthy foods. Will follow up with Whole Foods

Student/Dept Events-

Theatre dept has 3 shows opening soon. Development office will handle ticket sales.
Requests for students to donate concessions

Student council will have two fundraising events

Fall Dance which will raise money for Animal shelter or Save the Bees

Breakfast burrito sales on Monday and Thursdays

Car magnets for sale at every event

Music Dept- all state auditions in October

Fundraising for Valentines signing

Administration Report-

Outreach required by charter. Ongoing performances throughout NM. Outreach and recruitment go together.

Open House coming soon. Application requests are coming in.

Dr. Unkefer to speak to students about Neuroscience of learning

Blue Ribbon presentation in D.C.

First edit of Edutopia coming. Plans to use it to help with fundraising, possibly tie it into Razoo fundraiser

Multiple clubs active- Student council, GQA, Speech and Debate club, Sustainability club.

Snacks are available in the afternoon before Arts block. Pre-packaged snacks supplied by separate organization. Accepting fruits.

Long range planning- Including new facility. Architecture group submitted design/conceptual phase.

First phase- Business office moving to Sanbusco soon

Have all activities on campus- including dance

Dorms at Sanbusco site

Multi-use spaces- must be compromises to make it all happen
Design for approximately 360 students- including new Arts of Cinematic Arts and
Creative Writing
Will open with approximately 230 students.
Performing Arts center will be added last

Budgeting-

Thoughts on how PA can pre-plan rather than just respond to requests which turns into first come first served. Each dept allowed \$1000. Suggestion to put budget together in future PA plans.

Discussion on request from Kate Chavez for guest artists and additional extracurricular opportunities for theatre students totaling \$2000.

A discussion ensued- First motion to give theatre dept \$2000 failed

Counter motion to give theatre dept 75% of request for total of \$1500 was seconded and passed.

Liaison reports-

Dance Dept- new chair from Hubbard St. in Chicago

First dance fundraiser Oct 11 at Il Vicinno before Open House

Music Dept- has not had opportunity to meet with director yet- coming soon

Move to Approve minutes form last meeting- approved.

Future agenda items-

Budgeting- Burden on arts departments and PA being prepared as to what can offer

Next meeting November 5, 2016.

Meeting ended.