

NMSA All-School Committee Meeting
Final Minutes for March 3, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by Adelma Hnasko, Executive Director, NMSA, due to the absence of Chairperson, Trina Raper and Principal, Cindy Montoya.

Roll Call Those participants who attended and signed in:

Janey Potts, NMSA Contractor	Adelma Hnasko, Executive Director	Sherry Garcia, Secretary
Charles Hoy	Jacob Cohen	Katharine Gates
Cheryl Gardopee	Steve Ediger	Karen Conley
Chriss O'Neill	Tammy Orr	Laurie DeDomenico
Susan Magestro	Shelley Robinson	Shelly Felt

NOTE: Please remember to sign in and please print clearly so correct spellings of names can be achieved.

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were moved for approval by Steve Ediger, seconded by Laurie DeDomenico and were unanimously approved with two corrections.

Items for Agenda

- ASC draft structure
- School Calendar
- SAT Study Course
- Drugs

Committee Reports

Student Social Committee:

Chriss O'Neill reported that the next coffee house is scheduled for March 8 from 6:30-8:30. Performance reviews were held. There will be a Student Council meeting the week of the 5th.

Fund Raising Committee:

Laurie DeDomenico reported that she is working with Julie Gomez to get all of the events on the calendar. The end of school year performance/fund raiser is called the ArtSpring 2012 with Gala and Live Auction and is scheduled for Thursday and Friday May 10 & 11. Information went out on Friday.

Volunteers and participation are needed for back stage, preparing food for students and many other activities behind the scenes. Charles Hoy volunteered to assist with PR for this event. It was requested that parents receive a reminder of what they signed up to help with.

Residential Committee:

Chriss O'Neill reported that Stephanie is taking over the food program for the 14 students in the dorms.

Grounds Committee

Jake asked if there is going to need to be a ground committee for the new location. This spurred a brief overview about the status of the possible new location from Adelma. Since a new location is about three years out, in a couple of years input will be obtained about the gardens and grounds.

Old Business

ASC DRAFT Structure: Chriss, Adelma and Laurie represented the work group that refined the proposed permanent ASC structure. A 3-page handout was provided that further developed the role of the President, Vice President, Secretary, the new Treasurer position and a Parent Volunteer Coordinator.

The handout further defined the NMSA Parent Committees and the role of NMSA Parent Committee Chairs from the February meeting.

There was discussion about three additional committees: Yearbook; School Community and Residential/Out of Town Student Outreach. It was agreed to include these new committees.

MOTION: Laurie moved that contingent on Trina and Cindy's review and input, to approve the Committee Structure; have Chriss consolidate the draft into a more streamlined document; use iContact, website, calling, etc. to communicate the structure and the election of officers/selection of committee chairs at the April meeting to create a slate of candidates and allow nominations the day of the next meeting. Steve seconded. Discussion ensued to have a phone tree and several parent volunteered to contact parents in their student's discipline to get officer nominees and parents to chair committees. The motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion: If there are many candidates for officer positions, each will be given two minutes to explain why they want to hold the office. Cheryl will create a script for parents to use when calling about the election and chairperson selection at the April 14 ASC meeting. It was also suggested that we can have more than one person hold an office so that there is back up.

Parents who would like to be considered for an office or committee chair but are unable to attend the April 14th meeting may contact Chriss O'Neill by a deadline to be established and communicated.

Calendar: Karen provided a report regarding meeting with Cindy. Administration and faculty have mapped out a schedule/calendar that includes exams which will be prior to winter break next year. Christmas break will be 12/21 through 1/7 next year. The weekend after return will be All State. School will start on either the 13th or 15th of August. To be included in the calendar:

- Important performances of which the school is aware such as Warehouse, winter dances (they are going to the chairs to get the dates)
- Fund raising events
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Student events such as prom
- Breaks (spring break still has to be obtained from the public schools)

After the calendar is completed, it must be presented and voted on by the Board. Their next meeting is in April so the calendar will be released after that.

New Business

SAT Study Course: Katharine Gates explained that the SAT is important for financial aid purposes even if the college or program that a student plans to attend doesn't require SAT scores for admission. The juniors will take the SAT on May 5th. Katharine and Cindy have worked to offer SAT tutoring for up to 18 students for two hours each Saturday starting March 17. The cost depends on how many of the 18 slots are filled. (On this date 11 of the slots were filled and the cost would be \$96.) Students will take the tests at home, bring their tests for review and tutoring will be provided at NMSA. Students will need the SAT Study Guide. A letter went out to parents or Katharine can be contacted at Katharine.gates@gmail.com

If the tutoring improves scores from the PSAT to the SAT, there will be an effort to offer this again next year.

Drugs: A parent asked what the school is doing to assist, educate or deal with students that may be using drugs. Adelma provided a general overview of the efforts to date and how various situations are handled. The discussion that followed included the following ideas or related issues:

- Other students hanging out in the parking lot who could be using or selling drugs.
- Despite hall monitoring by faculty and administration, students are propping doors open and people could come in the building.
- Possibility of video monitoring for safety.
- Increasing communication with parents about what is being done and what is happening.
- Possibility of shuttle to pick up students from the train so that school can start at 8:30 and end by 4:30.
- Completing the revisions to the student handbook as that has helpful information about drugs.
- Jake Cohen works with young people on alternatives to taking drugs, such as positive reinforcement, resilience, meditation, martial arts, visualization and would be willing to provide information to students.

Adjournment and next meeting: The next meeting is Saturday **April 14, 11:00** at NMSA. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM by Adelma.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Garcia, Secretary