

NMSA All-School Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes for October 1, 2011

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 11: 03 AM. By co chair Trina Raper. She explained that this committee meets the first Saturday of each month at 11:00. The agenda follows the same format with items suggested from the floor. Discussion items should be global and specific issues related to students at the school should be discussed with the appropriate administrative staff. ‘The standard agenda items are: approval of minutes from previous meeting; items from the floor, reports, action items and discussion items.

Roll Call Those participants signed in who attended the meeting:

Cindy Montoya, Principal	Trina Raper, Chair	Sherry Garcia, Secretary
Christi Hield	Barbie Robertson	Inez Russell Gomez
Beth Schorr	Susan R. Cort	Johnny Robertson
Charles Hoy	Susan Steinman	Janey Potts
Michael Rodriguez	Laurie DeDomenico	Christi Schacel
Stephen Koehler	Stella Magestro	Leonardo Civale
Bernardo Parella	Julie Zimmer	Doug Ottersberg
Michael Rodriguez	W. Steinman	Shelly Robinson
Vladimir Matias	Susan R. Cort	Jake Cohen
Chriss O’Neill	Cheryl Gardopee	Katharine Gates
Tammy Orr		

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

Approval of Minutes: August minutes were unanimously approved after Janey Potts moved and Stephen Koehler seconded the motion. Janey Potts moved and Tammy Orr seconded approval of the September minutes. The September minutes were unanimously approved after discussion about a point of clarification: Who will accept items for the agenda throughout the month? Chair Raper explained that Co-Chair Michele Ortega will be resigning, so agenda items can be sent to Chair Raper at Trainar55@aol.com. Elections will be held in November for Co-chair.

It was agreed that a report from Student Council Co-President, Barbie Robertson would be moved up on the agenda before creation of agenda items.

Student Council Report: Barbie can be contacted at barbierobertson@live.com.

The Student Council is working on a Halloween Carnival for October 31st. They are working to develop class unity with games and competitions. If parents have ideas they would welcome the input. They are going to have prizes such as I-tunes and movie gift cards.

They are working on parking cost issues. They sent out a survey and Barbie has been in contact with the City. She asked for input regarding a parking fee that would be reasonable. The final decision was \$30 per year.

The Student Council planned to sponsor a dance on 11-11-11. However, there was discussion that this would interfere with the Hahn-Ross Gallery fund raiser which starts at 4 pm that day and runs the entire weekend. The S.C. will look at another date that will also not interfere with dorm students going home.

May 18th is available for Prom. The dance will be school-wide and underclass students are welcome.

Student Council is planning to hold bake sales in the mornings possibly the first week of every month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to raise funds. The S.C. is looking for contribution of baked goods. However, Ms. Montoya provided information that due to issues with nut allergies, schools are no longer allowed to accept donations of baked goods that are not clearly marked with ingredients and how the product is made. This will mean that baked goods need to come from a store. There was discussion about whether bakeries could be contacted for donations. It is possible as long as they are well-labeled. The lunch vendor was also going to be contacted to determine if they could assist. Perhaps Dunkin Donuts could provide donuts and there could be orange juice.

The S.C. is also embarking upon a project to deal with school misbehavior including stealing. They are looking into RRR, Reviewing Respect and Responsibility process.

The S.C. is asking if a parent representative can attend at least some of their meetings to provide input and ideas. The Student Council meets every Tuesday morning at 8:15 in Room 205, Dr. Seagraves room. There were two parents that volunteered to attend. Their meetings are not yet posted on the website.

There was a question about whether the school directory that is being published could identify those who are in student council.

Creation of Agenda: Discussion or Action Items

Choices in Music Department – D	Pick up and drop off parking lot safety - D
Flexibility of majors or focus – D	Students from other schools on NMSA campus – D
Theft issues from lockers – D	Fund Raiser on October 15 – Report
Art & Communication Sub Comm –Rep	Structure of the All School Committee-D
Hahn-Ross Fundraiser –Report	Call To Action- Report
Front Desk Process, checking in/out-D	Fall Dance –Discussion
New schedule, passing periods, lunch-D	East side table situation-D

I. Reports

1. Principal's Report: by Cindy Montoya

- Call to Action-NMSA is working with the City of Santa Fe related to St. Catherine's as a possible future site of NMSA. The City would purchase St. Catherine's buildings and

lease it to NMSA. NMSA would have to renovate the buildings which would be accomplished in phases. Support is needed such as contacting city councilors about what it means to NMSA students and how important this is. This should be a good fit with the Historic Board as well, since the use would be for a school. There are 2.5 more years remaining on the current lease for the building the school is now in. Ms. Montoya is also in contact with the Archdiocese about extending the current lease. NMSA will have a Facilities Committee to work on this. Christi would like to be involved in this process to provide input regarding creation of a positive environment that is respectful of all traditions. The information about this endeavor and dates of meetings is in the newsletter. It was mentioned that you can “friend” Mayor Coss on facebook.

- NMSA is in the process of reviewing the Charter. LR planning, goals, measures, etc. The question that is asked is “How do we know we are a great school?” In three years NMSA must go before the NMPED. The original core values are on the website, it is 51 pages. The SA-NM Board, Student Council, Staff and NMSA Board will meet in the next 2 weeks. The final document is due by November 8 for presentation to both boards.
- Strategic Planning is being accomplished bit by bit. One step was to have one logo for both school’s use. The Public side and the Arts Institute site. There was discussion about the use of “Classic” and what it means and mastery of an art form. There was a suggestion to add academic preparation to core values and add the word “diverse” vs. “focus”. NMSA can’t be all things to all people. It is recognized that there is a need for students to try other things like theatre, poetry, art history, and dance. The administration and faculty meet weekly (every Friday morning) to discuss the master schedule. There are requirements by year to graduate per state law. They are looking at ways to integrate courses with the arts. For example, is there a way to integrate science with visual arts? The Charter is a mastery arts program and until and unless the Charter is changed, there is a legal need to follow the Charter.
- There was discussion about mastery and freshman focus. There are choices to be made and NMSA is working to help students choose. If students want to go to a conservatory, they need to decide and apply themselves early. 18 years old is too late.
- Dr. Redfield was invited to the meeting today to discuss diversity in the Music Dept. He was unable to attend but Ms. Montoya will set up a meeting with Dr. Redfield.
- Safety is important and there are problems with traffic and the potential for harm to students. Staff are assigned before and after school to help with guiding traffic.
- Students from other schools are asked to leave when they are seen on campus. There are former students who come to the school seeking assistance. They sign in and NMSA is helping them write resumes, etc. Alarms will be placed on the back doors and students are asked not to prop the doors open. There is also a hall monitor every day. NMSA is working with the SF Police and Impact to provide training to students not to be “nice” to strangers .

- Thefts have happened and three items were stolen this week. Two IPODs were returned, the computer was not. If the parent gives permission, the school will report this to the police. Lockers and locks have been provided to each students but some are choosing not to use them. By the end of the week, students came forward to start monitoring and to initiate the RRR process.

2. Applebee's Fund Raiser: This is a breakfast at Applebees on Saturday October 15th from 8-10:30. There are \$5 raffle tickets for a lot of good prizes which are listed on the website. Students will wait tables, perform and handle most of the jobs at the fund raiser. There will be a table at the school every day to collect the ticket and raffle money. The goal is to raise \$15,000.

3. Newsletter: Reported that the newsletter is ready for distribution today. If there are any items that someone wants in, see the team today and it can be added. The goal is that by the 15th the group will be ready to receive information; the deadline for submissions will be by the 25th and out to the entire school by the 1st of the month. Then the Administration will use this information to send out reminders on Tuesdays, a week before each event.

4. Hahn-Ross Fundraiser: Save the date: November 11 (11-11-11) on Canyon Road. It will begin at 4:30 or 5:00 like last year. Friday/Saturday/Sunday. There will be student and professional pieces for sale but you won't know until after the purchase which one you have purchased. All money is going to the school and the students are aware of this.

5. Art and Communication Committee: Steve, Julie, Cindy and Charles agreed to go ahead with the coffee house. They are working on a date and the first one will be at the school to simplify things. They were going to work on electronically capturing art and posting on the web but it's not a good time to start that. They are looking into getting a video camera to tape things and review it.

II. Discussion Items

- **Elections for All School Committee:** At the November meeting we can have elections for the All School Committee leadership functions. This is two co-chairs and a secretary. We will take nominations from the floor next month. There was discussion about class parent representatives for each class. This can be mentoring. This should be an action item, whatever you can help with for the class your student is in. Email Trina if there is something you really want to do. This information will be added to the newsletter.
- **Scheduling:** There are 4 minute passing periods and lunch is 25 minutes. If this is changed the whole master schedule will have to be changed again. They are working with train and bus schedules and trying to insure that students get the amount of time needed for classes.
- **East Side Tables:** The tables are attracting people that aren't appropriate. So the tables are going to be moved behind the fence as soon as possible.

III. Action Items

- **No Action Items were discussed**

Adjournment and next meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM. The next meeting is Saturday **November 5 at 11:00** at NMSA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Garcia, Secretary