

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS  
Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2014, from 1:00-3:00 pm Meeting  
New Mexico School for the Arts—High School  
131 Nusbaum  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Meeting Minutes - *Approved*

*NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.*

- I. Call to Order Vickie Sewing

Vickie Sewing called the Governing Council Meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

- II. Action Item: Acceptance of Resignation Letter of Doddie Espinosa Vickie Sewing

Trina Raper made a motion to accept the Resignation of Doddie Espinosa. Greg Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

- III. Reading of Mission Statement Vickie Sewing

The School Mission Statement was read by Vickie Sewing.

**In attendance were NMSA Council Members:**

Vickie Sewing, Vice Chair  
Greg Hunt, Treasurer  
Trina Raper, Member  
Catherine Oppenheimer, Member  
Sherry Thompson, Chair – via phone

**NMSA Council Members Absent:**

Paula Tackett, Secretary - Excused  
Doddie Espinosa, Member - Excused

**NMSA High School Staff Present:**

Cindy Montoya, Head of School  
Christina Yamashiro, Business Manager  
Eric Crites – Instructional Support Specialist  
Adam McKinney, Chair, Dance Department

**NMSA Art Institute Staff Present:**

Riis Gonzalez

- IV. Approval of Agenda Vickie Sewing

Catherine Oppenheimer made a motion to approve the Agenda. Trina Raper seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

- V. Public Forum Vickie Sewing

Vickie Sewing asked if there were any individuals requesting a Public Forum.

No public were in attendance.

Sherry Thompson joined the meeting via phone.

- VI. Approval of November 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes Vickie Sewing

Greg Hunt made a motion to approve the November 4, 2014 Governing Council Meeting Minutes. Catherine Oppenheimer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- VII.** Student Presentation on Dress Code Policy Revision Joey Chavez/Students
- This item was moved to the January meeting due to the school closure because of the City of Santa Fe doing water line work.
- VIII.** Dance Department Overview Adam McKinney
- Adam McKinney provided the Governing Council with an overview of the dance department, saying that the lack of space constraints continue to be an issue as much time is spent traveling from NMSA to NDI Dance Barns. Four times per year the department works in an assembly format.
- IX.** Head of School Report Cindy Montoya
- a. Student Achievement – MAP Cindy Montoya/Eric Crites
- Mr. Crites shared Math and MAP data with the Governing Council. Classroom instruction is redesigned based on the data. Academic Seminar classes are designed to provide intervention based on MAP.
- b. Growth Mindset
- This item was tabled at this time.
- X.** Discussion of Governing Council Recognitions Cindy Montoya
- The Governing Council is very favorable to the idea of recognitions and has asked that Cindy develop criteria for it.
- Sherry Thompson left the meeting
- XI. Approval of Governing Council Recognitions Vickie Sewing**
- Tabled at the time.**
- XII.** Business Manager Finance Report Christina Yamashiro
- a. Financial Statements/Report
- Christina Yamashiro and the finance committee met earlier that day to go over reconciliations and cash disbursements as well as the reported included at this meeting. NMSA is waiting for approximately \$20,000 in reimbursements.
- b. Safety and Security
- Christina Yamashiro reported on added members to the safely committee and reviewed actions taken so for this year to improve school safety.
- c. Food Program
- In response to the Governing Council’s request to explore alternative options to the National School Lunch Program, Christina Yamashiro presented data and information gathered from other public schools. There appears to be not advantage to pursue other options at this time.
- XIII. Approval of Governing Council training dates, times, and topics Vickie Sewing**
- This item was tabled.**
- XIV. Approval of NMSA Employee Handbook Vickie Sewing**
- This item was tabled.**
- XV.** Committee Reports Vickie Sewing
- Catherine Oppenheimer reported that the Building Committee continues to pursue the Siringo Road site.

**XVI. Art Institute**

- a. Residential Update

Cindy Montoya

Cindy Montoya reported that one student has left the Residential Program by his/her own choice.

- b. Admissions Update

Riis Gonzales

On Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, NMSA will host an Open House.

**XVII. Executive Session**

Vickie Sewing

- a. Facilities
- b. Personnel

The Governing Council did not go into Executive Session at this meeting.

**XVIII. Adjournment**

Vickie Sewing

**Greg Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trina Raper seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed with a 4-0 unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

*Gayle McGinnis 1-6-15*

Gayle McGinnis, Secretary/Date

*Paula Tackett 1-6-15*

Paula Tackett, Governing Council, Secretary/Date

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