

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 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 Sherry Thompson

Sherry Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Due to a lack of a quorum, no action was taken.

In attendance were NMSA Council Members:

Sherry Thompson, Chair
Paula Tackett, Secretary
Catherine Oppenheimer, Member
Trina Raper, Member

NMSA Council Members Absent:

Doddie Espinosa, Member
Mary Sloane, Member
Greg Hunt, Treasurer
Vickie Sewing, Vice Chair

NMSA High School Staff Present:

Cindy Montoya, Head of School
Christina Yamashiro, Business Manager
Gayle McGuinness, School Secretary

NMSA Art Institute Staff Present

Riis Gonzales, Director

II. **Discussed order of agenda.** Sherry Thompson

There being no objections, the following two items were moved, and are now items X and XI.

III. Public Forum Sherry Thompson

Sherry Thompson asked if there were any individuals requesting a Public Forum.

No public were in attendance.

IV. **Reviewed September 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes** Sherry Thompson

V. **Reviewed Email Resignation of Mary Sloane** Sherry Thompson

VI. **Reviewed Amended Student Selection Policy** Sherry Thompson

VII. Presentation – Theater Department Curriculum Review Joey Chavez

Joey Chavez, Theater Department Chair, provided an update on the Theater Department review, which included a review of the process, details of the program's redesign and a summary of long-range goals. Joe Price, University of Minnesota/Guthrie Theatre, and Daniel Murray, South Carolina Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, participated as external reviewers.

XI. Business Manager Finance Report Christina Yamashiro
A. Financial Statements/Report

Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2014 were provided and reviewed.

Governing Council Member Trina Raper left the meeting.

B. Reviewed:

a. Bars

BARs (Budget Adjustment Request)

The maintenance BAR 509-000-1314-0001-M reallocates the disbursement of funds mainly due to the addition of an Instructional Support Specialist and Evaluation Support Specialist in lieu of a Principal this year.

The initial budget BAR 509-000-1314-0002-IB, is for NMSA's lease assistance award granted by the PSCOC for this fiscal year. A copy of the award letter is provided.

The initial budget BAR 509-000-1314-0003-IB, is for NMSA's dual credit instructional materials initial allocation for this fiscal year. A copy of the award letter is provided.

The transfer BAR 509-000-1314-0005-T, is to reallocate the current budget to be able to purchase a new software that will: allow students to track multiple steps of the college application process and take a diagnostic math and English test that gives students practice for their particular weakness in skills; help teachers identify students at academic risk and track their progress through high school; help seniors match interests with careers and colleges with interests. For low income students or students who can't visit colleges, the software will provide a breakdown of colleges by price, size, and 20 other aspects for comparison.

b. Reviewed Amended Title 1 Application

VIII. Committee Reports Sherry Thompson

There are no Committee Reports at this time.

IX. Art Institute

A. Residential Update Cindy Montoya

A current report on the demographics for the dorm students was provided by Cindy Montoya.

B. Admissions Update Riis Gonzales

To date, sixteen (16) students have applied for the 2015-2016 school year.

A report was submitted showing all counties in New Mexico that have students attending NMSA.

X. Reviewed Head of School Job Description Sherry Thompson

XI. Reviewed Head of School Contract Sherry Thompson

XII. An Executive Session was not needed.

XIII. Principal's Report was tabled until the November meeting Cindy Montoya

XII. Adjournment Sherry Thompson

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm.

 11.4.14
Gayle McGuinness, Secretary/Date


Paula Tackett, Governing Council, Secretary/Date

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