

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

School Organizational Team Minutes

November 8, 2021



Present: Scott Walker, Principal; Megan Franke, Teacher; Gillian Grimm, StuCo President; Lezlie Koepp, Parent, Amanda Hick, Parent; Juliann McAllister, Support Staff;

Mr. Walker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 am and introduced the LVA's Associate Superintendent, Joe Petrie.

Reports

- 1) Development Office update
 - a) Paver project - ribbon cutting was held in October.
- 2) Student Body President- Gillian Grimm
 - a) Winter week 12/6/21.
 - b) Homecoming was a huge success.
 - c) Yearbook needs pictures-email to lvaeclectic2021@gmail.com.
- 3) Friends of LVA
 - a) Friends of LVA had their second meeting with new board members.
 - b) Gala- Maria Bement needs volunteers. Maria's email is LVA.gala2022@gmail.com

Conservatories

Theater

1. Big Fish starts tomorrow

Orchestra

1. One of their students is going to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Jazz

1. Will be performing at the Beverly Theater.
2. Fundraiser of pies in November.

Dance

1. College auditions this Friday.

Choir

1. America's Got Video - LVA won \$500.
2. Caroling - starting to book now.
3. Choir will be singing with Barry Manilow and Clint Holmes (separately)

Visual Arts

1. Gallery opening this Thursday, "Tall Tales".

Guitar

1. 12/3/21 Trans Siberian Orchestra concert.

Piano

1. Their first concert was a big success.
2. The next concert will be on 11/9/21.

Discussion/Information

1. Accreditation in December. Parents are invited to observe classrooms before that.
2. New Grading Policy
 - i. Parents are having problems with some math teachers and grades.
 - ii. Students are confused about the new policy.
 - iii. LVA's biggest challenge is behavior and citizenship.
 - iv. Do colleges even look at citizenship? The answer is "No".
 - v. Parents asked for more communication from teachers. They don't want to see a U" in citizenship if they haven't been informed prior.
 - vi. Freshmen are struggling because everything is so new.
 - vii. Classes for organization and balancing everything are available to students every Tuesday after school in M15.
 - viii. Grades need to be updated regularly by teachers. Seeing grades means alot to students.
 - ix. After school detentions are growing in number. Students need to do their work. If not, they are assigned lunch and learn. If they don't show for that, they will be assigned after school detention.
 - x. Absences are way up this year. We usually have 4-6% of students absent and we now have 14-16% of chronically absent students.

Calendar

Next SOT & Parent Meeting -- Dec 1, 2021

Public Comment

The school district calendar needs to be shared for next school year so parents can plan accordingly. Mr. Petrie recommended that parents email their trustee to address.

Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 8:15am