

# LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

School Organizational Team Minutes

December 1, 2021



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

Mr. Walker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:04 am

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were unanimously approved.

## 2. Reports

### a. Development Office update

1. Matching gift campaign met our goal of \$50,000.
2. Brenna is a former student in the Netflix movie "Red Notice". ABC will be interviewing Mr. Downey, Ms. Franke and former student today.

### b. Friends of LVA

1. Maria Bement-Gala 2/25/22. Need guilds to build baskets.  
[LVA.gala2022@gmail.com](mailto:LVA.gala2022@gmail.com) for info.
2. Board is putting together a lunch in December for LVA staff. Volunteers are needed.
3. Asked for assistance/volunteers for the Gala

### c. Conservatories

#### Band

- a. Just held a sock donation drive
- b. (4) majors going to Midwest

#### Theater

1. Big Fish was a huge success.
2. Dec 4, audition workshop for incoming freshmen.
3. Cabaret at Container Park 12/9/21
4. Dec 11- college auditions in black box

#### Orchestra

1. Chamber students in the TSO guitar concert
2. Jury's start this Thursday

#### Dance

1. Dance drama this month. \$10 to get in.

#### Choir - Dorothy Doran

1. Gigs are keeping them busy
2. Choir singing with Barry Manilow and Clint Holmes
3. December 7th, concert

#### Guitar

1. Last performance sold out
2. TSO concert this Friday, December 3.
3. Hosting "Best of Nevada" this Saturday

### **Piano -**

1. Two piano students played for “Big Fish”
2. Have received (15) new keyboards
3. Winter concert December 9th in the PAC

### 3. Discussion/Information

- a. Accreditation went very well.
- b. Nominate a teacher for Heart of Education Award
- c. Diplomas- counselors will use information in the course catalog. We will be buying stoles for advanced honors diplomas and CCR. Counselors will be going over diploma types with seniors. Highest recommended diploma is decided by the state.
- d. Standard, Advanced and CCR are the 3 types to choose from.
- e. Counselor presentation.
  - i. Goals
    1. Decrease number of yellow flags on Panoramic survey from 284 to 270
    2. Reduce the number of students that don't have computer credit from 95 to 57 students
    3. Closing the gap for post secondary options.
    4. Increasing the number of Jumpstart programs on campus
    5. Parent communication by teachers needs to improve
    6. Open to ideas
    7. New secretary has been hired for counseling office
    8. Lunchtime and Wednesdays are the best time to get ahold of counselors

### 4. Calendar

- a. Next SOT & Parent Meeting Feb 2, 2022

### 5. Chairwoman asked if anyone present had a Public Comment

- a. A parent is concerned that students are having meltdowns due to the workload. They are terrified to miss school. Suggest changing our block schedule. These situations need to be addressed one on one per Mr. Walker.
- b. Parent shared that he is very proud of our school. We are doing a great job!
- c. Detention - student getting detentions for tardies when being driven by parents. Students on the late bus are not getting tardy slips.
- d. When will the course catalog be done? Hopefully before winter break, waiting on CCSD. Dual credit classes will increase.

### 6. **Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 8:08am**