

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

School Organizational Team Minutes

October 6, 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 7:05 am

1. Introduction of new SOT board members and Shelby Guinn, Library, Amanda Hick
2. So students could return to class, Cassidy Coon, recognized as National Merit Semi-Finalist, Gillian Grimm, gave her Student Council Report
3. Minutes from last month's meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Reports

a. Development Office update

1. Invitation to Ribbon Cutting Thursday at Performing Art Center, Joleen Mitchell and Brandy Nelson were instrumental in PAC renovation will speak at the event
2. Box office and ticket process going smoothly with scanning tickets at the entrance
3. New Friends Board member Tammy Peterson, secretary; Cory Jo Anderson, membership; Gabriella Bartlett, social events; Maria Bement, first vice president, Josh Reid, second vice president; Josh Virkler, President; Allison Salmon, treasurer

b. Student Body President- Gillian Grimm

1. Senior sunrise was well attended.
2. Encourage students to participate in activities.
3. Teacher appreciation month this year, not just week.
4. Homecoming event this year-10/16.
5. Friday is Oscar burger Friday and the first Friday event.

c. Friends of LVA

1. New Board Member - Maria Bement
2. Ask for assistance/volunteers for the Gala
3. Ways for guilds to help - leadership needed to report back to guilds and get the word out for help needed, create auction baskets, and possible teams from each department so not overwhelming for gala committee
4. Ask for those interested to share information with Maria
5. All information, tickets sales under support tab on website
6. Need volunteers for the snack shack
7. Free cookies for students the last day of month

d. Conservatories

Band

- a. Band camp was a success.
- b. 9/29 concert was well attended
- c. Wind ensemble playing at UNLV

Theater

1. Thurs, Fri, Saturday, Desert Blooms
2. Oct. 13 Cabaret at Container Park
3. Big Fish in November

Orchestra - Jesica Hertzell

1. String quartet available
2. Grammy music educator award - Eric McAllister
3. Honor orchestra - 71 students earned spots
4. Concert 9/29 huge success

Jazz

1. Oct. 14-15 Concert Chamber
2. Concert will be in code for fun with a key on cover of program.
3. Jazz 3 performing with Contemporary West Dance Company - tickets on website

Dance

1. College auditions

Choir - Dorthy Doran

1. Announced concert for Thursday and Friday with Alum Christian Shelton performing
2. Honor Choir rehearsing for performance at end of the month

Visual Arts

1. Digiten
2. Tall Tales Exhibit - with Big Fish opening
3. Big Fish digital student working on visual portion of production
4. Dec. 11 Audition Workshop for eighth graders
5. Dec. 9 Gallery exhibitions for Dance Drama

Guitar

1. Last week's first performance in 570 days
2. Honor Guitar 18 of 26 student city wide from LVA

Piano - Brockett

1. Next concert 10/11 & 10/12 in Black Box

Marichi

1. Traveling to San Antonio, Mariachi Vargas International Competition
2. Noche de Mariachi Nov 10, 2021
3. Teal color in trajes make LVA stand out at competitions,
4. Mariachi invited back to London next school year for Queens New Year Para

5. Discussion/Information

- a. Review of Strategic Budget
 - i. Funds spent on updating and new Science equipment

- ii. Funds spent on new textbooks
 - iii. Upgrades to performing venue
 - iv. Extra money available as less money spent last year
 - v. Was able to increase the number of paraprofessional hours
 - b. Some items that cannot be purchased through budget such as perishables
Perishables purchased through SGF.
 - c. Working on starting a master class series
 - d. Professional development funds available for teachers to stay on top of being teaching experts
 - e. Open discussion for questions.
 - i. Question about condition of restrooms, referred to Mr. Hager, Facilities AP
 - ii. Ask for information/facility concerns to be sent to Josh Hager, facilities
 - f. Accreditation Report from Jennifer Shuler
 - i. Update of process with three standards LVA need to meet
 - ii. Announcement of parent and student survey
 - iii. Mr. Walker made offer of eleot process for parents
 - g. Grading Reform - Interpreted what the district required. ,
 - h. Inservice on Monday - Mr. Walker spoke with teachers about assessing if students are ready for summative assessments.
 - i. Focus is on mastery of standards
 - ii. Contact the teacher first if there are concerns
 - iii. Contact the supervising administrator after contacting the teacher if needed
 - iv. Discussion on fairness of one summative assessment - learning process - discussion on assessing standards
 - v. Discuss the citizenship rubric is a academic behavior
 - vi. Parent concern with formative assessment - discussed
 - vii. Parent compliment about teachers bending over backward to help get their child get back on track and counselor reaching out
 - i. Shelby Guinn presentation/video on the library opportunities and reviewed the LVA Online Library
6. Accolades - Ms. Franke & Mr. Plascencia - UNLV Teacher Recognition Program;
Roger Arranguéz completed Master's Degree in Mathematics Education.
7. Calendar
- a. Next SOT & Parent Meeting -- Nov 3, 2021
8. Chairwoman asked if anyone present had a Public Comment
- a. Public Comment, Concern or question may be emailed to the new president or give a speech prior to new, New parents have questions about the new grading system.
 - i. Check the class syllabus that each teacher sent home. Students can retake tests/quizzes as many times as they want to.
9. **Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 8:28am**