



December 6, 2023

7:00 AM

**MINUTES**

School Organizational Team

Shelby Guinn, Faculty; Marissa McCoy, Faculty; Juliann McAllister, Support Professionals  
Tom Anderson, Parent; Amanda Hicks, Parent; Jay Somers, Parent  
Chanelle West, StuCo President

1. 7:00 meeting called to order
2. November meeting minutes approved. Mr. Somers stated the October minutes had not been approved at the last meeting. There was a split opinion on whether that had been approved or not so the Team opted to approve the October minutes as well.
3. Reports
  - a. Development Office
    - i. The Friends of LVA Gala "Muse" will be on January 26 at Planet Hollywood
  - b. Friends of LVA
    - i. "Muse" gala will be held on January 26 at Planet Hollywood
    - ii. The PFA \$1,000 donors have received a code to redeem their tickets for the gala
    - iii. Ticket sales for the gala has been strong
    - iv. Currently collecting items for the silent and live auction for the gala
    - v. Teacher potluck on Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023
  - c. Guilds
    - i. Band
      1. 98 students are performing in the CCSD Honor Band
      2. 48 students are in the NMEA band
    - ii. Jazz
      1. Top jazz band will be recording in a studio with an award-winning sound engineer. These recordings are submitted for consideration of DownBeat Awards which are some of the highest honors in Jazz Education. We also submit these recordings for invite-only events.
      2. Jazz 3 will be traveling to New Orleans January 3-7, 2024 just after Winter Break to perform at the Jazz Education Network Festival. They will be a part of a clinic entitled, "Rehearsal Techniques with Jeff Hamilton and the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts Jazz Band". Mr. Hamilton is one of the most sought-after Jazz drummers in the country.
      3. All State - 11 of the 18 jazz competitors were from LVA
      4. Jazz combos gigs this month include events for Links Incorporated and United Way.
    - iii. Vocal
      1. Winter Concert was sold out

2. Concert Corral is scheduled for caroling gigs
  3. Tenor choir is performing at a local gig
  - iv. Theater
    1. Christmas themed cabaret to perform at Container Park on December 7
    2. Puffs performance scheduled 2/15-2/24
  - v. Orchestra
    1. Student (Lorenzo) composed and conducted an original piece at the Orchestra concert
    2. Orchestra is performing at a PBS fundraiser on 12/16
    3. Eric McAllister conducted The Nutcracker at The Smith Center
    4. Jaden T. earned a full scholarship to Princeton
    5. 30 LVA Orchestra students are participating in All State
  - vi. Guitar
    1. Not in attendance
  - vii. Visual Arts
    1. Not in attendance
  - viii. Piano
    1. Nothing to report at this time
  - ix. Dance
    1. Dance Drama "Gallery of S.A.M." to perform in the Lowden in December
    2. Male elective trip is coming up to Disneyland
    3. Master Artist Tommie Waheed-Evans coming to work with dance students
    4. Dance students to attend IABD (International Association of Blacks in Dance). LVA students have been asked to perform, and they will also learn from choreographers
  - d. Student Council
    - i. Cane's fundraiser was successful
4. Discussion/Information
- a. Graduation will be May 21, 2024 at 6pm at The Orleans
  - b. FAFSA application opens December 31st
  - c. PEF (Public Education Foundation) has scholarships available and they are due January 31
  - d. Advice to future senior parents - have applications into the colleges by November 1st
  - e. Student Safety
    - i. LVA hosts practice drills continually throughout the year to be prepared for an emergency
    - ii. The soft lockdown that occurred at the beginning of school on the day of the neighborhood shooting was during "unstructured" time
      1. Students didn't have a sense of urgency when it happened. This is being addressed with the students
      2. The issue of late students or "open" period students during an emergency has been addressed
      3. Students not on campus during an emergency should check the LVA website and/or a link which will be sent out so they can check in and let staff know where they are located
      4. At the time of the event, Ms. Koepp had to follow the chain of command with how to communicate with parents. All communications to the public had to be approved from the Communications department and her supervisor.

- a. Additional questions were addressed discussing overall safety on campus, how students can communicate with staff, where to go if they are unable to shelter on campus and how they can quickly access a link for communication regarding the status of the emergency and the school status
    - iii. Discussion about the difference between a hard lockdown and a soft lockdown
  - f. Final exams will be the week of December 11-15
  - g. Course selection begins end of January
- 5. Accolades
  - a. LVA is doing a great job in the areas of AP and Dual Enrollment for students
  - b. Mariachi made it to the finals in the San Antonio, TX competition and performed for the Vegas Golden Knights hockey game.
  - c. Army Jazz Ambassadors performed at LVA
  - d. Legally Blonde performances raised over \$30,000 and performed to sold out shows
  - e. LVA student win 2nd and 3rd place for their art entries in the "What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up" Art Contest hosted by the Nevada State Treasurer's Office
  - f. SOL Club gave thanks by donating boxes of an entire Thanksgiving dinner for 19 families delivered directly to the families
- 6. Public comment
  - a. Discussion about the start time for school next year. At this time there are no clear answers about this
  - b. Discussion about whether or not the gym can be opened for lunch since the field has been blocked off for construction. Lezlie will look into this
  - c. Next SOT meeting will be held in February to confirm Plan of Operation
- 7. 8:15 am meeting adjourned