

LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

School Organizational Team Minutes

September 1, 2021



Present: Scott Walker, Principal; Megan Franke, Teacher; Gillian Grimm, StuCo President; Ashley Stroud, Teacher; ShaRhonda Ramos, Parent

Ashley Stroud welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:07am

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Introductions by Mr. Walker of administration and new staff members.

3. Reports

a. Development Office update

1. New website for LVA is live now.
2. Parent funding agreement questions to this office.
3. Vendidi is now "Audience View" - for ticket sales.
4. All tickets are not on sale yet. Please be patient.

b. Student Body President- Gillian Grimm

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

c. Friends of LVA

1. Jared Virkler- his daughter graduated from LVA in visual arts, great place to be. Friends of LVA's goal is to enrich students' education by financing opportunities for students to go from excellence to eminence.
2. Gala is their biggest fundraiser. Money goes to all different departments. Planned for February this year.
3. New board members are needed.
4. Snack shack volunteers are needed.

d. Conservatories

Band

1. 1. Band camp was a success.
2. 2. 9/29 concert.
3. 3. Wind ensemble playing at UNLV

Theater

1. Big Fish in the Lowden in November.

Orchestra

1. concert 9/29

Jazz

1. concert on 9/10 in Lowden
2. Jazz band going to Midwest in Chicago

Dance

1. Getting ready for fall dance concert

Choir

1. New acapella group and songwriters group after school.
2. Men's choir after school on Tuesday.
3. Working on caroling for the holidays

Visual Arts

1. Galleries have students artwork displayed

4. Discussion/Information

- a. Focus is on classroom instruction. Grading reform this year. Teachers are looking at data together
- b. Teachers have posted grades late in the past so students don't know where they stand. Please communicate with the teacher if it is a problem.
- c. Students have Turnitin and Grammarly software available to them.
- d. If a student has been vaccinated and they are not showing symptoms, they may come to school.
- e. If students are not feeling well, *Keep Them Home!*
- f. Lesson plans are on Canvas for students that miss school. Teachers will still be assisting students at home.
- g. A new SOT board is needed for this school year. Look for nominations.
- h. Possibly have these meetings recorded and available for parents that cannot attend.

5. Calendar

- a. Open house tonight, please leave students at home. Trying to keep our numbers low. Masks will be required.
- b. Next meeting 10/6/21 @ 7am

6. Chairwoman asked if anyone present had a Public Comment

- a. Students are unable to hear announcements in some buildings.
 - i. Announcements can be found on Canvas. Parents are able to access Canvas. The website also has the information.
- b. 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.

7. Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 8:28am