

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
Governing Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2014 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
New Mexico School for the Arts—High School
131 Nusbaum
Santa Fe, NM 87501

New Mexico School for the Arts provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.

Minutes – Approved

- I. Call to Order Sherry Thompson

Sherry Thompson called the Governing Council Meeting to order at 1 pm.

In attendance were NMSA Council Members:

Sherry Thompson, Vice Chair
Greg Hunt, Treasurer
Vickie Sewing, Secretary
Trina Raper, Member
Paula Tackett, Member

NMSA Council Members Absent:

Catherine Oppenheimer, Chair
Doddie Espinosa, Member

NMSA High School Staff Present:

Cindy Montoya, Principal
Christina Yamashiro, Business Manager
Loretta Armstrong, Assistant Business Manager
Cecile Hemez, Faculty

NMSA Art Institute Staff Present:

Holly Phillips, Director of Residential & Admissions

Public in Attendance:

No public attendance

- II. Approval of Agenda Sherry Thompson

Paula Tackett made a motion to approve the Agenda. Greg Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- III. Public Forum Sherry Thompson

Sherry Thompson asked if there were any individuals requesting a Public Forum.

No public were in attendance.

IV. **Approval of March 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes** **Sherry Thompson**

Greg Hunt made a motion to approve the March 4, 2014 meeting minutes. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. **Approval of Student Selection Policy - Amended** **Sherry Thompson**

After a discussion took place regarding some verbiage in the document minor changes were agreed upon and Vickie Sewing made a motion to approve the Student Selection Policy as amended. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of approval.

VI. **Principal's Evaluation: Approval of Contract** **Vickie Sewing**

The evaluation process is not yet complete. There was a motion made to table the approval of the contract by Paula Tackett. Greg Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote to table.

VII. **Business Manager Finance Report** **Christina Yamashiro**

A. **Financial Statements**

Christina Yamashiro presented a summary of proposed changes for the Budget for FY15. She also announced that the unit value is up and that NMPSIA's premiums will go up less than 3%. There were no BAR's for approval. On April 17, 2014 Christina will present the budget to parents at school at 5:30 pm. Christina is working on the FY15 Budget which must be submitted to PED by May 8, 2014.

B. **Transportation Update**

An email was sent to the parents/guardians of the students in the Albuquerque area to get a consensus of whether or not they would use shuttle transportation if it was provided by the school. There were 7 families contacted 3 families said they would use school provided transportation, 2 families said they may use the transportation and 2 families said they would not use the transportation.

VIII. **Principal's Report** **Cindy Montoya**

Cindy stated that next year the SBA would be replaced with PARCC, which is a computer based test. Cindy also presented a power point of a pilot class where students are reviewed monthly as an effective learner vs. content standards. The test class for this study shows that when a student is a low effective learner they are also lower on other grades.

Explore/Plan Data

Cecile Hemez

Cecile presented graphs that showed progress in both ACT Explorer and PLAN scores. She also explained what test each grade level must take. In comparing the graphs we show that we are improving within the year.

IX. **Art Institute Director's Report** **Holly Phillips**

A. **Admission's Update**

Holly stated that the auditions were very successful. Auditions were held for 3 consecutive weekends, 6 full days and there were 170 applicants. She saw a wide variety of ethnicity and backgrounds.

B. **Residential Update**

Currently there are 9 residential students that will be returning, 10 students that will possibly be new dorm students and 2 on a wait list. Distance from the school is one of the criteria. All residential students must apply.

C. ArtSpring Update
No report given at this time.

X. Executive Session Sherry Thompson

Facilities and Personnel

**Paula Tackett made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Facilities and Personnel.
Vickie Sewing seconded the motion.**

A roll call was taken by Loretta Armstrong.

Sherry Thompson	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Greg Hunt	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Vickie Sewing	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Trina Raper	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Paula Tackett	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No

The Governing Council moved into Executive Session at 2:27 pm in order to discuss Facilities and Personnel.

Paula Tackett made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trina Raper seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken by Christina Yamashiro.

Sherry Thompson	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Greg Hunt	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Vickie Sewing	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Trina Raper	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No
Paula Tackett	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> No

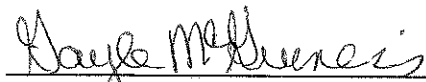
Discussion in Executive Session concluded at 2:36pm with only facilities and personnel discussed. No action was taken.

XI. Adjournment Sherry Thompson

Paula Tackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vickie Sewing seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.



Gayle McGuinness, Secretary/Date



Vickie Sewing, Governing Council, Secretary/Date

March 2, 2014 NMSA Charter School Governing Council Minutes

Date Approved: 5/6/14

Signatures: ✓

Web page Post: _____