



**LOS ANGELES SECONDARY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (LASMTA)**  
P.O. BOX 34666 Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** September 10, 2012

**Official Meeting Time: 6:00 pm**

**Cortines HS**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at 6:10.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Jennifer Elliott, David Yakerson, Scott Burstein, Mart Plomell, Mark Johnsen, Jonathan Kenion, Jessica O'Rourke, Margaret Asato, Jim Lownes, Stephen McDonough, Dr. McCarthy, Martin Garcia, Paul Strands, David Zavala, Yosuke Miyoshi, Mark Wamhoff, Jose Medina, David Sears and Romeo Vera
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from June
    1. Motion to accept June's minutes from Dave Yakerson, seconded by Dan Taguchi. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported checking account balance \$5226.83 and the CD balance is \$6691.
  - C. Secretary's Report
    1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 13 members.
    2. Created a sign up sheet for mentoring.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West reported there was a board meeting in August to prepare for the year.
    2. Brochures are ready for the new year.

**Steven McCarthy Report**

- The only Arts Administrator at LAUSD offices. Paul Strand 1 of 4 demonstration teachers in the arts. In charge of all grade levels in the arts.
- Scott Burstein here to talk about Little Kids Rock. Donating many instruments and services.
- Working on getting instruments repaired for elementary and secondary.
- Working on an arts festival. 2-3 week period to promote (March 7-17) performances and exhibits all over the district.
- Wants to know the articulation of the different courses in the course description.
- We now have 5 Local Education Service Centers.
- Textbook allocations are in the same fund at the school sites. There is no per pupil money from the Arts Branch. It can be found in the 4170 funds at schools.
- Recommendation for choral teachers to brush up on instrumental teaching skills because there are few choral teaching positions.

**Scott Burstein from Little Kids Rock Report**

- Largest music organization that donates musical instruments.
- Modern band workshops to learn guitar, drum set, improvisation, etc. It is for credentialed teachers only. Mostly music teachers but some others as enrichment. Teachers that attend get a donated class set of instruments and curriculum.
- First workshop is October 20-21.

**Paul Strand Report**

- Music demonstration teacher that has taken on many of Julie Corallo's responsibilities.
- Professional development will be provided 4 times this year. 2:30-4:00 pm on Tuesdays.



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- Instructional festivals, Paul will be able to help.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Jim Winslow from Music and the Arts gave a presentation on their program. Store located in Rancho Cucamonga, Corona and 22 Guitar Centers.
- B. Scheduling future meetings. January 22 at Reed MS. Revere MS on February 19
- C. David Sears reported that the Grammy Foundation has partnered with the Recording Academy to give out a Music Teacher Award K-College. Similar to the signature schools process. First award will be given out in 2014.
- D. Discussion of various topics: charter schools, creating a Facebook page, advocacy,
- E. What should LASMTA be doing? Outside expert to come in for a PD, PDs on a Saturday for a salary point, discussion of putting together an honors festival and the reality of the work and money behind it
- F. Next meeting at Palms MS on October 24. There will be a presentation by Chromatik.

**Best Practices**

- Mark Johnsen presented on having his band students sing in class. He provided a packet of band parts for Dona Nobis Pacem that can be sung and played. He also gave a tip on teaching the circle of 5ths. Goes through the circle of 5ths with Mary Had a Little Lamb.

**V. Old Business**

No items.

**VI. Adjournment** Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm. Moved by Mark Johnsen and seconded by D. Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott