



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** October 16, 2014

**Official Meeting Time: 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Palms MS**

- I. Called to Order** by Julie West at pm.
- II. Attendance:** Julie West, Jennifer Elliott, Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Mark Johnsen, Yosuke Miyoshi, Julio Sequeira, Wendy Reyes, Jose Medina, James Rozsa, Juan Rodriguez and James Lownes
- III. Reports**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes from September
    1. Motion to accept September's meeting moved by Desiree that the minutes be approved and Juan Rodriguez seconded. All approved.
  - B. Secretary's Report
    1. The minutes were prepared by Jennifer Elliott and members were notified of tonight's meeting.
    2. Forwarded information about SCVA Conference and Berklee College event from Beyond the Bell.
  - C. Treasurer's Report
    1. Dan Taguchi reported that the balance as of right now is \$12,017.60.
  - D. Vice President's Report
    1. Desiree Fowler reported that we have 33 members.
    2. Mentor/Mentee program, Desiree shared the fliers with everyone. We also sent out an email promoting the program as well.
  - E. President's Report
    1. Julie West reported that the meeting with Rory Pullens at Bancroft MS. Steven McCarthy was there and is happy that Rory has been brought in. The Executive Director meets with the Board, etc. while Steven can take care of the nuts and bolts. Katy Perry and Staples are giving \$1,000 to all music teachers through Donors Choose. Most of the meeting was about Rory talking about his background. He seems very supportive and he wants to hear from people. Rory says that Title I is allowed to be used for the arts as it is all across the country.
    2. There is going to be elections for board positions in early spring.
  - F. Best Practices
    1. Julie West presented on a concert performance student self assessment. ☺
    2. Jose talked about doing student led conferences. He used a computer cart so that they can check their grade. He also had a check list for them to fill out things like if they turned all of their homework, etc.
    3. BIC advice, he plays videos from PBS while they are eating. PBS The Music Instinct Science and Sound
    4. There was discussion of aligning an ensemble with Homeroom so there is more rehearsal time.
    5. Darnella was granted money from the Latin Grammys. She also just got her PE credential so her band students can get PE credit. She offered her help to anyone that needs to do the same. She also wants to work to correct the problem in LAUSD that marching band students can't get PE credit unless their teacher has a PE credential.
  - G. District Updates
    1. Jennifer Elliott reported updates from Chris Rodriguez at the Arts Education Branch.
      - Instructional festivals will be run like last year. Chris will be collecting dates from hosts and announcing them soon.
      - There will be 2 new LAUSD celebratory festivals this year. 1 instrumental and 1 chora..



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- Katy Perry and Staples are donating \$1,000 for every music teacher through DonorsChoose. Teachers will be receiving emails with a credit and directions on how to access the funds.
- Chris is collecting concert dates from teachers.
- The repair shop is doing better and wants people to keep on sending in instruments. However, they are still short people.
- Due to the Katy Perry donation, the Arts Branch is finding that 10% of music classes are being taught by non-credentialed teachers.

H. New Business

1. Jonathan Kenion is in the hospital. They are looking for a sub at Reed MS.
2. James has a website where music education issues and solutions can be collected. There was a discussion about how to help music programs get the support they need from their principals. One main issue is knowing feeder patterns and who is at what schools so that we can meet. Julie is going to talk to Rory about getting a real directory of schools and music teachers.

Next Meetings

1. SOCES on November 12
2. January meeting at Frost MS
3. February at Revere MS
4. March at Hale MS
5. April at Leighty MS
6. May At Grammy Foundation
7. Desiree will do a best practice at the next meeting.

**Adjournment** : The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. Dan Taguchi moved and Juan Rodriguez seconded. All approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Elliott