



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

**LASMTA MEETING**

**Date:** October 13, 2015

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

**Robert Frost Middle School**

**I. Called to Order** by Desiree Fowler at 6:18 pm.

**II. Attendance:** Desiree Fowler, Dan Taguchi, Juan Rodriguez, Michelle Middleton, Tina Curtis, George Carganilla, Wilber Ibarra, James Rozsa, Julie West, Eric Cañas, Nicole Morienga, Ryan Jung, Tony White, Brian McGaffey, Rachel Lee, Kevin Morienga

**III. Reports**

A. Approval of the Minutes from September

1. Motion to accept made by James Rosza and seconded by Tina Curtis. All approved.

B. Secretary's Report

1. The minutes were taken and typed by Juan Rodriguez. Notified membership of October meeting. Updated membership list includes 30 total members.

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Dan Taguchi presented that the balance is currently \$11,625.39.

D. Vice President's Report

1. Jennifer out on Maternity leave will return in November. Report given by Dan Taguchi. Mentor Mentee program discussed. Opportunity to connect professionally. Age is not a factor for either role.

E. President's Report

1. Meeting with Rory Pullens.
  - i. Items to discuss:
    - a. Leadership changes,
    - b. Roles of new people, what we can expect,
    - c. AEI (Arts Equity Index)
    - d. Articulation.
  - ii. Items brought up by membership:
    - a. Reinstatement of the honor groups
    - b. October PD was too short notice to get signatures.
    - c. List of Music Teachers and Art Teachers district wide.
    - d. Itinerant teachers teaching at the secondary schools.
    - e. Title 1 funds and whether they are usable for music.
    - f. AEI, questions on the division of the allocation so that it is truly equitable.
2. Shared Links for the teacher resources page. All new links are now on the website
3. LAUSD Gifted and Talented Festival
4. LASESMA newsletter, any interest in a LASMTA
5. Middle School Choir auditions are coming up in January
6. Good Music Substitutes-lets create a list
7. SCSBOA Honor Ensemble application due date on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. Auditions are in December. Jazz is later.
8. Symphonies for Schools still available
9. Survey results



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10. Can we help share more ideas, warm up ideas? Notecards passed out to membership for recommended substitutes and favorite warm up ideas.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Tony White, Beyond the Bell. His position has grown into music and entertainment. Tony believes there is a tremendous amount of respect for what we do as music educators on the outside however on the inside “they” are still working on finding a way to measure success but they cant. We get the kids to do things others can’t. Festivals have been started. Equipment has been placed into schools. Conversations with principals regarding the quality of teachers in school and as part of afterschool programs are taking place. Believes in building partnerships.

**V. Best Practices:**

- A. Juan Rodriguez
1. Office 365
  2. Remind Me
  3. Sign Up Genius

**VI. Old Business**

- No Items

**VII. Next Meeting**

- Palms M.S. on November 9th, 6-8pm

**VIII. Adjournment**

- Dan moved to adjourn. Julie seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Juan Rodriguez