

**Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)**  
Agenda, March 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Thank you to Richard for refreshments.
  - The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.
  - Attendees were Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Nance Chaubell, Crystal Casas, Cathy Crook, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Serena Villalobos attended. Rene Godina was a guest.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - February 12, 2019 Minutes and March 12, 2019 Agenda as amended – Karen moved to accept, Peggy seconded, and the motion passed.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department Update
    - Las Colinas Music – Reese Copsey reported via email:  
“Las Colinas Advanced Band is getting ready for the Camarillo Library Solo/Ensemble concert on March 26th. Then they have the Recruiting Tour to 3 elementary schools on April 9th. Then Disney Magic Music Days on April 23rd. And of course Spring Concerts and Open House performances for all groups in May.”
    - Monte Vista Music – Trish Copsey reported via email:  
“Monte Vista Advanced Band students are preparing for their Solo/Ensemble Concert at the Camarillo Library next Tuesday at 7:00PM. They are also working on music for their Recruitment Tour to the elementary feeder schools on Tuesday, April 9th. All full-year classes (Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced) have started working on music for our Spring Concert and Open House performances in May. The Advanced band students are also very excited about the Disney Magic Music Days workshop field trip on April 23rd.”
    - Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School Music, Los Primeros School of Arts and Sciences Music, Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts Music – Rene Godina reported that reported students are getting ready for Spring Concert.
    - K-5 General Music – Karine Szakos reported via email:  
“This week is the much awaited concert for the third grade recorder students! The kids are very excited and I can’t wait to hear their responses and feelings about the concert. I will give a detailed report after the concert, complete with quotes from the students. For now, there isn’t much else to report. We are ready and enthusiastic!”
  - PVSD Youth Arts Academy (YAA) Music Update
    - YAA Beginning Keyboard – Betty Nicholson reported via email:  
“The students in the Beginning Keyboard class are progressing, will be learning more about harmony this month, in order to earn their Chord Champ badge. Also will have a chance to play 2-handed for St. Patrick's day - Irish Jig.”
    - YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey reported via email:  
“The current excitement for Off Beats is that they are at the Newbury Park Jazz Festival on this Friday evening. Performance is at 6:00 pm.”
    - YAA Beginning & Intermediate Guitar – Mauricio Giron reported that beginning students are working on various accompaniment styles to play

to songs they have learned. Intermediate students are working out of three different books: classical – Christopher Parkening; sessions – Note Reading/Building; and J.S. – Accompaniment Styles. Some of the more advanced students are working on repertoire for March 30<sup>th</sup> performance.

- YAA Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Orchestra – Rene Godina reported that students are getting ready for Spring Concerts. Chamber group is getting ready for the March 30 PVSD Anniversary concert. He is finishing auditions for students wanting to go on Disney Magic Music Days workshop field trip.
- PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust reported via email:  
“Kendra, Jonas and Betty N. are in a good groove; older singers are rehearsing for the April CHICO/CICA opera choruses concert (with KuanFen dropping in some weeks to teach a half-hour segment); dates for events are the same (March 30 PVSD Anniversary, May 21 El Tecolote fundraiser, May 28 St. Columba's concert) with the add-in of the opera concerts at Rancho Campana (Fri. eve April 26, Sun. afternoon April 28). Also -- per Superintendent Ramsey's suggestion, I plan soon to check with Principal Holtke regarding hosting PVSD Chorus at PVSEA next year. We'll want to incorporate Kendra's ideas for how to structure the program.”
- NWS Music Van (March 4-15) – Rene showed the slides and videos that he and Mauricio are showing incorporating the songs from The Orchestra Swings. All PVSD 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are experiencing the “musical petting zoo.”
- NWS Symphonic Adventures – The Orchestra Swings (3/14) – See Karine Szakos report above.
- NPHS Jazz Festival (3/15) – Off Beats will be performing on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 6pm.
- MVS (3/19) and LCS (3/26) Library Concerts. The advanced bands from both schools will be forming as a group as well as soloists and small ensembles.
- PVSD 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (3/30) – Rene, Mauricio and Kendra – Students are getting prepared. YAA Orchestra, YAA Intermediate Guitar, PVSD Chorus and SRTMS Chorus will be performing.
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Thank you to Dorothy Hanchey for sending out the newsletter.
- First Chair Honor Band – Betty reported that Daniel Cook from ACHS invited the first chairs from the middle schools to perform with them at OPAC concert on 3/22.
- SOKM Finances – Crystal Casas
  - FY 2018-19 Financials – Karen reported on updates.
  - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel reported that checking is reconciled through February, and savings will be reconciled next month because it is a quarterly statement.
- SOKM Donations
  - Restaurant Nights – Serena Villalobos reported that she had not heard back from Toppers yet as to the amount made. Serena will work with Betty to find a date for Chipotle in May.
  - City of Camarillo Grant – Karen Gatchel reported that the City of Camarillo reimbursed SOKM for 2018.
  - Walmart Grant – Karen Gatchel reported she was unable to get through when she tried to check on it.
  - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith will be working on more letters.

- Postcards for Spring Concerts – Karen brought up the idea of sending postcard advertisements. Crystal will research costs. Board will reconsider next month.
- Jamba Juice – The last few cards will be handled by Betty.
- SOKM Board Stuff
  - PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel reported that there is a PTA dinner and asked whether a board member would like to go. Living Tree will be used to solicit donations for teachers. PTA is working with Miracle League to create a baseball field for special needs children. There will be a reduction in funding for First 5 Neighborhood for Learning.
  - LCAP Meetings – Peggy Smith reported that there was a report on how the schools were doing.
  - Donor Database – New – Karen Gatchel reported that she is looking at Servant Keeper and Rollcall. There is a base fee with a monthly fee for the cloud service for unlimited families.
  - SCSBOA Festival – The Board discussed potentially collaborating with ACHS to host an SCSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival in Spring of 2020.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – 700 Temple Ave, Camarillo CA 93010, Room C3
  - Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7:00 PM
- Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.