

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, March 14, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Maria for refreshments
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Attendees were: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Maria Godina, Dorrie Kelly, Trina Manders, Joan Rust and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - February 7, 2023 Minutes as presented and March 14, 2023 Agenda as amended, Karen moved and Betty Weyek seconded, the motion was carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas by Reese Copsey via email-** Lots of upcoming performances:
 - Tues Mar 21st - Adv Solo/Ensemble at LC
 - Thurs Mar 30th - Int Solo/Ensemble at LC
 - Tues Apr 18th - LC Adv + OB - Disney Performance studio session
 - Wed Apr 26th - LC Adv Recruit tour to 3 elem schools + LC lunches
 - Sat May 20th - OB & LC all bands Spring Concert at LC
 - Wed May 24th - LC Open House - all bands
 - Thurs Jun 15th - LC Adv and Grad Band play at PromotionAlso, 9 students from LC participating in ACHS Honor Band on Friday March 24th: Kaitlyn W, Vivian M, Andrea T, Emerson W, Karvi P, Callum S, Claire S, Jeremy W, Jaxon L
 - **Monte Vista & DLA by Trish Copsey via email-** Monte Vista Band students are busy working on music for their various upcoming performances:
 - Tuesday, March 28th – Int/Adv Solo/Ensemble Concert at Monte Vista (Int/Adv)
 - Tuesday, April 25th – MVS Roadshow recruitment tour to the elementary feeder schools (Int/Adv) Friday, May 19th – MVS Spring Concert at Monte Vista (All Band students) Wednesday, May 24th – MVS Open House (All Band students)
 - Thursday, June 15th - 8th Grade MVS Promotion Ceremony Pre-Show (Int/Adv – 8th Graders conduct) Additionally, Advanced Band students are very excited to be able to participate in the Disney Magic Music Days workshop on Tuesday, April 18th. Finally, eight MVS students will be participating in the ACHS-led Camarillo Honor Band that will perform with the ACHS Wind Ensemble at the Rancho Campana Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 24th: Atom B., Elijah D., True F., Jack H., Jason M., Orion R., Santino S., and Isaiah V.
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi by Raynard Solomon via email-**
 - K8 Band** is working hard as well, developing their full sound and getting to learn how to play more notes on their instrument. They are just finishing up their first full piece in the book and I will start to introduce to them their next piece to help them develop their skills even further.
 - Mariachi** is also coming along well, we have a setlist of three different mariachi tunes we are working on complete with student vocalists too. We're spending this month and the next working on our sound and working on memorizing the music, and by May everything should be ready. I am working on seeing if the mariachi can perform during PVSEA's open house in May, but first I need to convince my students on how not to be so shy about performing in front of their peers.
 - **K-5 Music – Raynard Solomon via email-** Ukulele: Classes are going smoothly even with all the weather and schedule changes. This week I am finishing up at PVSEA and Dos Caminos and next week I will start the whole 6-week process

again at Rancho Rosal. Since RRS is one of the bigger schools, I will be spending all five days a week only at that school. I am very excited to start sharing the gift of music at another school and not having to travel so much during the week!

- **YAA Strings – Raynard Solomon via email-** Strings:
On Saturday March 11th, **YAA Intermediate Strings and Orchestra** performed at the SCSBOA Rancho Festival. It is our second time going, and this year we went for ranking. The kids had a wonderful, educational time and learned a whole lot from this experience, from performing on a big stage to acting professional at all times to getting a clinic from Mr. Mike Stone (an astounding music educator from Bakersfield). Out of 5 possible rankings from Poor to Superior, we achieved the middle rank of Good. Considering how many times we meet a week and how we only had 2 months to prepare (last year we had 3), I would say we did well. Of course, with all the feedback from the judges we will work to improve our pieces even more and next year we'll work to get an even higher score.
YAA Beginning Strings are still working hard on their basics, and hopefully in the next few weeks I can start to introduce their first full piece!
- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music – Mauricio Giron via email-** I hope everyone is staying dry and warm. **Beginning Guitar:** Students are working through the second part of their book “guitar for kids” and playing through the first part of “guitar session book 1.” I have a fairly consistent group of students (about 15) that come. I handed out their first songs and we are slowly working through the pieces. **Guitar Ensemble:** Students are practicing their 3 songs and I am preparing a couple of songs that they can play for both our concert and bus tour in May. **Digital Music:** We completed almost all the lessons necessary to use BandLab. I have given them the task to now put together a 2-3 minute composition. As a class we are continuing to explore the many different loops that the program has to offer, the last of which included songs from the “metal” genre. I will also be purchasing headphones for the class. Also, we have begun using Incredibox for schools. This is a platform that allows the user to create beats (music compositions) by placing different outfits on the characters. The students like the ease of the program and it allows them to create something that sounds great. Thank you all for all your time and devotion to giving these musical opportunities for our students. I hope you all stay safe and warm.
- **YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey via email-** Sat Mar 18th - The Off Beats at Newbury Park HS Jazz Fest. Fri May 26th - The Off Beats Recruit tour to 3 elem schools + LC lunches
- **PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust-** Invitation was received by CI Chamber Orchestra, to perform with the CI University Choir in a concert in April, Betty will assist in securing 30 minutes extra for practice and prep. There will be 7 movements with the University Choir, Orchestra and PVSD Chorus performing at Rancho Campana on 4/22 at 7 pm and 4/23 at pm. Also, 5/23 is the end of semester concert at 630pm at Dos Caminos. Requests for a fundraiser committee – no parents volunteered. Elaine Lyle will do the Restaurant Night for late April early May.
- **PVSD Music Calendar – Betty Weyek-** PVSD School Calendar for 2023/2024 is out. 1st day of school will be 8/23/23 for PVSD.
- **Disney Performing Arts – Betty Weyek-** the check was sent on 3/13/23 by PVSD paid for with CTE funds- no child had to pay nor chaperons. SOKM to pay for bus transportation.
- **LCS & MVS Solo/Ensemble Concerts – Betty Weyek** See information in LCS and MVS reports.
- **YAA TOB @ NPHS Jazz Festival – Betty Weyek-** Sat Mar 18th - The Off Beats will perform at Newbury Park HS Jazz Fest.

- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey** Thanks to Dorothy for all the email blasts about Urbane Cafe, festival performances and solo/ensemble concerts.
- **Open House by Betty Weyek-** Wednesday May 24: Los Primeros School of Sciences and Art, Las Colinas Middle School, Monte Vista Middle School and Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts. Thursday May 25: Camarillo Heights STEM Academy, Dos Caminos Elementary School, La Mariposa Elementary School, Las Posas Elementary School, Rancho Rosal Elementary School, and Tierra Linda Elementary School. Thursday June 1: Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School.
- SOKM Donations
 - **Thank You Letters** – Peggy Smith Letters not printed yet. Karen will get to Peggy.
 - **Urbane Cafe-** Family Fun night scheduled for Wednesday 3/15/23 from 4pm to 9pm.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - **FY 2022-23 Financials**
 - **Reconciled Statements** – Richard Gatchel
 - **Instrument Inventory – Betty Weyek-** all on the table, instruments need to be checked.
 - **Beginning Band Instruments - Trombones** – Betty Weyek
Henson’s has some new trombones they can sell us for \$1,500 each plus tax. We have a budget for 4 trombones left from our original approval of beginning band instrument purchases. We had a trombone player give us his opinion, he suggests the Bach Strandivarius with F attachment and the King 3B models. Attached is a word document with the details for tonight. Betty Weyek moved to buy 4 trombones for \$1500 each plus tax from Henson’s, Peggy Smith seconded and motion was carried. Will check with Rick on which 3 of the King Trombones.
- SOKM Board Stuff
 - **PTA Roundtable** – Betty Weyek. New resource officer for schools.
 - **LCAP – Peggy Smith-** The new focus is student absences. Schools lose money when students and Distance Learning students are not attending.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3
 - Tuesday, [April 11, 2023](#), 7:00 PM