

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Agenda, April 11, 2023, 7:00 PM

PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Trina for refreshments.
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm and concluded at 8:49 pm. Attendees: Karen , Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hanchey, Maria Godina, Dorrie Kelly, Trina Manders, Joan Rust and Serena Villalobos.
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - March 14, 2023 Minutes and April 11, 2023 Agenda as addendum, Karen Gatchel moved to approve minutes as presented and agenda as amended and Betty Weyek seconded, and motion was carried.
- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas by Reese Copsey via email-** Hi- Lots going on : Disney trip April 18, Las Colinas Recruit Bus tour April 26, LC Spring Concert Saturday May 20, LC all bands Open House Wednesday May 24 and then playing at Graduation. LC classes are going well. Thanks, Reese Copsey
 - **Monte Vista & DLA by Trish Copsey via email-** Hi, Monte Vista Band students are busy working on music for their various upcoming performances:
Tuesday, April 25th – MVS Roadshow recruitment tour to the elementary feeder schools (Int/Adv) Friday, April 28th – Pep Rally for visiting 5th graders (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. Thanks, Trish Copsey
 - **K8 Band & Mariachi – Raynard Solomon via email-**
Band is currently making good progress on their tunes for their upcoming concert in May. Every week has been learning new concepts and learning rehearsal and practice strategies that will help them grow as musicians. Their first full piece of music is coming along well, and I can't wait for them to show it off in front of everybody.
Mariachi is also coming along well with all their pieces. They are starting to understand form in music and have been using that to not just play their piece but also to memorize their music as well. We also got the approval to be able to perform at PVSEA's open house, so we're spending our time preparing for both the Spring concert and that performance on the 24th, while learning new musicianship skills along the way.
 - **K-5 Music – Raynard Solomon via email-** I am currently in my 3rd week of teaching at Rancho Rosal, and things are going well. The principal was able to provide to me my very own classroom – a portable that no one is using at the moment. It has been nice having classes come to me rather than me traveling from classroom to classroom, and to be able to design classroom seating in a more productive manner suited for our activities. They have also decided to integrate all the SDC classes with all the other classes, which means a slightly larger classroom size but I do get help from the paraprofessionals. After working with Rancho Rosal, I will be finishing up ukulele by going to LPSSA and LPS, and that'll be the end of this school year.
 - On a side note, this past month I had two instances of Annette Okamura coming up

in conversation – one from a substitute teacher saying she used to teach her piano and other from a school employee saying she used to teach her kids. Both were happy to see her name on the ukuleles that SOKM helps provide.

- **YAA Strings – Raynard Solomon via email-**
- Beginning strings have started working on their first full piece, which will help them improve on their fundamentals and be used to playing such longer pieces of music. Intermediate strings have been working on all their pieces using the criticisms we got from the festival to make them sound even better. We also added one more featuring a soloist from the orchestra class. This is all for preparing them for our spring concert in May.
- With discussion with all three members of YAA Orchestra, they will be performing with the intermediate strings. I am also able to provide music tutoring/lessons on Tuesdays to any musician who wants or needs extra help on anything.
- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music – Mauricio Giron**
Hope all of you are doing well. Spring break was too short, but needed. I made fresh cheese and tried out an Indian rice pudding recipe. Both were very tasty. Beginning Guitar: We are working on reviewing some repertoire and pitches on the 1st 3 strings. Digital Music: Students are now working on composing their songs that will be played at before the concerts and possibly during intermission and transitions. Guitar Ensemble: Students are working on repertoire for concert.
- **YAA The Off Beats – Reese Copsey-** OB & LC Spring Concert Saturday May 20, OB Recruit Bus tour will be Friday May 26. OB class is going well.
- **PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust-** PVSD partnered with CI Chamber and high school chorus with a total of 100 students to perform 2 day concerts with 2 movements at Rancho Campona. Students have been practicing extra days. There will be an end of year concert as well. Upcoming Restaurant night at Snapper Jack's in Camarillo.
- **YAA TOB @ NPHS Jazz Festival – Betty Weyek-** The Off Beats will performing 4/18
- **LCS & MVS Solo/Ensemble Concerts – Betty Weyek-** Concerts went well, low brass sections is really strong at Monte Vista Middle School.
- **LCS & MVS Recruiting Tours – Betty Weyek-** each of the feeder schools will perform for 5th graders on 4/25 and 4/26.
- **Disney Performing Arts – Betty Weyek-** The Disney Studio is now in Downtown Disney and students will be dismissed for park time around 12:30 pm in supervised groups and will meet to leave at 6pm. PVSD paid for entrance fees for 71 students plus chaperones. SOKM paid the transportation fees for buses.
- **Spring Concerts – Betty Weyek-** LCS and MVS Will be held outdoors with Mister Softee for fundraising. YAA Guitar, YAA Strings, K8 will be indoors at PVSEA Gym. Art and PVSD Chorus will be in DCS MPR. Details and flyers posted www.sokm.net/events
- **PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey**
Newsletter for all Spring Events (concerts, art show and bus tours) will go out first week of May.
- **PVSD Summer School- Karen Gatchel-** As of 4/11/23 summer school is still in the planning phase. Unsure if music will be available due to short notice of music teachers available.
- SOKM Donations
 - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith- only 3 letters, done by Karen Gatchel.
 - **Urbane Café – Maria Godina-** SOKM received a \$200 donation check.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - FY 2022-23 Financials
 - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel- checking is up to date through March 31, 2023.

- SOKM Board Staff
 - **PVSD Board Meeting 4/20 @ 6:00 pm – Karen Gatchel-** SOKM members to give Donation check to PVSD Board at City Hall.
 - **LCAP – Peggy Smith-** Discussion has been on student absentees, brainstorming ways to keep distance learning students attending.
 - **Prop 28- Dorrie Kelly and Trina Manders-** Discussion what does the “Prop 28 funds' ' distribution entail. Both Dorrie and Trina will present with a plan from SOKM perspective at May Meeting.
- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3
 - Tuesday, [May 9, 2023](#), 7:00 PM