

Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)

Minutes, August 2, 2022, 7:00 PM (FIRST TUESDAY)

Betty Weyek's House & Zoom

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Thank you to Karen for refreshments.
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm. Attendees: Karen Gatchel, Betty Weyek, Richard Gatchel, Nikki Dossman, Dorothy Hanchey, Dorrie Kelly, Trina Manders, Reese Copsey, Joan Rust, Raynard Solomon, and Serena Villalobos.

- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
 - July 12, 2022 Minutes and August 2, 2022 Agenda as amended, Karen Gatchel moved to approve and Dorothy Hanchey seconded, and the motion was carried.

- Happenings
 - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
 - **Las Colinas by Reese Copsey**- there are 3 small band classes and 2 Digital music classes this semester. Low enrollment of students, half of 2019 student enrollment. Will need to build program again.
 - **Monte Vista & DLA** – Trish Copsey- no report.
 - **K8 – Raynard Solomon**- Will be recruiting for Beginning Band and Mariachi. Previous string students can join PVSD YAA strings program
 - **YAA Strings by Raynard Solomon**- will be offering Beginning Strings, Intermediate and Full Orchestra.
 - **YAA Guitar – Mauricio Giron**- no report
 - **YAA The Off Beats by Reese Copsey**- 4-5 students returning from -last year of 17 students. Class will meet twice a week.
 - **TK-5 Music, YAA Ukulele - Karine Szakos**- Karine Szakos has left PVSD for a full time position. No update on TK-5 Music. Still searching for a PVSD YAA Ukulele teacher.
 - **PVSD Chorus by Joan Rust**- awaiting Covid rules, location and possible dates for classes. Awaiting response from PVSD office for location. Would like to reserve 2 classrooms for 2 age groups. Twice a week; Tuesday and Thursday are preferred class days. A suggested donation will be increased to possibly \$250. Registration will be all online.
 - **2022-23 PVSD Music & PVSD YAA Updates by Betty Weyek**- All PVSD YAA registration will be on line. Classes will start the first week of October. Possible demonstrations week of 9/12/22, or end of week 9/8/22 if needed.
 - **Las Colinas Band Room by Reese Copsey**- short video presentation with information to request SOKM's advocacy for a mini PAC to hold 80-100 people. An outdoor south facing with covered seating can be used by many other organizations with bond money. All pictures, videos and information can be accessed on Las Colinas website, on the Reese Copsey teacher page, at the bottom with Google forms with links. By Karen Gatchel- Bond issues, years ago when the Bond was approved, all moneys were already allocated. Las Colinas band room is still on the list. Will need to check on the timeline for the best possible room. Rancho Campana PAC was built as a community facility. PVSD needs to advocate for more use of RCHS PAC by PVSD student performers.
 - **Professional Orchestra Field Trip by Betty Weyek**- Channel Islands and New West Symphony will facilitate with SOKM for discounted tickets. Music Teachers need to let Betty know which concert they are interested in attending.
 - **Social Media by Trina Manders and Dorrie Kelly**- posts on different platforms at no costs that unify on all platforms. Can create and send at designated dates/times. Karen will be sending SOKM Logos. SOKM currently has Facebook, Twitter and add

- Instagram. Canva.com can be used for exciting graphics and eye catching. Once a week can share music or educational information.
- o **Ballot Measure 28 by Trina Manders and Dorrie Kelly-** Will be on Ballot in November 2022. Measure will allocate 1% of the State Education Fund(80% equipment and 20% teachers). Karen will speak with Chris Johnston at the District office to check bond language. Yes on 28 organization and how to participate was discussed. Possibly organize a community event to pass out information, with music and food. Trina and Dorrie to sign up as Yes on 28 group leaders with SOKM to assist. PTA Presidents will be meeting at the end of September.
 - o PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter by Dorothy Hanchey- will go out 9/7/22 with information on PVSD YAA and Proposition 28.
 - o PVSD Teacher- Karen Gatchel- current position of 80% contract open on EdJoin to replace Karine Szakos. District planning on concentrating on K-3 grades and bringing back recorders.
- SOKM Donations
 - o Thank You Letters by Peggy Smith- will be done soon.
 - o Middle School Postcard by Nikki Dossman and Karen Gatchel- Plan to send postcard to all middle school students in September. Emphasis would be on new study: It takes 13 minutes to decrease stress after listening to music, SOKM this is who we are and what we do, a couple of quotes involving music benefits, and ask/QR code.
 - SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
 - o FY 2021-22 Financials- no changes.
 - o Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel Statements not available yet.
 - o Instrument Inventory by Betty Weyek- both Las Colinas MS and Monte Vista MS are done. Awaiting access to PVSEA campus for strings, guitar, ukulele and some band instruments for inventory.
 - o Beginning Band Instrument Bids by Betty Weyek- Instrument quotes from Henson's, Nick Rail and WWBW were given. Karen Gatchel moved a motion for an amount of money to buy instruments not to exceed \$35,000 with the vendor Henson's and Nick Rail for Yamaha saxophones to buy the best instruments possible, Serena Villalobos seconded, motion was carried.
 - o Bow Replacements by Raynard Solomon- work in progress for bow replacement exchange.
 - o SOKM Insurance by Karen Gatchel- SOKM has paid through Oct 2023. We have \$10,000 that covers personal property and supplies. No need for instrument insurance at this time.
 - SOKM Board Stuff
 - Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online or Location TBA
 - o Tuesday, [September 13, 2022](#), 7:00 PM