

**Save Our Kids' Music (SOKM)**  
Agenda, November 8, 2022, 7:00 PM  
PVSEA, 700 Temple Ave, Room C3 and Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:14

- Welcome and Introductions
  - In attendance: Trina Manders, Betty Weyek, Karen Gatchel, Richard Gatchel, Peggy Smith, Dorrie Kelly, Joan Rust
  - Thank you to Karen for refreshments
- Approval of SOKM Minutes and Agenda
  - October 11 2022 Minutes and November 8 2022 as amended Agenda, Karen Gatchel moved to approve as presented and Betty Weyek seconded, and motion was carried.
- Happenings
  - PVSD Music Department & Youth Arts Academy
    - **Las Colinas via email Reese Copsey-** Our Las Colinas band classes are going well,... but it is certainly busy here. I have 3 band classes (Adv, Int, and Beg) plus 2 Digital Music semester-long classes. We're getting ready for the Winter Concert, the Christmas Parade, and a couple performances for the Advanced Band here at school. We're doing a "Flash Mob" at Nutrition Break next Tuesday. Then we will play for both lunches the day before Winter Break.
    - **Monte Vista & DLA via e-mail Trish Copsey-** All MVS Band students are busy preparing for their Winter Concert on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. MVS Intermediate & Advanced Students will be performing a short selection this Thursday for an on-campus Veteran's Day Ceremony. Additionally, the Intermediate & Advanced students are starting to work on music and marching skills for the Camarillo Christmas Parade (Saturday, Dec. 10th) and we are planning a short Holiday performance during Nutrition for the week before Winter Break as well.
    - **K8 Band & Mariachi via e-mail Raynard Solomon-** K8 Beg Band and Mariachi: Both the Los Primeros band and the Santa Rosa band are progressing well! They're learning how to play with good tone and have started getting into the book playing Hot Cross Buns and soon Jingle Bells. All of this is in preparation for our concert on December 14th, and I'm excited to showcase both bands after not having band for so long. In addition to the two bands, the PVSEA Mariachi has agreed join them on that date as well, so we're doing our best to prepare some tunes. It's a bit hard since this week and last week I could not see all of them due to early dismissal, but they all know what they are expected to practice. Again, excited to have everyone perform soon!
    - **K-5 Music via e-mail Raynard Solomon-** Ukulele classes are wrapping up soon for my first block of classes (Camarillo Heights and La Mariposas), and I already sent the emails out to the principals of my next block (Tierra Linda and Santa Rosa) which will start after the Thanksgiving break. The biggest issue for me is working out all the logistics of scheduling, especially for days off and minimum days, but all the students are learning and progressing well – right now they're learning their second song "Everyone Loves Saturday

Night” where they not only play the ukulele but learn to sing in four different languages while doing so. Although I wish I had more time with each class, I hope to at least show them how fun music-making is and encourage them to pursue more music-making in their future.

- **YAA Strings via e-mail Raynard Solomon-** All my string ensembles are working towards their winter concert on December 15th, learning new musical concepts at their level every time we meet. The beginning strings are learning the first notes on the D string, the intermediate strings are learning how to play their ensemble music to make it sound good, and the orchestra is learning the art of playing chamber music and to be able to lead themselves without a conductor. They are all working really hard and I am excited for them to show off their hard work at the concert.
- **YAA Guitar & Digital Music via e-mail Mauricio Giron** Introduction to guitar class is completely full though some people never showed and this allowed us to let the waitlisted enter the class. I have about 5 students that have now learned how to tune and it makes it easier to start class. Students are working with exercises I have given them in guitar Tabs. We have been working on Reading rhythms (quarter notes/rests, Half Notes, Dotted Half notes, Whole notes) playing our first three notes on the 1st string and now moving towards our 2nd string. Usually I start students with simple chords but have decided to take it in this direction this year. We are making progress. Students also have access to all the information, handouts, worksheets and exercises on my google classroom. Guitar Ensemble is for students that already took a year with me, come with some knowledge or instruction on guitar but maybe don't know how to read. We have now gone over playing the root of chords (bass part of song), classical posture, reading rhythms (whole notes, half notes, dotted half notes, quarter notes/rests, eighth notes) We have reviewed how to read Tabs, chord frames, tuning and are currently playing pitches found on the first 2 strings (6 pitches). The class is smaller and because we only meet once a week they can easily fall behind so I also have a google classroom where they can access all the information we review in class. I am planning on showing them how to replace their strings as well as soon as they all have a new set. Digital Music class is going well. I started by introducing them to the “Blob opera”, “Chrome Music Lab”, and “Band Lab”. I would eventually like to migrate to “sound trap”. The goal for now is for them to get comfortable with Band Lab as they create new content. We have gone over the different buttons and tools in the program as well as how to add tracks, renaming tracks, using loops and copying them to create small compositions that fill the space of 8 bars to this last one which was 40 bars. Here is a sample of some of their work.
- **YAA The Off Beats via Reese Copsey** YAA The Off Beats are meeting Mondays and Wednesdays after school and the group is coming together. Each year we have almost completely new students. They will play at the Winter Concert, Somis Thursday Club, Val Rains Retirement at the DO, and a short holiday performance at the DO on our last practice day before Winter Break, Wednesday Dec 21st.
- **PVSD Chorus – Joan Rust** Held chorus in the dark at Dos Caminos today after the storm took out the power! Christmas Concert prep is going well, PVSD won't allow concerts in churches, hoping for Dos Caminos MPR for concert Dec 20 6:30.
- Social Media – Dorrie Kelly and Trina Manders Flyers for upcoming concerts, link to events

page, YAA and Music Forms has all the flyers. Thank you for consolidating requests to once a month.

- Ballot Measure 28 – Dorrie Kelly and Trina Manders, Hope it passes! Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the farmer's market.
- December Events – Betty Weyek
  - Dec 3: MVS, LCS, YAA The Off Beats, Mr. Softee, 1-2 people at SOKM table
  - Dec 8 Pizza Man Dan fundraiser
  - Dec 8: Winter YAA Guitar concert: 1 person at SOKM table
  - Dec 10 Parade: intermediate and advanced band, marching practices monday and wednesday before
  - Dec 14: K8 groups- SOKM table
  - Dec 15: YAA Strings- SOKM table
  - YAA The Off Beats: Somis Thursday Club 12/8, caroling at district office 12/21
- PVSD Music Department and YAA Newsletter – Dorothy Hanchey- Newsletter to go out week of Nov. 14th
- SOKM Donations
  - Thank You Letters – Peggy Smith
  - Middle School Postcard – Betty Weyek & Peggy Smith working on getting them out
  - Donor Postcard – Karen Gatchel & SOKM Board: Divide and label, personalize, send.
- SOKM Finances – Maria Godina
  - FY 2022-23 Financials. New instruments, replacement bows, NeonCRM, postage, park fee
  - Restaurant nights: Applebees brought in \$136.4, Pizza Man Dan Dec 8th
  - Reconciled Statements – Richard Gatchel: PWB Reconciled through October, interest and outstanding checks reconciled, Capital One reconciled through September
- Instrument Inventory – Betty Weyek: Only about 2 dozen instruments left! Thank you to everyone who helped with inventory
- Beginning Band Instrument Status – Betty Weyek: 16 clarinets and 10 trumpets purchased. Trish requested and received CTE grant for 6 clarinets and 8 trumpets through the school district. SOKM will purchase more clarinets and trumpets as well as 8 alto saxophones. Should have enough instruments to cover all of beginning band students now. Will start working on intermediate and advanced band instruments and guitars.
- Bow Replacements Status – Raynard Solomon: Bows are ordered and delivered.
- SOKM Board Stuff: Ventura County honor band auditions coming up soon. SOKM has coaching available for students
- PTA Roundtable – Karen Gatchel: Discussed contention in Conejo over school board, refer to PVSD website for curriculum questions

Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM

- Next SOKM Board Meeting – Online and 700 Temple Ave, Room C3
  - Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:00 PM (No December Meeting)