

**Harmony Magnet Academy
Academy of Performing Arts
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

Meeting was called to order at Harmony Magnet Academy library at 6:07.

Those in attendance were Gretchen Brumley, Joel Buringrud, John Burkey, Millie Edsberg, Bill Jameson, Daniella Lovato, Bob Merzoian, Cheryl Murdock, Paula Roche, Mimi Schuler, and Odalys Figueroa.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Odalys Figueroa was welcomed as the Student Rep. She is the ASB Manager of Advertising

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL – Daniella Lovato

Daniella contacted the teachers at the schools regarding a couple of dates in the fall, which is work better for them. LHS is going to have a new teacher next year. It is kind of early in the year for them to give some dates and she is still waiting to hear from them to see what is available. She called the regarding the Harmony Multipurpose Room. She talked with Corey. She needs to get some dates to her and see what is available. Joel said Daniella could contact him and he could arrange to reserve the MPR. Porterville High would be the only other one to be considered because Monache has a drama club so there are no conflicts and Tom Alexander is really excited to get on board with this. We are waiting for the new school year, get everything in order, get judicators lined up, and get documents for the judicators to use.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS – Millie Edsberg and Joel Buringrud

We are purchasing another laptop cart. Funding became available through Pathways where we can develop some of the things that need to happen in both APA and AOE. Each Academy gets \$40,000 each year for three years. We are going to be ordering some electrical wiring to be put in (\$11,000 for theatrical lighting equipment). We will be buying a set of tympani for the orchestra because we are pushing the full orchestra idea now. We are also purchasing more microphones. John Burkey just got done reconfiguring our whole system because of the extra microphones.

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL – Joel Buringrud

Tomorrow night (March 12) is the creative arts festival. It is officially our spring 9th and 10th grades interdisciplinary project of the year. There will be performances by Chinese class, Spanish class, and French class. We have eight plays written by Harmony students in their English classes and performed by freshman theater students. We have three rock bands performing and the Harmonix. We have three dance numbers choreographed by students. The finale is one of the rock bands will be accompanying a 45 member Chinese chorus. There will be exhibits put on demonstrating original artwork by biology, English, math, piano, and graphic design.

PATHWAYS OFFICE – Mimi Shuler

Enrollment: We recently held the enrollment center for the all the incoming freshman for 2015-16 school office. We enrolled over 900 8th graders into our Pathways. For Harmony, there are 65 APA and 96 AOE plus adding ten from the waiting list.

Interviews: This for the 11 graders and will be tomorrow and Friday (March 12 and 13). Every single junior in all the Pathways will be going through the interview process. Past students said

this was the most important preparation they underwent. Students have undergone a training. Ruben (Pathway coordinator) prepares them based on their employable skills from their activities. We have raised the bar on what they wear and how they present themselves.

APA AB BOARD MEMBERSHIP – Bill Jameson

There are several people who are no longer involved. Mike Martinez has a new job and cannot participate any longer. Judyann Hellrung will finish out this school year but then will have to resign. We need to do something about this next time.

ASB REPORT – Odalys Figueroa

Engineering Week: This was organized by three young gentlemen and they did it so well, but there was not much involvement from the students.

Battle of the Sexes: This was run by the Activities Director. Turnout was not too good but they had fun.

HMA's Got Talent: This is coming up the week after Spring Break (March 23-27). We are currently asking for signups. We need judges.

Social Media Page: She is planning to set up a social media page where the students can go and get all the activities, deadlines, etc.

ASB is not feeling they are accomplishing enthusiasm and involvement. Link Crews are a crucial part.

PERFORMING ARTS NETWORK

Directors from the community theaters get calls or call other directors to find actors. All the theaters have websites; however, nobody really ever goes on them. He would like to set up on social media like Facebook an all-encompassing bulletin board for theaters, i.e. Ice House, Encore Theater, Barn Theater, Lindsay Theater, Hanford Theater, the high schools, and any other community theater group. We can post auditions, characters, ages, and provide links to every organization. This would be a master bulletin board. Joel suggested this as a senior project. Bob mentioned this could be under the mentoring of Mike Proctor. Joel suggested they approach the junior class as they are looking at next year's senior projects. This would be a real world application.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 at the Harmony library

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Murdock
Secretary