

SOT and Parent Meeting
September 4, 2024
7:00 AM



School Organizational Team

Shelby Guinn, Faculty; Marissa McCoy, Faculty; Juliann McAllister, Support Professional;
Tom Anderson, Parent; Amanda Hicks, Parent; Jay Somers, Parent; Chanelle West, StuCo President

1. Welcome, Introductions & Meeting Protocol (Anderson)
2. Approval of Minutes from [May](#) (Anderson)
 - a. Unanimous approval of Minutes
3. Reports (Anderson)
 - a. Development Office update: Brian Downey standing for Megan Franke
 - i. Introduction of the Development Office personnel and responsibilities
 - ii. Introduction of Friends of LVA, the Muse gala and the master artist series
 - b. Friends of LVA: Brian Downey
 - i. Discussion of Vision and Purpose of Friends of LVA
 - ii. Discussion of Imagine gala
 1. Being hosted on February 7, 2025, at Virgin Hotel
 2. Tickets, sponsorships, etc. are open on gala@friendsoflva.org
 3. Friends of LVA is accepting donations for the silent auction and the live auction
 4. Snack Shack is still in need of volunteers
 - c. Guild Representatives
 - i. Dance
 1. College Auditions 9/18
 2. Concert 9/27-28
 - ii. Theatre
 1. Successful auditions for *Beauty and the Beast*
 - iii. Band
 1. Private Lesson Scholarships available
 - iv. Vocal
 1. Honor Choir Auditions next week
 - v. Art
 1. Showgirl Legacy 9/15
 2. NAHS ARToberfest
 - vi. Jazz
 1. Concert 9/11
 2. Ensembles nightly at Vic's Las Vegas
 3. Multiple performances including CCEA New Teacher event, Teach for America, Girl Scouts, and Junior Achievement
 - vii. Guitar
 1. Honor Guitar
 2. UNLV Guitar Concert
 3. Guitar Donation
 - viii. Piano
 1. Three block levels this year
 2. NSA Scholarship Winners
 3. Freshmen Departmental Meet & Greet
 - ix. Mariachi
 1. Art Project resulted in Mariachi donation
 2. Recorded an Album
 3. Guitar Donation
 - d. Student Rep Update: Tessa Wozniak

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- i. New Student Orientation
- ii. Senior Sunrise
- iii. Working to coordinate club fair for 9/20 after school
- iv. Homecoming is 10/19
- v. Homecoming week to kick off with an assembly on 10/14

4. Discussion/Information (Koepp)

- a. Hiring Update
 - i. Welcome AP Valdez!
 - ii. Film Opening: teacher in place awaiting CCSD hiring process
- b. LVA Focus 2024 - 2025:
 - i. Rigorous Instruction
 - 1. ExactPath: 60 / week English and Math
 - 2. [Lunch & Learn](#) vs. Extended Learning Time (ELT)
 - 3. [Afterschool Tutoring](#)
- c. Communication
 - i. [Weekly Bulletin](#)
 - 1. Senior Section (early decision is 11/1)
 - ii. [Website](#)
 - iii. [Canvas Announcements](#)
 - iv. [Chain of Command](#)
- d. [Parent Funding Agreement](#)
- e. New Banking Program
 - i. LVA is in first piloting group. Please be patient.
 - 1. Discussed PSAT payment extension.
- f. School Plan of Operation 2024 - 2025
 - i. 2024 - 2025 School Performance Plan Goals for the year include:
 - 1. Increase Junior students ACT scores (21 or higher)
 - 2. Increase classroom depth of knowledge from 53% - 60%
 - 3. Reduce absenteeism by 3%. Last year the rate was 18%
 - ii. 2024 - 2025 School Budget
 - 1. LVA can keep all of the current staff
 - 2. Carry-over funding used for a variety of things on campus. Distribution categories reviewed including professional development money, capital improvements, prep buys for class size reduction, etc.
 - 3. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Plan of Operation (performance plan and budget) sustained.
- g. Legacy Project Update
 - i. Perimeter Fencing will be in place within the week.
 - ii. Gates will open 30 minutes before school and close 15 minutes after the arrival bell. Late arrivals should enter through the Main Building.
- h. [2024-2025 SOT elections](#)
 - i. Discussed election timeline.

5. Accolades (Koepp)

- a. 99.5% graduation rate
- b. Magnet Schools of America (MSA) 2024 Top Magnet School of Excellence
- c. Successful Open House
- d. 210 students auditioned for *Beauty & the Beast* with every conservatory represented with at least one member of each major.
- e. Mariachi recorded an album with YAO.

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- f. Music tech student albums on all streaming platforms.
 - g. MGM \$5,000 donation to Visual Arts for student work this summer for a MGM leadership event. This follows a \$10,000 donation in April for a similar collaborative project.
 - h. Jazz played at *Jazz in the Parks* to audiences of thousands.
 - i. Guitars donated by Life By Music - nonprofit founded by Ryan Patrick, LVA alumni, class of 2006.
6. Calendar
- a. Reviewed upcoming dates as well as how to check the [website for current events](#).
7. Public Comment (Anderson)
- a. Discussion of College and Career Office resources as well as upcoming CREW Day.
 - b. Reviewed Attendance Kiosk issues
8. Adjourn (Anderson)