

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting for July 1952

Meeting was called for July 28. The following were present: Mr. Ehlers, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Komuro, Mr. Hauoli, Mr. Wiley, Miss Kawamura and Mr. Kelly. Absent were: Mr. Moritz, Mrs. Shim. Mrs. Park of the Music faculty was unable to attend.

The first half of the meeting was given over to a description of the Music Department's program and methods of operation for the benefit of Mr. Hauoli and Mrs. Komuro, new committee members.

The central issue for discussion at this meeting was the question of whether or not to expand the Music Department in the fall of 1952 by the addition of one new full time teacher and the expansion of enrollment by 50 new students. The music faculty expressed their favor for the expansion in terms of (a) the very large increase in acquaintance with the program by people in the community due to the fee reduction and changes in content of the music classes and activities (b) the two new housing projects opening up in the community (c) the fact that one new teacher would provide a marginal surplus in income to the department over and above cost of the new teacher ~~xx~~ which would enable the department to institute one or more non-fee music interest activities for the benefit of children and families who can not afford the fee classes or who are not interested in formal music studies.

The advisory committee went on record as favoring the possibility of expansion this fall. Mrs. Hitchcock said she would present the recommendation to the Executive Board for consideration since the expansion project would involve expenses for constructing a wall in the main lobby to convert the adjoining space into an additional classroom as well as expenses for two additional pianos.

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