

Music Department

Staff Meeting on September 8, 1955

Present: Zaneta Richards, Eleanor Ho, Homer Keller, John Kelly, Mr. Ehlers, Setsuko Nozoe.

Band Parents John Kelly reported that this group of parents is getting very active and organized and hopes that eventually students of the band may be playing pieces that Homer Keller has composed. The Band Parents meet on Monday evenings.

Basis of Scholarship Scholarships provide to persons with financial difficulties, an opportunity to enrich their lives thru the means of a musical background. First preference will be for students who live within the immediate Settlement area and secondly to persons who have been with the school previously. Teachers were asked to refer all persons in need of scholarship aid to the registrar. The registrar in turn will get information of family income, number of adults and children and any other factors that would determine whether a person needs financial aid. John Kelly will make the final decision.

Children's Chorus Eleanor Ho was asked to accompany the Chorus. John Kelly will in the mean time endeavor to contact someone in the community to conduct the chorus. John Kelly stated that altho he wants to conduct the group that it would be impossible due to more time needed on his part for administrative duties with the new music school program.

Advisory Committee Meeting John Kelly reported to the new staff that the following are members of the Committee: Mrs. Peggy Hitchcock, Mrs. Karen Perkins, Mrs. Gladys Min, Mrs. Ethel Thom, Mr. Floyd Uchima, Mr. Al Watkins, and Mr. Walter Ehlers. A meeting in October will be scheduled for the purpose of introduction of staff to the Committee.

Theory and Music Appreciation Homer Keller will be in charge of these classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 and Fridays at 3:15. It will begin in the first week of October.

Popular vs Classical Music Question arose as to whether teachers could offer popular music lessons. It was agreed that a child should be exposed to and experience a variety of types of music so that he may have a chance to decide by himself what he wants. He should at least be made to be aware of the kinds of music.

New Parents Night Purpose of the New Parents Night is for a get together whereby new parents and teachers can get to know each other. It also serves as a means of explaining the policies to the group and also educating parents on how they can help to make their children's lessons successful and more meaningful. The fall semester New Parents Night has been scheduled for September 28, 1955 at 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Wednesday).



John Kelly