

Music Department
Minutes of Staff Meeting on October 15, 1956.

Present: John Kelly, Marianne Fleece, Homer Keller, Eleanor Ho, Jeannette Chun, Sets Nozoe.

Announcements:

1. Advisory Committee Meeting on October 31. Purpose of the meeting is to have a look at the financial picture and the overall service of the school.
2. Jacob Feuerring Travelogue on November 30. Mr. Feuerring promotes international cultural understanding thru the medium of music.
3. Frank Owens on Popular methods on October 18 at 9 a.m. Discussion followed on what to expect and questions that should arise from the talk with Mr. Owens.

New Parent's Nite It was suggested that although the staff should be prepared for this meeting that we would try a different approach which instead of staff giving pointers on "how to help your child to want music and to practice and continue his music education" that it would be more fruitful if this time, we gave a short introduction of the music department and the staff by Mr. Kelly and then throwing the discussion to the parents in the form of "your child has had lessons for nearly 1/2 year. What do you find are your major difficulties at home so far as your child and music education is concerned?" We hope that this will stimulate a lively discussion as to the common problems that occur with beginning students. Then, at the end of the discussion, Mr. Kelly will summarize the entire discussion with certain pointers that should help the parents to understand and help their child. Miss Ho will be in charge of refreshments. About 60 parents are expected to this meeting.

Replacement for Mr. Sausser It was brought to the attention of Mr. Kelly and staff that Mr. Sausser will not be able to continue teaching his Wednesday students due to a chemistry class that he is going to take. He will continue to teach on Saturdays but in the meantime Mr. Kelly will be looking for a replacement for the Wednesday classes.

Mr. Keller's Recital Although most of the studio recitals are held in the afternoons, Mr. Keller asked permission to hold one of the evening of December 5th. Purpose is to have his entire enrollment to perform for each other and to make it at a time when parents and children would most likely be able to attend.

Deadline for Christmas Concert Miss Ho announced that November 17th is the deadline for handing in names of pieces to be played for the Concert.

Since so many little reminders are sent out constantly through the students and due to teacher's busy schedules they often times forget to pass the notes out, it was suggested that we publish a letter to parents once a month, at which time, little reminders would be made - important dates to be noted, feature stories about music be entered and possibly hints or suggestions of certain phases of music education - could all be put into one letter. Since most of our planning is done at least a month ahead, this would be an excellent method of justifying sending letters out to each parent regularly.


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