

BFA ARTS COMMITTEE UPDATE - MARCH 2017

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Meeting Summary and Upcoming Actions:

Following is a brief list of decisions and actions from our March meeting, with additional detail as needed below.

- Rachelle did a great job presenting questions needed for her to complete the by-laws, and we'll plan to review her draft at the next meeting. The team decided to create a position for a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, although these positions may be combined such as Chair/Secretary and Vice Chair/Treasurer. Each position will be slated for a three-year commitment, although volunteers can obviously resign before the three years are up if needed. We are also going to formalize the committee's membership this coming Fall.
- The Board approved our budget, and any funds not approved are available to Ms. Hinkle via the school's supply budget. Ms. Hinkle to work with Mr. Barber to procure funds for ceramic projects.
- Abhi Sur will work with Ms. Hinkle to develop QR codes and relevant landing page. Elizabeth Billups is available to assist as needed to help with development or promotion.
- Dylan Gregory will work with Ms. Johnson to get reimbursed for all costs for Aladdin set design. Dylan created amazing scenes for Aladdin, and the show was excellent!
- We discussed via email following the meeting that in future Middle School shows Dylan will transition into an Advisor/Coach role, and the students in the Theater Tech Elective class will do most of the hands-on work with guidance from Dylan and Ms. Hinkle. The Arts committee members, including Dylan, can step into help if the students need our help, but we'll give them the first crack at the work. (And the students won't be able to use any power tools!) 😊
- Michelle Ziegler still discussing creative writing ideas with Ms. Murphy.
- The team will brainstorm STEAM Expo (Art) ideas at the April meeting. The Expo is in the Fall.
- Elizabeth Billups proposed an idea to the team about creating a BFA Community Theater group that would include any interested student, parent, grandparent or staff of the school. This group would function solely with volunteers and include no paid leadership. The group could do an annual musical or play to offer an inter-generational theater experience for all involved, but also has the potential of a great fundraiser. It would also be a great way for students to see how adults continue to enjoy the arts as any age and also give an opportunity for "real-time" artistic mentoring.

Practice and performance times would need to be scheduled around the school schedule so as not to compete with other activities. For example, practice times could be at 7 p.m. on weeknights or on weekends when the school is generally vacant. Elizabeth will talk with staff and the Board to see what actions are necessary to get official approval of this idea.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 19, 5 to 6 p.m. in the BFA Art Room in the new addition

AGENDA FOR APRIL'S MEETING:

- Review & Confirm By-Laws (Rachelle)
- Nominate Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasure (as possible)
- Summer activities – Art? Anything else?
- Start brainstorming for next year’s STEAM Expo
- Discuss BFA Community Theater idea
- Brainstorm additional extra-curricular programs we want to offer with new space (For example, percussion class? Dancing? Ceramics? Family classes?)
- Review actions by Teams if needed:
 - Scene Design – Dylan Gregory
 - Visual Arts – Summer Allen, Tiffani Titus & Abhi Sur
 - Creative Writing – Michelle Ziegler
 - Vocal/Choir – Elizabeth Billups
- Open Forum – Share your ideas!
- If time, review list of “Ideas for Future Consideration”

Ideas for Future Consideration

- Showcase student work on Arts Committee web page
- Connect with college students who may be able to help us
- Offer short-term classes after school for a variety of dancing, such as ballroom or ballet
- Place artwork in area businesses (Summer is managing this)
- Integrate scanner codes that link to YouTube demonstrations or other web resources into artwork or marketing fliers
- Newsletter articles featuring arts education & activities
- Research and encourage students to enter arts competitions
- Plan awards for students who excel in the arts
- Summer to be a guest speaker in the arts classes on jewelry making
- Find artists and invite them to speak or demonstrate in art classes
- Research grant opportunities