**BFA Arts Committee Update - October 2016**

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**Meeting Summary:**

Our meeting was held Oct. 19, 2016. We had a smaller turnout than the Sept. meeting (about 6 people), but a great discussion. Everyone who attended was very interested in contributing to the new Arts Team. Following is a brief list of decisions and actions, with additional detail as needed below.

* Approved our mission/purpose statement.
* Discussed and decided how to recruit parent and community members to be on sub-committees or teams that focus on particular areas of the arts, such as scene design. Elizabeth Billups created a flier and newsletter article to recruit parents.
* Dylan Gregory is working with Ms. Johnson to help with scene design for musicals. He’s already designed and built an ingenious Christmas Tree that can be stored flat.
* Abhi Sur researched integrating technology with art by placing a scanner code on artwork that links to an art demo video, etc. He shared with us all how a scanner code can easily be created and included with artwork, marketing fliers, etc.

**Actions Needed:**

* Will someone help Ms. Johnson organize volunteers to help set up and put away chairs for choir rehearsals on Wed. afternoons?
* Elizabeth will create Thursday Folder flier and newsletter article to recruit parents for our sub-teams (this is done).
* Summer to research opportunities for placing artwork in area businesses.
* Dylan to continue working with Ms. Johnson on scene design.
* Find volunteers that own a truck who are willing to help move set designs in the short-term before we have our new performance area.
* Need to develop by-laws for this committee. Elizabeth Billups will work with Becky Mullen to start this process.
* Please invite any parents who are interested in joining or supporting the Arts Committee to the next meeting!

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5 to 6 p.m. in the BFA Art Room**

**Agenda for November’s Meeting:**

* Develop By-Laws (Becky Mullen and Elizabeth Billups)
* Find volunteer to organize set up and take down of chairs at Wed. choir practice
* Discuss recruitment for new Teams by Niche
* Find a volunteer who has a truck to help move set designs
* Review actions by Teams:
  + Scene Design – Dylan Gregory
  + Visual Arts – Summer Allen
  + Creative Writing – Michelle Ziegler
  + Vocal/Choir – Elizabeth Billups
* Review list of “Ideas for Future Consideration”
* Open Forum – Share your ideas!

**Approved Mission Statement**

“The BFA Arts Committee will work closely with the STEM committee to continue offering exceptional learning opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). Our committee will extend the opportunities for our students to gain awareness and expertise in a wide variety of visual and performing arts. We will further integrate the arts into our curriculum and extra-curricular activities. We will also help our art teachers by recruiting and coordinating parent and community volunteers. Lastly, we will increase awareness and recognition of our arts activities through prolific showcasing to our students, parents, staff and community.”

**Developing Sub-Teams by Art Niche**

After this meeting, Elizabeth Billups drafted a flier for Thursday Folders, newsletter article and Facebook post to recruit members for these teams. We’ve already received more than six emails from new parents to sign up for a niche area. We’ve assigned team leads for a few of the teams already. We need to eventually find a lead for all teams we want to develop. Following is a list of teams we’d like to develop, but we are open to additional teams if we have parents to lead them.

* **Scene Design**: To help build sets for musicals/plays. Team Lead: Dylan Gregory
* **Visual Arts**: To help Ms. Hinkle with various projects, such as post artwork around the school and to market our activities and place artwork in area businesses and organizations. Team Lead: Summer Allen
* **Vocal/Choir Team:** To support Ms. Johnson in teaching singing to her choirs and musical theater productions. Team Lead: Elizabeth Billups
* **Creative Writing**: To increase opportunities for students to practice creative writing opportunities. Team Lead: Michelle Ziegler
* **Drama/Acting:** To support Ms. Johnson in teaching acting in her various activities. Team Lead: TBD
* **Dancing:** To support our dancing activities, such as musical theater and dancing classes. Team Lead: TBD
* **Graphics Arts:** To support marketing team and also offer educational opportunities for students. Team Lead: TBD
* **General:** People who don’t have a specific niche, but want to support the Arts. This team may coordinate volunteers or offer other general support for the above teams. For example, we need someone to coordinate volunteers to help set up and take down chairs for after-school choir. Team Lead: TBD

**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