



Minutes No.49, Advisory Committee on the Arts

Date: October 27, 2014

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Arts was held in the staff room at Fisher Park Public School, 250 Holland Avenue, Ottawa, with David W Jones present as co-chair and the following in attendance:

In attendance: Evelyn Michaud, Peter Gamwell, Michael Wilson, Carl Bovell, Cheryl Carman (MASC), Jacque Pinard, Daniel Chen, Eric Ding, Debbie Holzman

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – approved by David; seconded by Evelyn
3. Co-Chair’s Report i) - Eric Ding is our new "Student Senate" member (and Colonel By student). ii) – ACA Awards evening will not be at the Board location this year. ACA will need to find a new location for the event. iii) – Action plan based on Strategic Priorities, from Spring ACA Sessions will be discussed later in the meeting.
4. Approval of September Minutes - approved by Cheryl
5. Business Arising from September Minutes - none
6. and 7. switched
6. Superintendent’s Report) - Peter handed out copies of the Time Allocation Model (TAM) - TAM model is based on British system decades old - music program is threatened in EFI - 4 disciplines in the Arts are allocated 150 minutes per week which doesn’t allow for much to be taught. Quite often dance gets dropped or gets put into the PDA time slot. -literacy block gets much more time ii) reference to report: “ Potential, Unleashing; Harnessing Possibilities: An Odyssey of Creativity, Innovation & Critical Thinking” <http://www.ocdsb.ca/ab-ocdsb/LeadTheWay/li/Leadership%20docs/Unleashing%20Potential%20-%20OCDSB%20Action%20Research%20Study%203.pdf>
7. Arts Coaches Report by Jacque Pinard
 - i) The focus this year is on Drama. Funding of \$300,000 is being used towards providing workshops. These workshops are going well so far with lots of requests coming from teachers. Workshops are lead by more experienced teachers who can mentor other teachers. Susanna and Jacque are considering offering new ones but want to provide basic ones on a regular basis. This would include basic workshops in all four disciplines.
 - ii) Idea of offering visual arts workshops possibly to seniors at MacSkimming and Bill Mason Centres

8. BREAK

9. ACA Awards Event Planning – see Co-Chair's report

10. Create Action Plan for Strategic Priorities

i) –priority to focus on TAM

- suggestion to come up with a couple of alternatives, present them to Trustee Kavanaugh and ask her to take them to the Board

- test scores drive the TAM

- Michael move that we work on Carl's version of TAM with an action plan and supporting information. Motion reads: "We propose that we develop alternate versions of TAM with supporting evidence and present these at our ACA meeting in November."

ii) School Improvement Plans being done at the individual school level

iii) – Jacquie will bring information on priority "educate ourselves as to other ideal, school Arts models" to the November meeting

iv) – Expand ACA visibility and increase ACA membership. Visibility will improve when the ACA Awards are presented in a public venue.

11. New Business - None

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. - moved by Cheryl

Next Meeting: November 24, 2014 at Fisher Park PS, 7pm.