



**DRAFT MINUTES: Advisory Committee on the Arts (ACA)  
January 30, 2017**

A meeting of the ADVISORY COMMITTEE on the ARTS was held at Summit/Fisher Park Public School, Ottawa, Ontario, commencing at 7:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Members: Jennifer Boudewyn (AIC), Carl Bovell, Cheryl Carman\*, David Jones\*, Judy Kirsh, Evelyn Michaud\*, Principal Curriculum Services Jennifer Offord, Gaby Pancu (Student Senate), Margreet Verheuvél\*, Michael Wilson, Luke Zhang (Student Senate)

Regrets: Ariadni Athanassiadis\*, Ingrid Dabringer\*, Susanna Donato (AIC), Trustee Keith Penny, Sophie Reussner-Pazur, Sheila White

Guest: Adam Culligan

Note: The symbol \* denotes a Voting member.

1. Welcome and introductions:

ACA Co-Chair David Jones welcomed the group and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Judy Kirsh to approve the agenda. CARRIED

3. Co-Chair's Report:

The co-chairs don't have anything to report.

Guest Adam Culligan let us know he is here as a student of public administration at Carleton University. He is to place a meeting like ours in a constitutional context. We advised him to also go to a Board meeting.

4. Approval of October and November Minutes:

Moved by Cheryl Carman to approve the minutes. CARRIED.

5. Business arising from October and November minutes:

At the last meeting student representative Luke Zhang offered to try to update the ACA website. He would like more information to be able to update. David will send him information soon and get him in contact with Debbie Holzman.

Also at the last meeting David let us know Sue Baker asked us if we'd like an OCASC representative to attend our meetings which would be very valuable. David and Evelyn still have to get in contact with her.

6. Guest Speaker: Michael Wilson: The current state of Arts Education at U of O:

Judy introduced Michael, who was a past co-chair of the ACA. Judy let us know Michael did a lot for arts education in Ottawa.

Michael gave us a hand-out with an overview of the Teacher Education Arts Program at the Faculty of

Education, University of Ottawa (2017-17).

This year is the first year that students will graduate from this new two year program.

There are three programs offered: Primary-Junior, Junior-Intermediate and Intermediate-Senior. He talked about the hours of instruction per program and how it has changed. There are fewer hours allocated to the arts component. And the arts component consists only of visual arts and music.

We discussed the allocated hours and why only visual arts and music. Drama is too expensive to run and there is no license to teach dance. Students are encouraged to do all the arts in other ways.

Michael also talked about the Imagination, Creativity, Innovation Cohort (ICI), and how this came about. There are currently 160 candidates in this cohort, who wish to enrich their entire program with elements of ICI. See also [www.iciottawa.com](http://www.iciottawa.com).

Michael talked about the four university ICI events organized by the ICI cohort, inviting participation from all elements of the Faculty. They are open to the general public. The last event, a Mixed Media Exhibition, will take place April 24-25.

We discussed that because arts education is not a prerequisite for teachers of grade 1-6 there is less arts knowledge. Teachers need support teaching the arts. There is a need for more Arts Instructional Coaches.

Michael advised ACA to send a letter to the Faculty of Education about the inadequacy of the current system.

#### 7. Break

Break was moved forward. Thank you David for the juice and cookies.

#### 8. Superintendent's report:

Principal Curriculum Services Jennifer Offord let us know there is no report from Superintendent France Thibault.

#### 9. Trustee's report:

Jennifer Offord let us know there is no report from Trustee Keith Penny. Keith couldn't be here this evening, but will stay on as our Trustee.

#### 10. Arts Coaches report: Jennifer Boudewyn:

The Arts Instructional Coaches are very busy. Jennifer let us know about the following:

- Two upcoming Numeracy workshops in April and May with 60 teachers per workshop on music, visual arts and photography. David let her know the co-chairs would like to observe a workshop.
- Well Art. About the well-being of artists.
- Leaders & Learners Program. Focus is on music with visual arts as a secondary focus. Half day sessions. There are about 13 leaders in both music and visual arts. 5-6 learners per leader per session.
- mini-workshops in the schools. Mostly music. Booked until the end of the year. Really good responses. Two sets of cajon drums were purchased to lend out to schools including a training session in Feb.
- Cooperation with the NAC.
- Technology and the arts.

#### 11. New Business:

David let us know ACA received an email about incorporating a Musical Instrument Lending Library (MILL) into Ottawa Schools. The organizer would like to discuss this with ACA and other parties. In the past ACA did collect and distribute instruments for the Board. This was a lot of work. We discussed this initiative and think it would probably be something for the Ottawa library.

#### 12. Adjournment:

Judy Kirsh motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Upcoming ACA Meetings: 2017: Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29.  
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