

Dixie Art Council Meeting
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In attendance:

Susan Parkinson (SP), Claire McDowell (CM), Joan Gray (JG), Bill Hansel (BH), Mike Price (MP), Mel Fenn (MF), Elizabeth Fenn (EF), Christina Carnett (CG), Stacey Norton (SN), Roselen Newstat (RN), Heidi Paul (HP), Tomoko Sekizak (TS), Maija Threlkeld, Lisa Berghout (LB), (MT), Maya Bartolf (MB), Terrie Morris (TM), Teresa Mastreani (TM)

Absent: Blanca Florido (BF), Patty Flynn (PF)

- I. Welcome to new teachers Blanca Florido, Joan Gray and returning teacher Claire McDowell!
 - A. CM & JG will be coordinating projects and splitting the week up between them and the grade levels. The teachers will be in grade level meetings this year so they need volunteers. Class sizes are larger too.
 - B. Curriculum is decided for the year- may change based on Art Works opening.

- II. Welcome to new parents and returning parents joining Arts Council.
 - A. See list above of those in attendance, usually Patty Flynn attends the meetings as well.
 - B. We need an art council representative to go to the DHSC meetings. Heidi and Maya can do it.
 - C. Many new people with a variety of talent and energy. Many veterans that have been involved in the art council for years. Several people interested in music for example Michael Price (music instructor) and Terrie Morris (rock n' roll emphasis). Multicultural inclusion brought up by Tomoko and Maija. Bill Hansel brought up the use of the outdoor Amphitheater as another venue for events or performances when the multicultural room was in use. Bill Hansel brought up inclusion of boys in drama and theatre. Fine art workshops brought up by Teresa Mastreani. Digital art, film and photography brought up by Lisa Berghout.

- III. Overview of Arts Council-We supplement the Arts Programs here at Dixie. We fundraise via Dixie Doodle & bake sales. We purchase items for the art classes and drama programs to enhance the art experience at Dixie. Ie, glazes, art cart, shelving, instruments, mics, display cases for art. We also plan events-Art show in May, Art Works downtown, Marin Shakespeare etc. We help out wherever additional support is needed by the teachers.

- IV. This year challenges/plans
 - A. \$\$\$ We need money to fund our programs. No \$\$ left over from previous years.

- B. Dixie Doodle has raised about \$2000 in the past. Elizabeth Fenn, Maija and Stacey will run. Wondering if Dixie doodle should be changed to spring or stay as a Holiday fundraiser. Concern people are over taxed with fundraisers during the holiday season. Also concern that we might not make as much \$\$ in spring since people purchase as holiday gifts. Nothing decided.
- C. Bake sales wherever we can.
- D. \$ from DHSC.-We will ask the DHSC for a drying rack.
- E. Wish Lists to Families will go out.

V. Events this year.

- A. Student Art Show in May-Maya and Roselyn. This occurs during Open House. We need lots of help when we get close to this date. Good feedback after last year, every year it gets better and better. We start talking in January about this.
- B. ArtWorks Downtown-Maija McGehee. Usually a 3rd grade event. Rite of passage as other grades have trips etc. Claire mentioned doing an all grade show. Does the space allow for that many parents during the open? If not should we split up open? Claire discussed doing foil and tape sculptures. We do need a theme.
- C. Marin Theater Co. traveling show-"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". Bill, Blanca. Cost is \$600-can be funded by drama budget. Also discussed a Friday night series idea. Maybe as part of fundraiser by offering dinner and a bake sale?
- D. Legacy tiling project to continue with tiles made by this year's 5th grade class. Claire asked who funds the clay budget we were told there is \$500 in the Home and School Budget for this project. Bill discussed tiles to be sponsored by parents for seating area of amphitheater. Discussed not having family names on tiles. Maybe \$50-100 a tile?
- E. Symphony in Schools-Heidi to follow up with Patty. SF Opera performances-funded by Opera. Shakespeare performers can come again-Christina in charge of this.
- F. School of Rock enrichment program-after school-lots of interest in this.
- G. Who can hold classes and what are the requirements? Not fully answered but came up multiple times.

VI. Wish List from teachers

- A. Art needs drying rack-need to figure out cost. Go to DHSC for this cost
- B. Need Volunteers because of new schedule. Susan will talk to Patty to ask the teachers to coordinate volunteers with the room parents. Especially needed are 4th grade 11:20am on Monday and 11:20 on Thursday. Can volunteers bring cameras so that we can post pics of kids.
- C. Mel Fenn reminded people to look on Craigs List for things like drying racks or other needed items.

VII. Arts Corner in newsletter/website to keep parents informed of our activities.
Who can run this? Susan P will help.

Next meeting-Usually the third Monday of each month-Next time though will be October 13 in the Art room.

Meeting Adjourned.