



Arts Education Committee

April 13, 2023 | 4:30-5:30PM

Attend in person at the Court House Cultural Center (80 SE Ocean Boulevard)

- I. Welcome & Introductions Amy Pritchett
 - a. Guest Introductions
- II. Approve Minutes from March 2023 meeting (attached)
- III. New Business:
 - a. Vote on Committee Members, vs Invited Guests (b/c Sunshine regulations)
 - i. Recommend keeping to 5 Members to reduce opportunities for complications.
All still have input into our future goals and efforts.
 - b. Brainstorming:
 - i. Models and Communities to Learn From
 - ii. Issues to Solve
- IV. Old Business
- V. Program Updates Jennifer Hearn
 - a. Plein Air Arts Day 2023 Jennifer Hearn
 - b. MartinArts Awards Jennifer Hearn
 - c. Marvin S. Cone High School Juried Art Show Nancy Turrell
 - d. Stuart High School
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Next Meeting: TBD - Discuss Schedule
- IX. Adjourn

Committee(*) & Invited Guests

*Amy Pritchett, Martin County School Board Member | Committee Co-Chair

*Denisha Bonds, Clark Advanced Learning Center

*Anita Caswell, Murray Middle School, Drama & Choral program

*Tami Conrad, SFHS Art Department

*Amanda Jones, Pine School Art Department

Ashley Monks, IMS, Art Department

*Faith Paul, retired professor

Jordan Silvia, JBHS, Art Department

Emily Faehnle, Pine School Art Department

Michaelann Bellerjeau, Martin Artisans Guild

Michelle Foligno, Pine School Art Department

Renee Keil, Martin Artisans Guild

ARTS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 2023 | Minutes



Attending: Sheryl Levine, Amy Pritchett, Anita Caswell, Tami Conrad, Amanda Jones, Faith Paul, Jordan Silvia, Nancy Turrell.

Guests: Emily Faehnle, Michaelann Bellerjeau, Michelle Foligno, Renee Keil

At 4:35PM Sheryl Levine called the meeting to order. Members and guests provided self-introductions. Nancy Turrell reviewed and distributed a one page sheet about Government in the Sunshine and noted that the members fell under this regulation while guests are included on our distribution list but are for purposes of Sunshine considered to be members of the public.

The minutes from the March 2022 meeting were approved with a motion by Faith Paul/Tami Conrad, motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- a) Future Format & Brainstorming: Members and guests discussed a variety of ideas of how our AIE committee can focus our attention and resources. Among the ideas discussed:
 - o Prioritize and schedule a list of other programs/organizations to invite to share their stories with our members. (Some initial examples: Pinellas County's district coordinator, FAEA, Sarasota's Principals Luncheon.)
 - o Brainstorm what is lacking in the community related to arts education and then look to identify partners to fill the void.
 - o Clearly identify the purpose and goals
 - o Bring a "need or gap" to the next meeting, using the example of IMS has a kiln, SFHS does not, so those students in middle school can work with clay but have no way to carry it forward to high school.
 - o Role of an Fine Arts Coordinator to augment Mark Cowles role who oversees fine arts, but many other specialty areas as well.
 - o Going beyond schools into the greater community should be considered.
 - o Example of the Guild project with House of Hope with workshops for kids and women.
 - o Challenge of getting artist opportunities into the schools because of the lack of a central coordinator who can help navigate each campus.
 - o Expense for transportation.
 - o Gathering data from other districts and how they are organized with a fine arts coordinator. Amy offered to research this.
 - o Professional development day has been coordinated by teachers rather than a district coordinator.
 - o Uses and benefits of curriculum mapping to build cohesiveness on paper and alignment with State standards, without overly constraining teachers or locking them into very specific or narrow lesson plans. This would be a great project for a coordinator.
- b) GPS: Grant Recap: Nancy provided an overview of the document attached to the agenda, noting that future meetings may include further discussion if and when the state legislature approves funding for this grant line item in the Division for Arts & Culture.

Old Business:

- a) Impact 100: Nancy reported that the LOI was submitted, but we were not invited to move to the next level at this time. The concept may move forward should other funding be secured over time.
- b) Sarasota Principals Luncheon: Nancy provided a brief overview of what they do, suggesting that if we are interested in the future, that we could ask Sarasota Arts Alliance to share additional information.

Program Updates:

- a) Arts Day 2023: Scheduled for April 6. More details will be emailed. Artists to mentor student groups are being recruited now.
- b) MartinArts Awards: nominations for Seniors (Class of 24) will be open soon with a May 1 deadline.
- c) Marvin S. Cone HSJAS: information was distributed today to teachers with specifics. Awards Night is Thursday, May 4th.
- d) Stuart High School: Nancy updated members noting that the MCSB recently voted 5-0 to approve a request for more land at the back of the structure to accommodate a stage/mechanical tower. Partnership letters of intent are being sought and conversations ensuing with the Lyric Theatre and Stuart Middle Schools as priorities.

Announcements:

Anita Caswell brief members on the upcoming (3/23) Music in Our Schools.

Jordan Silvia mentioned the Jensen Beach Chamber's Art + Music Night at the Treasure Coast Mall (4/25).

Emily Faehnle described the Pine School's Gallery Night on 3/30 in their new arts building.

Public Comment: No further comments.

Next Meeting: Agreed to meet on April 13, 4:30PM at the Court House Cultural Center. Members and guests were encouraged to bring others.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.