



## Arts Education Committee

April 28, 2022 | 4:00 pm

Attend in person at the Court House Cultural Center or virtually

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88654756584?pwd=ODZOYnZmWmFONThc0xRcVI5aHhaUT09>

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| I.    | Welcome & Introductions                                           | Tony Anderson and/or Sheryl Levine |
| II.   | Approve Minutes from March 2022 meeting (attached)                |                                    |
| III.  | New Business:                                                     |                                    |
|       | a. Reflection on the Sarasota presentation from the March Meeting | All Members                        |
|       | b. Overview from recent Board Strategic Planning Meeting          | Nancy / Sheryl                     |
|       | c. Discussion: Arts Partnerships to Explore                       |                                    |
|       | i. S.T.E.A.M. Programs                                            |                                    |
|       | ii. Professional Development Programs (teachers and artists)      |                                    |
|       | iii. Life Long Learning Initiatives                               |                                    |
|       | iv. Interdisciplinary Programs                                    |                                    |
| IV.   | Old Business:                                                     |                                    |
|       | a. Plein Air Arts Day Recap                                       | Sheryl et al                       |
| V.    | Program Updates from Staff                                        |                                    |
|       | a. Student Intern Project: Student Social Recap                   | Laura Tingo                        |
|       | b. MartinArts Awards                                              | Laura Tingo                        |
|       | c. Marvin S. Cone High School Juried Art Show                     | ALL                                |
|       | d. Stuart High School                                             | Nancy Turrell                      |
| VI.   | Announcements                                                     |                                    |
| VII.  | Public Comment                                                    |                                    |
| VIII. | Next Meeting: TBD                                                 |                                    |
| IX.   | Adjourn                                                           |                                    |

### **Committee Members**

Anthony "Tony" Anderson, Martin County School Board Member | Committee Co-Chair

Sheryl Levine | Committee Co-Chair | Arts Council Board Member

Denisha Bonds, Clark Advanced Learning Center

Anita Caswell, Murray Middle School, Drama & Choral program

Tami Conrad, SFHS Art Department

Kimberly Everman, MCSD

Amanda Jones, MCHS, Art Department

Faith Paul, retired professor

Jordan Silvia, artist and art teacher

## ARTS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2022 | Minutes



Attending: Sheryl Levine, Anita Caswell, Tami Conrad, Kimberly Everman, Faith Paul, Jordan Silvia, Nancy Turrell and Jennifer Hearn.

At 4:00PM Sheryl Levine called the meeting to order. Members briefly introduced themselves for the guests presenting to us from the Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, Ria Cooper and Nancy Roucher about their Sarasota County Arts Education Partnership (SCAEP).

The minutes from the January 2022 meeting were approved with a motion by Kimberly Everman/Anita Caswell, motion carried unanimously.

Ria and Nancy presented an overview of the work of the SCAEP and how it has evolved over time. Highlights of their presentation included:

- Originated in response to a threat of eliminated the arts from K-12 curriculum. They launched a campaign that included community people, artists and others. They see themselves as outside agitators who make a case for the arts. Their campaign was "Arts are Essential Learning for All Children."
- The Partnership now includes arts organizations, teaching artists, community members, parents and representation from the Fine Arts Department at Sarasota School Board. They have a report from the District Fine Arts Coordinator, from the Alliance and discuss other issues.
- One project is the annual Principals Luncheon where they invite a speaker who can address the value of arts education from a personal perspective. Example given was a doctor who plays violin and spoke about how playing helped his medical practice. This is held at a local venue, and includes entertainment and tickets to future events.
- They coordinate Inspire Sarasota, a festival with performances by school groups and youth programs.
- They are considering a new event for the assistant Principals.
- They were identified by the Kennedy Center to be a part of the Any Given Child which included visits by Kennedy Center staff, workshops for the community and opportunities to attend their national conference.
- There was a referendum to add 30 minutes to the school day to keep/expand arts education. Passed with 84% of the vote.
- The Patterson Foundation partners with them for a program at the National Cemetery.
- Web based resource: <https://www.edexploresrq.com/>
- Summer program in partnership with the Library to place teaching artists to do hands-on programs for all ages (youth and adult learners). Libraries apply to be selected and teaching artist receive a small stipend.

After the guests left the meeting committee members discuss their impressions.

- Having a dedicated Fine Arts Coordinator at the District was identified as a goal. The administrator at MCSD has a host of other disciplines to oversee; whereas the others specialize in a single subject matter like math, science and reading.

- Creating a supervised Maker's Space at SHS as an ongoing project would help students spend more time on projects that are limited by the class time. Other thoughts included rehearsal and recording studio space.
- Certificate for the Arts, or other CTE programs like photography and digital design.
- NYS has a Portfolio project for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students with specific requirements and adjudicators review and score the submissions.
- Introduce a Principal's Award at the MartinArts Awards with specific criteria such as scheduling, the arts budget and participation to spur administrative support and engagement.

The rest of the agenda was tabled with quick notes that nominations for the MartinArts Awards are due April 15, the High School Juried Art Show and the Plein Aire Arts Day are both coming soon.

It was quickly agreed that members would like to meet next month and not wait until May. The meeting will be April 28 at 4PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.