

Creative Arts Parents Association (CAPA)
Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2012

Board Members present: Ann Greenawalt and Claire Sehringer, Co-Chairs; Karin Halperin, Treasurer; Kathryn Welter, Member at Large

Faculty present: Susan Memoli, Rachel Carroll

Other present: Six parents

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Ann Greenawalt. We met in the new library.

Grant requests: Lynn McDonald, as the Grant Review Committee representative, presented the grant requests we received from teachers and the committee's recommendation for each. Lynn reviewed the grant funding guidelines and outlined the committee's process. Members of the grant review committee: Marie Durant, Mimi Facher, Ann Greenawalt, Lynn McDonald, Pam Narang, Kirsten Robinson, Claire Sehringer, Heidi Tissenbaum, Kathryn Welter.

The highlights were as follows:

- Prior to the grant review committee's meeting, all grant requests were sent to Pat Tutwiler and Susan Memoli for their feedback. Their input was shared with the committee and was vital to the discussion.
- Grant requests submitted totaled \$5,417, and CAPA had \$2,650 to share.
- Lynn stated that the committee appreciated the opportunity to make choices and confirm our priorities.
- The following grants were received:
 - Band jacket locker covers: \$330, not recommended (Pat indicated that this should fall under the school budget, and did not fit in with CAPA's mission)
 - Band banner for parades/pep band: \$162, recommended (Old banner lost/damaged in move; banner is used during Memorial Day parade and football games)
 - Keyboard: weighted for use by music theory and piano classes: \$470, not recommended (there are currently 12 unweighted keyboards available; new class, has not yet demonstrated a sizeable and returning enrollment, high price for one keyboard)
 - Choreographer for FAME production: \$500, recommended (functions as a timely master class for drama students; enriches arts community with improved performance quality)
 - Art metalworks class – basic equipment: \$3,325, partial funding recommended, \$1989 (Pat indicated that the school could partially fund this class, so that it could be held again – currently not offered due to lack of equipment; historically class has been fully subscribed and is gender-neutral; no other class is offered that caters to the same skill set)
 - Art class field trip/workshop at Worcester Art Museum: \$480 to \$625, not recommended (art teachers indicated an immediate need/preference for metalworking equipment over the field trip; art students had a field trip recently; Susan agreed that this workshop could be paid for in the fall under CAPA's master class fund, and students could pay for transportation)
- The grant review committee's recommendations were unanimously approved by a paper ballot vote.

- The May meeting has been rescheduled to May 15 due to an a cappella concert on the original date of May 22. Location TBD. The May meeting will be the last meeting of the school year, and the budget for next year will be presented and approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.