

Creative Arts Parents Association (CAPA)
Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2011

Board Members present: Claire Sehringer, Co-President; Ann Greenawalt, Co-President; Mimi Facher, Secretary; Kathryn Welter, Member at Large

Faculty present: Tracie Dunn, Janet Armentano, Rachel Carroll, Susan Memoli, Joe Oneschuk

Others present: 14 parents

Meeting was called to order by Claire Sehringer and Ann Greenawalt at 7:30 PM.

Meeting opened with a welcome and a brief overview of CAPA's purpose and functions from Claire.

Introductions: Tracie Dunn, the new Art Teacher, was introduced. Tracie has 7 years of experience in the Hopkinton School System. She will divide her time between the high school and the Loker School. Kirsten Robinson, a parent volunteer who has offered to take over the administration of CAPA's website, was also introduced.

Faculty Updates: Rachel Carroll will be teaching guitar this year for the first time and has 13 students enrolled in the class. Rachel also announced that two Choral Arts students, Larry Guo and Jack Mills, have been selected for the ACDA Eastern Division High School Honor Choir. The Honor Choir will perform as part of the annual ACDA Eastern Division Conference in Providence from February 15-18.

Susan Memoli announced that two of her students, Andrew Laven and Ryan Budnick, have been selected for the National High School Honors Orchestra, which will meet March 21- 24, 2012 in Atlanta. Andrew Laven has also been chosen to be featured in an upcoming episode of *From the Top*, to be taped at Jordan Hall on October 2. Susan also announced that MA Senior Eastern District Orchestra Auditions will be held November 19 at Milton High School. All band, orchestra, and chorus members are eligible to audition. The first orchestra concert of the year will be the WHS/WMS Orchestra Masquerade Concert on October 26 at the Middle School.

Joe Oneschuk stated that the Pep Band had made its first appearance at the September 16 Wayland Warriors football game. The band will also be doing a patriotic half-time show at the football game on November 4. Joe will be co-teaching a new songwriting elective next semester called "Lyrics, Licks, & Layin' Down Tracks" with Luann Duesterberg from the English Department. He also indicated that the high school observed September 11 by having two buglers play taps on campus and at the Wayland Veteran's Memorial. Joe is working with Justice Smith on the STOMP Party that takes place after every football game. The next event will be an Open Mic Night outside the Fine Arts Building after the October 14 game, starting at approximately 9:30 PM.

Other Business: It was stated that many of the electives are full as a result of the new fine arts requirements and some (such as Visual Arts) have waiting lists. There was some question as to whether CAPA needs to do more to support the Visual Arts Department. Claire indicated that the first round of Fine Arts Mini Grants will total \$4000. Grant requests will be accepted before the October 23 CAPA meeting, with voting to occur at the meeting. Volunteers were requested for the Grants Review Committee and for other CAPA needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.