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**Creative Arts Parents Association (CAPA)
Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2012
WHS Library**

Board Members present: Claire Sehringer and Ann Greenawalt, Co-Chairs; Karin Halperin, Treasurer; Cindy Lewis, Secretary; Kathryn Welter and Kirstin Robinson, Members at Large.

Faculty present: Susan Memoli

Others present: Fran Kistner (parent)

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Co-Chair Claire Sehringer.

Meeting minutes are as follows:

1. We continued a discussion regarding the Grants process started during the prior CAPA board meeting. Discussed moving the CAPA Fall grant application deadline to a later date, e.g., late October or early November, so that teachers have more time to determine their needs. Susan Memoli agreed to poll the teachers and report back on teacher receptivity to such a change.
2. Solicited feedback regarding the Spring Fine Arts night. Discussed ways to minimize costs, most of which have already been implemented over the last year or two (e.g., substituting trophies for certificates, collecting \$5 from participants); determined that costs are about as minimized as possible for this sort of event. General consensus was that we should probably keep things the same, as kids really seem to enjoy the event as it is currently structured, but that we could increase the cost to \$8 per person and eliminate individual food contributions (as this leads to too much of the same thing). A parent suggested that we might want to consider a more elaborate Fine Arts banquet and we discussed pros and cons; but it was agreed that this is only doable if someone were to take lead to investigate the possibility more fully and formally. Increased costs and the need for a large volunteer effort were cited as reasons this idea might not bear fruit.
3. Noted that ticket sales for the December 1 A Cappella concert have started, and that Eventbrite seems to be working well.
4. We watched a video presentation by Ken Robinson on the importance of incorporating Fine Arts education into core curriculum models. Mr. Robinson argues that we don't get the best out of people because we're educating them to become good workers rather than creative thinkers; "we are educating people out of their creativity." He proposes a radical change to the school system to "cultivate creativity and acknowledge multiple types of intelligence. "

We noted that this could be a good topic to discuss more both within CAPA and with the wider WHS community.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:15.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 pm. At this meeting, Principal Pat Tutwiler will participate in a discussion about the Fine Arts requirements at WHS.