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**Creative Arts Parents Association (CAPA)
Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2013
WHS Library**

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

Faculty present: Susan Memoli (WHS Fine Arts Department Head)

Others present: Cathy Radmer, Alison Mountford, plus ?

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Co-Chair Claire Sehringer.

Meeting minutes are as follows:

1. Continued Board discussion about CAPA brochure promoting CAPA organization and soliciting donations to support all arts programs at WHS. Discussed pros and cons of letter versus current brochure design. Decided to keep brochure, but agreed to update pictures and layout for next year's distribution.
2. Discussed potential arts honor societies. Susan Memoli, Rachel Carroll and Joe Oneschuk are considering starting a chapter of NAFME-Tri-M music honor society at WHS this year. It's a nationally recognized music honor society for all music disciplines at WHS (choral, band, orchestra), and includes a community service component, plus induction and recitals. There will be a small annual fee to participate. CAPA agreed to support.
 - a. Also discussed potential for establishing other honor societies or clubs at WHS for the other arts disciplines, like visual arts and fine arts. Dependent upon student and teacher interest and initiative.
3. Had a general discussion about how to award CAPA scholarship money budgeted to go to one or two time events. Need to remind teachers that they can request a scholarship for a field trip or event.
 - a. Choral trip for next year fits into this category.
 - b. Discussed CAPA funding of 'master classes.' Spent about \$1600 this year. Expect to spend something similar for next year.
 - c. Discussed funding of field trips, generally. Sometimes requested through grant process; not needed for bus travel to other schools (covered in WHS budget). Could consider adding this as a separate line item for next year's budget.
4. Discussed Windows dance group and need to contact parent liaison to make sure they know that \$ can be requested from CAPA to fund some of their costs.
5. General discussion about summer (mostly arts) camp ideas/internships (partial list of ideas):
 - a. ME Arts Camp, Unity ME
 - b. Interlochen, Michigan
 - c. Young People's Institute

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- d. River Arts Camp (maybe only goes through summer after 9th grade)
- e. Exploration
- f. Mass College of Arts
- g. Danforth (docent)
- h. French Woods (only goes through summer after 9th grade)
- i. BU Tanglewood Institute
- j. Walnut Hill School
- k. Weston Drama Workshop (evening only after 9th grade)
- l. Fenn School (only goes through summer after 9th grade)
- m. Middlesex School (only goes through summer after 9th grade)
- n. Cambridge School of Weston (only goes through summer after 9th grade)
- o. Mass Cultural Counsel (Hire.culture.org) for internships
- p. Museum of Science; New School of Music, Cambridge; other non-profit organizations.
- q. Middle School Website has a good list of ideas under Ms. Muffit's band website
- r. Other colleges run arts-focused summer programs, like U Michigan, RISD, Emerson, etc.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 pm.