



Mendocino County Alliance for Arts Education
Leadership Team
MINUTES

Thursday, August 28, 2014, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Location: Arts Council of Mendocino County, 309 E Perkins Street, Ukiah

Present: Alyssum Wier, Paloma Patterson, Katie Gibbs, guest Gary Walaert and Craig Schlatter joined us at the end.

Paloma noted that our flyer has generated interest at the state level and she has been invited to present it at the statewide retreat. The CA Alliance has been sharing it with other members.

Alyssum wants us all to nominate arts champions, see website for the Arts Council.

Katie noted three new music teachers in UUSD and art teacher at Pomolita.

GASP -- not sure who will be the VAPA coordinator at MCOE, Aaron Carter has a new title. The program is still on the budget. Alyssum plans to run the program January to May with a mid October deadline for applications. Will the Community Foundation be contributing this year?

Elementary School for the Arts at Redwood Vally, project of parents including Lily Caravello who is looking for supporters of the project. It will be up for discussion before the School Board on September 11th at 6:30 at the new School Board offices on Orchard. The district needs another school and why not an Arts school?

New members of our "steering committee" Paloma suggested Lily Caravello, Craig Schlatter. Others are Kathy Wylie and Anna Kvinsland on the coast as contacts to start interest over there, Viviana Field in Covelo.

Mail Chimp

We are setting up a Mail Chimp account to include all the original interested people as well as any others we can think of to invite, to receive our e-newsletter. We should include all participants at workshops, GASP teachers and artists. Alyssum has template, will work with Paloma and Bill Mulvihill.

Election for Superintendent of county Schools in November We would like to ask each of them questions and post their answers on our Facebook page, first we would like to see if anyone has suggestions for the questions. We have four basic questions from the Santa Cruz Alliance. We expect the response from candidates by Oct 3rd and will send out questions 9/22. We will want questions to be asked to us by 9/17. Paloma will make a survey monkey.

We received a visit from Gary Wallaert, retired teacher who is working to help create an Arts Academy in Ukiah, based at the High School. He see it as a continuation of the River Oak K-8 Arts-based program. He has been talking with our Superintendent Kubin and the High School principal who are both supporting the idea. He would like to start with more art electives and then move into art-based core subjects. We suggested he get both parent and student advocates behind his idea. He would like a letter of our support. In Santa Rosa there is an Arts High School, Art Quest which started 20 years ago in the high school and then became a school on its own, 500 students, 28% of the HS population in Santa Rosa. artquestonline.org We should investigate the art programs in Mendocino where MUSE is a strong supporter.

What to put in our first Mail Chimp?

--intro of the Alliance (MCAAE)

--Candidate Survey

--Gary Wallaert and the Art Academy at UHS
--Sept 11th meet at School Board

Next meeting November 13th at the Arts Council, 5:30pm.

RESOURCES: Arts Council of Mendocino County: ArtsMendocino.org
(See the APMC programs link: for MCAA articles & Leadership Agendas)
California Alliance for Arts Education: Artsed411.org

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