

CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts – Parents, Friends and Alumni Association (PFAA)

Minutes – October 10, 2017

Present: Donna Hamre, Tonya Bradley, Judy Watt, Brandy Ciraldo, Kim Stroud, Nick Chanese, Raegan Bishop, Jim Keller, Terrance, Rose Mouning, Bryan DeLaCruz

1. Welcome / Introductions

A sign-in sheet was passed around for all attendees.
Introductions of name, student's name, program

2. Minutes from last meeting available

Agenda and minutes from September meeting were passed around. Minutes were reviewed, revisions discussed and accepted by Brandy and 2nd by Nick.

3. Administration updates

Nick Chanese:

- Seniors will be taking the SAT Exam at the Learning Corridor Campus on Oct 11th at 8am.
- PSAT's will be taken by students on October 25th
- Thursday October 12th will be Open House at the Colt campus from 5-6 Special Education Q & A, 6-7 Arts, 7-8 Academic
 - There will be an Empty Bowls Fundraiser, bowls made by students ranging from \$3-\$7 to purchase. There will be 20-30 donated food items from Faculty to fill your bowls. The proceeds will be donated to CREC's Hurricane Relief efforts.
 - The Two Rivers building is being used as a central location for people who are coming from Puerto Rico in need of housing, education, and a clothing drive
- Mid-Quarter grades are updated into PowerSchool.

Kim Stroud:

- The Theater department will be viewing "The Wolves" at TheaterWorks
- 10/21 at the Learning Corridor Campus will be a Free Musical Theatre Audition Workshop for High School Students offered by The Elizabeth Anne Carlson Foundation for the Performing Arts. The event will be held from 9am-5pm.
- 10/25 Visual Arts Showcase

- 10/28 Choreographers Showcase
 - Students audition for the showcase at the end of the prior school year and attend rehearsals throughout the summer.
- 11/9 Radium Girls
 - A Clock and Watch Museum speaker will be coming to speak to the students about the history
- 10/19 National Honor Society Inductions

Raegan:

- No School: Nov 7th Election Day, Nov 10th Veteran's Day
- 11/6 Colt Picture Retakes

4. Who PFA is and what we do

The scheduled meeting dates for this school year are:

Tuesday, November 14 th	Tuesday, March 13 th
Tuesday, January 9 th	Thursday, April 5 th
Tuesday, February 13 th	Tuesday, May 8 th .

5. PFAA Updates

- We are looking into other avenues for advertising, perhaps Highway Billboard, Tonya will research pricing. Contacting Greater Hartford Arts Council to see if we can be included in their publications
- November 3rd PFAA will be holding a Family Paint Night at Colt Cafeteria. There were no student submissions for the flyer contest. Brandy will make up a flyer for the event. The deadline for signing up will be Nov 1st.
- We discussed Spirit wear of T-Shirts and Sweatshirts to be sold at concessions. We will need to purchase more, we do not have many left in our inventory.
- The Ice Cream Social we held had 32 people attend. Game night was a success, many families and students mingled and played the games together. An idea for future events is to offer Pizza or a food item.
- The Color Run has been canceled due to lack of sign-ups but will be rescheduled for the Spring
- Parent Survey: the top fundraising interests according to the responses are Paint night, Restaurant, Box Tops. The responses also said what they are most interested in is a "Sense of school community"
- Mini Grants are available for the Arts Departments

- Parent Senate
 - Our Representatives will be Tammy Joseph and Brian DeLaCruz. All voted in favor of their nominations
- Two students from the music department went to Aetna to perform and were very well received
 - There is a student showcase at Aetna and they would like to feature students from our different Arts departments as well as our Student Voices representatives
- Judy proposed a school event featuring the Jordan Porco Foundation regarding Suicide Prevention, Bullying, and Mental Health
 - Raegan will look into it for possibly May: Mental Health Awareness Month
- Concessions pricing: there was some feedback at the 6 Plays in 6 Days production that our concession prices of \$2 for sodas and candy was too high. It was discussed having varying pricing for GHAA events vs the Dance Competition weekends.

6. Next meeting Tuesday, November 14th

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hamre, Secretary