

SVAPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MINUTES

MEETING

Wednesday 4 August 2010

OPENED

Meeting opened at 7.10pm.

ATTENDEES

Dr Dale Irving, Melanie Wood, Kerrie Brown, Shellie Carter, Teresa McClelland, Mark Cooper, Roger Frampton, Ella Frampton, Lydia Frampton, Glen Cookson, Shireen Narayanan, Jasmine Cookson, Jan Uridge, Leanne Murray, Kathy Bromham, Emma Bromham, Greg Mitchell, G. David Rose, Sharon Cockroft.

APOLOGIES

Suzie Barnes, Joanna Stimson, Darryl Mason, Bill Armstrong.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve Minutes of 2 June 2010. Moved Kerrie Brown, Seconded Melanie Wood.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

OVERSEAS ARTS TOUR 2012

- Send out expression of interest letter for parent comment on overseas trip.
- Form a parent committee for arts trip.

FRIENDS OF WAAPA

- Kerrie Brown investigated group membership with WAAPA. Unfortunately no longer available, individual membership only.
- Shellie Carter bringing along information to the next SVAPA meeting regarding group bookings for theatre productions. Shellie is part of a group that organises group bookings.

REPORT FROM HoLA: ARTS, DALE IRVING

1. Paper presented at the Fifth International Arts in Society Conference, held this year at Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney University. 22-25 July, 2010. I thought that this would be a good place to begin to share our very particular work in the SVAPA program. I described the artist-mentor approach to a contemporary arts project for the Year 10 SVAPAs. There was interest in the program and conversation with teachers from Melbourne and Portugal, especially. There were also new ideas and interesting developments in areas of the arts other than teaching and learning that I was able to source. I took the opportunity to go to the theatre over the four nights of my stay in Sydney. I funded the registration and entire trip myself and will have it endorsed by the district office. This is the first move to bring the program to a larger stage and to seek ways to develop and enhance the SVAPA experience.
2. Involvement in Growing Future Innovators initiative with PICA and ECU. Significant funds have been given to the project from Riotinto. The impact on the SVAPA program will become clearer over the next months. This has grown from the work and links that we have developed with ECU through the Contemporary Performance course, the School of Communications and Arts and the postdoctoral research of Dr Julie Robson, a friend and colleague.
3. SVAPA Project class. This project was the focus of the Arts in Society conference paper. With the blessing of this meeting for future funding it will develop next year. Letters have been sent home to acquaint parents with the course. The majority of the class took the opportunity to extend their arts skills and practices this year. The school would hope that all Year 10 SVAPAs will take it next year and explore the opportunity to work in the arts' areas of their choice with artist-mentors to guide. The funding for this year was less than expected: 4 artists @ \$100 an hour for four sessions=\$1600. We had budgeted for \$3000.
4. Parents and the Arts. As a point of social cohesion I suggest a few theatre visits, an artist's talk at a gallery, a music concert (Tura New Music) and an art house film could be excellent dates for the group over a year. It is also a way of encouraging students enjoyment of the arts if their parents are interested. Arts' teachers would happily initiate or assist in the outings.

5. Year 8 A Midsummer Night's Dream is now in Week 6 and part of the Artz with Attitude Festival (23-27 August). Echidna Awards, art exhibition, lunchtime concerts and The Dream for two evenings. Parent support in supper, selling badges would be great- a time for raffles?
6. School Production of Titus Andronicus by Shakespeare is now scheduled for the last week of term (20-24 Sept).
7. Attendance at choir-Thursdays 7.30am. Great to keep the students attending regularly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

David Rose presented report.

Art Auction

Sales	\$46,000
Costs	\$27,000
Profit	\$20,600

(\$10,00 to be transferred to Music Parent Support Group Account, \$10,00 to be deposited in SVAPA Parent Support Group Account.)

Precommitted funds	\$7,000
Bank funds available	\$11,300
Term Deposit	\$6,000

SVAPA Honour Board – Need to check if Ashleigh Morris (2009) has been included on board and if school will be paying for the engraving – Dale looking into this. Carried over from last meeting.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report. Moved Kerrie Brown, Seconded Melanie Wood

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. SVAPA Soiree to be held 16 November to tie in with the welcome night to year 8/2011 SVAPA parents.
2. Awesome Festival. To be held end of November. Year 8s to participate in workshop and year 9s to see theatre performance. Motion to agree in principle to fund or subsidise up to \$1,300 for these 2 excursions. Moved Kerrie Brown, Seconded Melanie Wood.
3. Shakespeare Excursions. Year 8s to see Twelfth Night by the Black Swan Theatre Company on 5 August. Year 9s to see MacBeth by WAAPA students on 26 September. Motion to agree in principle to fund or subsidise up to \$650 for these 2 excursions. Moved Kerrie Brown, Seconded Melanie Wood.
4. Year 9 Odyssey. Moya Thomas would like Duckhouse (devising company) to come and do 2 workshops, 1 at the beginning of rehearsals and 1 at end. Moya to bring costs to next meeting.
5. SVAPA Project Class. Dr Irving explained the Project Class concept to parents and students at the meeting. The benefits were discussed and questions answered. Music may be offered off grid, SIM classes will remain. Glenn Cookson suggested surveying Students regarding which areas of project class they would be interested in.
6. Term 3 Saturday Workshop. To be held on Saturday 11 September. Melanie will purchase lunch items and parent help will make up sandwiches. All students to bring along a plate for morning/afternoon tea. Motion to fund workshop up to \$1,500.00. Moved Kerrie Brown, Seconded Melanie Wood.
7. Midsommer Dream Performance. Show will be presented in week 6 on possibly a Tuesday and Wednesday evening – supper box to be out.

CLOSED

Meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next SVAPA Parent Support Group meeting will be held Wednesday, 1 September 2010, at 7.00pm in the Tricycle Theatre – entrance via Learoyd Street Gate at the rear of the school.