

# Summary

September 25, 2007

## Arts Articulation Team Meeting

**Team members present:** Cheryl Martinez, Jonette Waldbjorn, Kim Berg, Shannon Grace, Maria Marr, Don Collins, Theresa Ogan, Chester Ferrell, Tami Lopushinsky, Mike McClun, Ramon Rivera, and Sandra Lancaster.

Facilitators: Lisa Pattison and Pat Strand with Jodi Smith, administrator

### **Update on Elementary Visual Arts implementation**

Lisa showed samples of the curriculum developed for the WSD Elementary Art Program. It has all been aligned with standards; there are assessments to go with the lessons; it is process oriented with math/science vocabulary; and works on drawing skills. A lot of ideas were borrowed from a Bainbridge Island curriculum.

The elementary art teachers are drafting an art letter, which will be done by trimesters and sent home to parents. It was suggested they include information about the new program in school newsletters.

Representatives to the arts articulation team should do a short presentation to their respective staffs of all the work that has been done to align the arts curriculum to other disciplines.

### **CIPP Plans for elementary art**

The elementary art teachers are meeting every Monday to plan lessons. They will review information in the Family Guides to help in their development of a CIPP for elementary art.

Grades for art were discussed and no one was sure it had been included on the report cards for 2007-2008. Jodi will check on this and get back to us. (Art will be graded on effort only and was included on the report card.) There was some discussion of portfolios, but it was decided this would be hard to do given the number of students.

### **District Arts Festival, May 22, 2008**

Many ideas were suggested for including elementary art pieces. We once again talked about a mobile show that would travel to schools, clinic, Woods House, library, District Office and the YMCA. It was suggested that perhaps student docents could travel with the show. It was thought that perhaps school board members and principals could serve as judges of the artwork. The high school teachers are allowed three sub days to prepare for art showings.

If this is to be a true District Arts Festival, there are some who feel we should be including drama, PE and creative movement, creative writing, dance groups, and Vision Scope. It was also suggested we videotape the entire event. It was thought that perhaps the Skills Center could help with this.

An Arts Festival Committee was established. Don Collins will chair and Theresa Ogan has agreed to help. Of course, they will need help; it would be nice to have all levels represented on the committee. Jodi will check on the budget for this.

### **WAEA Arts Conference – October 12-13, 2007**

You can go online if interested in attending this conference in Tukwila.

### **Mission statement for the arts**

We need to prepare a mission statement (purpose) for the arts in WSD. Jonette suggested A.R.T.S – another route to success. After that will come the vision statements (how will we accomplish our mission). This will all be a topic of discussion on our January 22, 2008 articulation meeting. We are to start thinking of and looking for ideas.

### **Arts Articulation Dates**

We were asked to place the following arts articulation dates on our calendars: January 22, 2008, March 11 2008, April 22, 2008 and May 20, 2008

### **Concerns**

Are there goals for us?

There was discussion about the impact of second reading and math classes on the exploratories at the middle schools. Music teachers are seeing a big drop in students enrolled in their classes because those students did not pass the WASL and are having to take second reading and math classes instead of exploratories.

Arts articulation team membership needs to be updated. Remember every school should have a representative to arts articulation, which should include music, visual arts, drama, and classroom teachers.

Recorder: Pat Strand