



Arts Education Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 15 from 2-3pm
BCA Center, 3rd floor

Committee Members and Staff Present: Rachel Kahn-Fogel, Bryan Parmelee, Lori Rowe, Michael Watson, Melissa Steady (staff), Kiersten Williams (staff and note taker) and Mary Zompetti (staff)

Agenda:

- Overview of BCA Education position statement and strategic plan in process.
Committee Members read our current Education Position and gave notes on changes.

- Class Enrollment and Education Budget updates
 - 271 campers to date, 1 full camp, 66 more campers this year than at this time last year and 47 scholarships have already been given out
 - Projecting to come in a bit ahead of last Winter/Spring Classes, the best session to date
 - The education team is always improving offerings and tweaking classes, which is paying off!

- Other Education Updates
 - Early Arts Head Start
Discussed the importance of bringing affordable arts experiences to pre-school programs where exposure to the arts might be otherwise limited. Rachel talked about current projects happening, including “maple syrup collages” that connect local culture with art. Melissa is working on planning another art opening for pre-school classes at the BCA Center galleries.

 - Integrated Arts Academy Residencies
There are currently 2 artists in residency programs going on at IAA. Mary Lacy, local muralist, has gotten on the job training from one of our master teaching artists, Kimberly Desjardins. Many of our teachers have received instructor training this way, helping them to expand their opportunities in the arts. They are also encouraged to take the Teaching Artist class through St. Michael’s College.

 - Art From the Heart
Committee members and staffed shared positive experiences with AFTH, which has doubled in size this year, encompassing adults at the UVM Medical Center as well.

-Relocation update and closure of Memorial

On the subject of the education move, we don't have a lot of concrete news to share but are in active conversations with the capital improvements coordinator for the City, the CFO and are meeting this week with the Mayor to talk about ways to meet our short term and long term needs, and cultural planning for the future. We have also begun to meet with donors to test out our facility growth plans and feasibility of a capital campaign.

BCA Arts Education Committee

The Arts Education committee is an important advisory and advocacy group focused on BCA's education department. The committee reviews current programs, helps to brainstorm program ideas and marketing strategies, connects BCA staff with community professionals, sets up relevant site visits, and helps to fundraise and promote BCA education with the larger board, donors and the public. The Art Education Committee meets before BCA board meetings (usually scheduled every other month).