

## **SCC Meeting - March 26th**

4:03 pm

*Present:* Kathy Gruszecki, Victoria Riley, Susan Plant, Lacey Walker, Naomi Lang, Shelly Vandesype, Laurilynn Hess, Yvonne Day, Carina Calow, Jessie Spencer, Margaret Leigh

Items 5-23 need to be tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints. Lacey makes a motion to accept the amended agenda, Jessie seconded.

Presentation by Victoria Riley “**Importance of the Arts**”

Personal story

*How does music apply to the curriculum?*

- Math- applies to fractions
  - Language - different terminology
  - History - each song has a story
  - Reading - symbol - meaning, interpretation, translation, patterns/repetition
  - Science - sound waves, etc.
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- Universal language, relatable to everyone
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- Drumming demo
  - Soundscape demo
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- Melodies convey messages
  - Breathing
  - Vocal chord/elastic band demo
    - Longer in females - longer = higher pitch, shorter = lower pitch
  - Laughing
  - Steps/skips/sirens
  - Inflections/diction - tongue twisters
  - Phrasing - crescendo/decrescendo. More detail than written word.
  - Accents
  - Vowels first, then consonants.

*Benefits of music*

- Brain elasticity

- Solidifies concepts/ideas in children
- Creativity
- Patience
- Performance
- Discipline
- Time management
- Skill building
- Fine motor skills ie. independent moving of finger
- Team building - singing. Can all sing together
- Coordination - full body. ie. musical theatre
- Breath support
- Mood booster/endorphins

#### Complexity vs Enriched Understanding

- Student case study. Diagnosed with autism.
- Student of Victoria's for about a year.
- (Video)
- Speech is more fluid with rhythm, able to portray emotion with song
- Self-regulation/expression
- America's Got Talent video

- Sample lesson plans available
- Book examples in library and how to incorporate
- "Show Me How - To Make Music" book
- "Music and art leave an impression and legacy for a generation"

#### End of presentation

#### *Parent survey*

- Timeline
- What kind of topics do we want to ask?
- Extra-curricular programs that you would like to have brought in/willingness to volunteer
- Events
- Max 15 questions
- Google forms - SCC account
- Structure - ie movie night. Would you attend again? Not leave them all open-ended.
- Carina will get feedback from teachers
- Interest in an Edsby information night?
- Hot lunches

Question about:

- Swimming - new rules at Palace in regards to ratios.
- Skating
- Will be put on agenda for next meeting

Next meeting April 23rd 7 pm.

Margaret motions to adjourn at 5:25.