



RTAC Meeting
March 2, 2021
4:00p - 6:00p via Zoom

Meeting called to order @ 4:05 p.m.

Who is in the room?

- Introduced RTAC leadership

Mission/Vision review : why are we here

Old Business:

- RTAC leadership job descriptions and terms
 - Chair (or co-chair), Membership, Secretary
 - Terms, nomination cycle, voting timeline proposed
 - Nominations for leadership opened
 - Discussion of publishing membership roster and publishing Executive Board contact information
- Instructional Minutes update
 - Sean Ross, Executive Director over K-12 Standards is willing to hear our recommendations
 - Dustin's recommendation will be to use national statement to craft our state's statement
- A-F Letter Grade Update
 - RTAC's ask is that arts ed Seal of Proficiency is added to the A-F letter grading system.
 - AZ State Board of Education will engage in complete review of the formula in the near future

Committee Reports:

- "Exemplary Arts Schools Award" Committee
 - Results discussed; 1542 schools rated
 - Framed award sent to Gold Schools □ Title IV paying for this
 - RTAC present membership voted to publish info [HERE](#)

New Business:

- SB1400 – background, RTAC response letter, and next steps (AZ Citizens, ADE, RTAC)
 - Key words: "schools; course equivalents" and shared summary of bill
 - RTAC developed a [response letter](#)

- o Next steps:
 - Letter approved today to distribute letter as RTAC sees appropriate
 - Visit [HERE](#) register to voice your opinion
- ADE Reports:
 - o Arts Seal
 - Achievement report to go live on March 15, 2021
 - Deadline is April 15, 2021
 - Next school year Arts Seal applications will open July 15, 2021 and be due September 15, 2021
 - o Title IV
 - “Expanding Horizons” Symposium for Title IV-A & B moving forward (virtual)
 - Submissions for presentations [HERE](#)
 - Title IV-A adding another specialist position
 - FY22 LEA application opened on March 1, 2021 (due May 1, 2021)
 - AZ granted additional funds this year from the feds
 - o Youth Arts Month
 - Shout out to teachers who have been recognized for their work with various organizations
 - “Art Connects Us” Virtual gallery [HERE](#) for showcase of winners’ submissions
 - Virtual event on March 24, 2021 @ 6:00 PM (showcase musical performances and the Youth Arts Month gallery)
 - o Arts Data Project Update & Executive Summary with data from 2019-2020
 - [Dashboard](#) has been updated and upgraded w/ Streamlined Executive summary
 - Shared “big 3” takeaways based on dashboard
 - Drilling down into data more available
 - School Profile tab
 - Trends Over Time and Comparisons pages
- AZ Citizens for the Arts Report - none
- AZ Art Commission Report - none
- Professional Organization reports – current activities and updates
 - o AzDEO
 - Hybrid PD offered in January 2021
 - Festival was not able to take place, but alternative was created
 - Virtual award ceremony in May
 - Celebrating 15th anniversary ceremony upcoming
 - o AAEA
 - March is Youth Art Month - website [HERE](#)
 - Having virtual annual conference
 - o AMEA
 - Completed a Virtual state Conference
 - Arranged Virtual town hall meetings with state Senators and Representatives

- o AzThespians - none

Good of the Order:

- ADE has an initiative in-house to partner with colleagues in CTE
 - o Looking to create cohort of educators in CTE build crosswalks between arts standards and CTE professional standards
- Any changes to recommendations for returning to in-person instruction?
 - o Still the same as of release last summer
 - o Links are automatically updated within the documents
- ADE working on upgrade to arts education website to include SEL competencies

Future Meetings (Zoom):

Monday, May 3, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 6:01p