



RTAC Meeting

October 3, 2022

4:00p - 5:30p via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm, 25 members in attendance.

Welcome: (Anna)

Welcomed group, went over the agenda for the meeting, and reminded the group to add their names, positions, and/or districts into the chat.

RTAC Leadership

- Mrs. Anna Backstrom- Interim Chair
- Mrs. Becky Vogel- Membership
- Mrs. Elise Kohli- Secretary

RTAC Mission:

- Act as an Advisory committee to the Office of Arts Education within the AZ Department of Education (ADE) to enhance high-quality arts education throughout the state.
- Provide advice on initiatives, policies, governance related to Arts Education throughout the state of Arizona.

Old Business:

● **A-F Letter Grade Update (Becky)**

- No new update. State is now Tracking data, Districts to track their data for the Seals. Becky will reach out to ADE to see what is being recommended.
- Dustin/Julie updated RTAC- student opportunity to submit artwork for 2022/2023 Seal design. [Link to Art Opportunity](#)

New Business:

● **ADE Reports (Julie Weissberg & Dustin Loehr)**

- SEL Committee
 - See comments below
- Standards committee

- Julie discussed the Released Academic Standards (Not changed just reformatted) AZ Arts Standards Website: [Home | Arizona Arts Standards](#)
 - Purpose- additional resources to use within their content and helps bridge gaps.
 - Academic Standards Resources/ Reformatted- new view shows student friendly standards, as well as standards are meant to be easier to implement in classrooms. Also has sample lessons that could be used in the classroom. SEL Opening and Closing rituals (quick ways), just resources to make the standards more usable and guided resources for all Fine Art contents.
 - Dustin- ADE Fine Arts Website Update- should be updated by Dec 2022, looking forward to allowing users to customize standards/resources by grade band, content, etc.
- “Arts Education for All” Act (Dustin) [“Arts Education for All” Act](#)
 - Legislation at the national level presented by US Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR) This bill expands upon existing pieces of arts education and highlights current funding strains while streamlining resources for possible allocation opportunities for policy makers.
 - Reviewed “Arts Education for All” Supported by Suzanne Bonamici (Oregon)
- RTAC Handbook (Anna)
 - Reviewed Draft of RTAC Handbook [RTAC Handbook](#)
 - Events & Recommendation Section
 - Reviewed & discussed Exemplary Schools Awards, commented about changing program to improve. Looking into how to make it fair for all future models with the [Arizona Arts Data Project](#) data. Also, will connect with North Carolina to discuss how they use the dashboard in exciting ways (Dec 5). N.C. uses [National Arts Data Project](#)
 - Leadership is creating a google form to capture feedback from RTAC, please look for an email from Becky, Membership Chair. We would appreciate all feedback.
 - Other recommendations
 - section about how RTAC will mobilize a call to action. I.e. written communication to legislation on the process that RTAC will take.
 - Adding a chair person who will represent RTAC at political meetings.

- Arizona Citizens for the Arts [Arizona Citizens for the Arts](#)
 - No update
- AZ Commission on the Arts [AZ Commission on the Arts](#)
 - No update
- Professional Organizations
 - [AMEA](#)
 - Anna Backstrom- Planning Conference “Go Boldly”, organization is working on dedicating 1 day just to HS students opportunity.
 - [AAEA](#)
 - Candace Greene- AAEA Fall Conference Nov 17-20, 2022, Prescott, AZ “Back in the Groove”. If you know any art teachers that would like to participate in PD- please have them reach out to Candace or Elise. Regional events will start in Jan. 2023
 - [AZDEO](#)
 - Excited for an in person at conference
 - Lynn will be transitioning out of her role, looking for replacement.
 - Registration is now open.
 - [AZThespians](#)
 - Jenell Riordan- Thespian Festival- Nov 18-19 @ Convention Center. Currently, about 1800 students have registered. Registration will end Oct 6, 2022. Regional Events will start in Jan 2023.

Good of the Order:

- [ESSA Conference](#) (Dustin & Julie)
 - Theme/Location- “The Power to Make a Difference”, Tucson, AZ
 - Collecting Student work/artwork to present at conference. Shared with Julie- Please use this link to submit- [Arts Education Student Submission Form](#)
 - If interested in being a part of ESSA please reach out to Dustin Loehr at Dustin.Loehr@azed.gov.
- Future Meetings
 - Will have Dec 5, 2022 Meeting- North Carolina to present/speak on their usage of Data from the national dashboard to benefit NC. Secondly, review survey results that were collected (Feedback about RTAC & gather information about the needs of RTAC constituents.)
 - Jan 26/Feb 6, 2023 meeting-if meeting is held during ESSA Conference- Anna proposed a digital option for constituents if not able to attend in person.
 - April 24, 2023- meeting is planned to be from 4pm to 6pm.
 - Future Meetings (Zoom)

- Monday, Dec 5, 2022
- Monday, Jan 26, 2023 (ESSA Conference) or February 6, 2023
- Monday, April 24, 2023
- Highlights from Districts/RTAC
 - Agua Fria district to hold a state-wide PD for theater teachers. Dustin Loehr to be presenting
 - Deer Valley- application was approved
- RTAC has access to emails, please feel free to email us when you need or if you have any questions. Membership chair will send out an email with a survey, please look and complete the survey to better help RTAC. Also if you know anyone who wants to join RTAC, please share the link for [RTAC](#), encourage them to sign up.
- Arts and Humanities Month- Biden designated Oct 2022 as National Arts and Humanities Month in celebration of the significance of the arts, humanities, and museum and library services to our nation. Proclamation includes the announcement of a new Executive Order which seeks to integrate the arts, humanities, and museum and library services into policies, programs, and partnerships through the Federal government to tackle the greatest challenges of our time. It also includes a directive to reestablish the President's Committee for the Arts and the Humanities. [Press Release](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 5:14pm

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