



Management Board Meeting

Saturday January 17th 2009

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Old Mill Toronto, 21 Old Mill Rd., Toronto

Co-chaired Wendie Gibbons, President, & Kim Snider, Vice President

- Present: Bev Bonk, Eamonn Nolan, Debra Reynolds, Megan Schroeder, Kim Snider, John Thomas, Stephen Wei, Amanda Williams-Yeagar, Wendie Gibbons, Andre Gravelijn, Leanna Neal, Brooke Charlebois, Jenn Santangelo
- Regrets: Heather Downey, Ceris Thomas, Louanna Alexander-Hudgel, Marilyn Duffield, Giselle Pacquette, Steve Russell

1. Routine Business

1.1 Call to order – Call to order by Wendie Gibbons at 9:01 a.m.

I, Dre Gravelijn, move to adopt the minutes from the Dec 6th, 2008 Board meeting. Seconded by Megan Schroeder. Motion carried.

1.3 Adoption of the agenda

I, John Thomas move to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Seconded by Kim Snider. Motion carried.

Thanks to Dre for organizing the venue for today's meeting.

2. Discussion/Decision Items

2.1 Elementary Drama / Dance Curriculum – Presentation by Bev Bonk
(Bev attended the Ministry information session in December 08)

Implementation of Elementary curriculum is Sept 2009.

One main concern: after school workshops vs. in-school service

Strength of old curriculum: establishes professional vocabulary, academic pursuit

Highlights of new curriculum: drama and dance are separate, expectations are organized by grade rather than by discipline, there is an overview section for each discipline, expanded glossary with diagrams.

Three overall expectations that need to be evaluated (Creating and Presenting; Reflecting, Responding and Analyzing; Exploring Forms and Cultural Contexts), specific expectations need to be assessed/introduced, teacher prompts are more inclusive, include higher level questioning and generalist teacher friendly.

Change/introduction of elements:

Dance- Body, Space, Time, Energy, Relationship

Drama- Role/character, relationship, time and place, tension, focus and emphasis.

There is now an elements chart at the beginning of every grade.

Creative Process embedded in Overall Expectations.
Ministry Tagline: "Reach every student."

2.2 Website discussion

Stephen Wei, Communications Officer, suggests that since we have our membership machine at a different site, why not base our current CODE site there? This would give the Communications Officer more access to the site so that s/he can post materials and/or make changes without going through Nextpage. This will eventually save CODE money.

Action: Website discussion to be on the agenda for March meeting.

Action Item: Stephen to bring cost/figures for website revamping for next meeting.

2.3 Conference Update (Bev and Jenn)

Bev and Jenn have continued to work on Conference Name and have decided to focus on change to reflect the new arts curriculum.

2.4 Tagline Discussion

Discussion and work continued.

3 Round table –

Reminder that meeting dates are posted on website

Action Item: Brooke to e-mail next meeting date to CODE members following every meeting.

Update on Drama Focus Project: Work continues on this resource.

Amanda: Plans for a "Traveling Stage Dance Workshop" in March in the Central West Region.

Ceris: Conference report '08 and Registrar's report. The following statistics from the Registrar's report were noted:

53% secondary teachers	28% elementary teachers
52% drama	10% dance

Dance and elementary were low. However, this data only represents the people at this particular conference. Discussion: Are dance teachers not coming because the workshops do not appeal to them? This year's conference committee will take this into consideration.

4 Theatre Ontario/CODE workshops and next steps

CODE and ThON have partnered to provide workshops for K-4. ThON handles all logistics, registration etc. CODE board members just show up and deliver the workshop. Not for profit. \$50 for day including lunch.

Discussion: Could a Theatre Ontario workshop be done at the conference? Need to start working on workshops for grades 5 – 8.

5 Future conferences

2010 conference is at Queen's Landing in Niagara on the Lake 40th anniversary Oct. 29 - 31st. John Thomas has offered to be the 2010 conference chair. Wendie would like to see some planning take place now. Andre has set \$2000 aside for the 2010 conference - this could be used for guest speaker?

Action item: John will meet with Wendie and Andre to discuss the conference space and contract.

Wendie asks that the board start thinking about 2011 conference location.

6 Work Groups

Everyone went into various groups with specific goals and returned with the following reports:

Regional Representatives

Discussion: What does the CODE membership provide? Should we pursue discounts for CODE members? There could be a section online for vouchers/coupons etc.

Action: Will discuss discounts for CODE members at March meeting.

Publications/Website

Stephen took photos of the board members present today to be posted on the site. Stephen spent time putting together a flyer for the Stratford CODE camp.

Wendie and Stephen met to discuss the website further. They discussed how to post the Dorothy keynote speech from the 2008 conference.

Action Item: Stephen to post Dorothy Heathcote speech online in weekly installments

Also discussed blogging (on the agenda for next meeting) - can drama and dance liaisons be part of this...they could post theatre, dance nights, when seasons begin etc? There could also be a section for Q and A that people could post responses to.

Drama and Dance liaison/ Membership

Drama Dance liaisons now have a postcard/flyer for the Stratford Camp.

Again the question was asked: What does your membership get you? Teachers are not covered by licensing for music - could CODE offer a SOCAN membership as part of our membership fee?

Action Item: Megan to inquire about SOCAN memberships for CODE members

Conference 2009

Workshop application is ready to go so web application can be up and running through the website by March. Application has been e-mailed to conference committee for feedback. Workshop application now includes sections about how their workshop will address the creative process and assessment as, for and of learning.

Menu pricing-Bev and Jenn have not had a chance to go over it because it will impact conference budget and whether or not the conference fee will need to be raised.

Action Item: Jenn and Bev to send workshop call info to Wendie ASAP and she will send to the membership.

Making connections internationally: Is there a way of making these connections? Could international organizations send someone to do a workshop? This could be something for the 2010 anniversary workshop. Could we also have links on our website to international organizations (i.e. Kennedy Center)?

Executive

Privacy policy: The Executive created a rough draft of a privacy policy for CODE using the Dram Focus template and OMLEA. We also referred to Canadian privacy commissioners' website (www.privcom.gov.ca).

Meeting was officially adjourned at 3:56, but many board members continued working.

