

Arts and Social Justice
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SJF-teacher-little respect for art-Healdsburg HS-students do not respect art class.

DG Fairfax-Marin- daughter in public schools in Marin Co. people in Marin pay for arts (poets) and roving art teacher. Art is special and respected because it is started in kindergardent and paid for by the wealthy-why only valued by the wealthy?

CP-studies=valuable& necessary

DG- and music

BZ-Vallejo, Manor Elem-10 years there-started art project/program b/c principal OKed low income-only math & LA-she taught art for 5 years – very little money-only paid \$5K, begged for \$ and grants- a few places with \$ -few responses from local community.

CP-why art is not equal to a “basic”-arts and performance on basics- “unfinished canvas”= study- access online arts-better performance

CP=music-perform music -perform in exams too. Venezuela- music in wirst schools=social program to combat poverty-paying in ensemble=like being part of society and a group.

HL-Droves are upset by oil& music- think for self-[????]

DG-does not measure passion, measure art

HL-Art-teach by stealth

DG-we teach/create agents of change via Hutchins

BZ-teachers do not like change because the have been there a long time

CP-NCLB difficulties

BZ-administration checks on her-she predefines her justification for “basics”

SJF-people express [art] (tagging, piercings, tattoos) outside of system

BZ-“skittles” the dancer in Vallejo-ex of talented, graffiti artist.

SF Mission district’s murals-palette, gave them a venue

CP-beauty and community

DG-Why did art class get dissed?

HL-art="cool" @SRHS-but not at some other schools

BZ- Materials hard to get/created an art supply set for school /meaningful-made oranges=about CA agriculture so tied to migrant families and their lives

CP why kids resist art-1) materialistic either (?) =shallow-art is not shallow; 2)

group vs. solo-seen as elective/requirement b/c HAVE TO or EASY

JJF- tie to 4 year institution-by teacher/soul-sucking for art teachers

CP -how bring art to other subjects, professional learning community help?