



Calgary Academy Society  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 19, 2016

**In Attendance:**

**Directors:** Todd Hirsch; Rob Roach; Paul Knapp; Ken McNeill; Mary Anne Desmeules; Linda Fox-Mellway; Katherine Taylor; Neil Tichkowsky; Becky Wetherell

**Administration:** Josh Van Beers; Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Jan Jordan

**Regrets:** Al Wahlstrom

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 pm – Todd Hirsch
2. **Consideration of Consent of Agenda**  
Todd Hirsch approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda as presented
3. **Approval of November 17, 2015, and December 15, 2015 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors as presented** - Todd
4. **Auditor RFP report and recommendation** – Jan met with three prospective auditors and has recommended KPMG for Calgary Arts Academy 2015/16 auditor. A special member’s meeting will be announced for February 23, 2016 to approve the appointment of the new auditor.  
**Motion: 2016-01-19-2016-01:** To approve KPMG for the August 31, 2016 Audit, subsequent to approval at the General Meeting on February 23, 2016  
**Moved:** Paul Knapp                      **Seconded:** Ken McNeill                      **Passed**
5. **Youth Campus Update** – The lease and tripartite agreement was expected to be signed on Monday but has three more amendments to be made. Once satisfactory, the agreement will be signed, registered at Land Titles and will go to tender. The project has one general contractor, which should help the timeline. The projected possession date is January 18, 2018.  
Gender Neutral Washrooms – The City of Calgary has not approved a policy for gender neutral washrooms. Calgary Arts Academy Youth Campus project will move forward with the original plan of traditional washrooms with two washrooms on each floor to accommodate gender neutral and staff needs.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - Government Liaison – Linda
  - Stampede Liaison – Linda

- CAAS Foundation and Community Liaison - Marianne –Fundraising event – May 13, 2016. Location to be determined; silent auction component; will need lots of assistance with this event. Linda has expressed the need to be endorsed by high profile individuals and companies.
- Legal Liaison – Neil – available for legal assistance with future gender neutral washroom for the high school, and legal advice.
- New Initiatives Liaison – Al Wahlstrom (tentative) and Becky
- Policy Development Liaison – Paul and Rob – to review Finance Policy for Society investments
- Finance Liaison – Ken(Finance Committee) – The finance committee has reinvested cashable GIC's for better interest rates and invested an additional \$60,000. A detailed finance report is available in Board documents.
- CAA Alumni Achievement Research committee – Rob
- TAAPCS Liaison – Paul – Report on the January 16, 17 meetings in Red Deer. TAAPCS has approved spending to hire a consultant to strategize and promote the successes of charter schools. Research results, innovation, and alternative to traditional education continue to be the mandate for charter schools. Some schools will share their research practices and resources.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 pm**

**\*\* Important Dates:**

**February 23, 2016** – Special Meeting of the Members, and Regular meeting of the Board of Directors – Knob Hill Campus