



Calgary Academy Society  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 23, 2016

**In Attendance:**

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

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

**Parent:** Gabrielle Sinclair

**Regrets:** Al Wahlstrom; Rob Roach; Katherine Taylor

1. **Call to Order:** 6:15 pm – Todd Hirsch
2. **Consideration of Consent of Agenda**  
Todd Hirsch approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda as presented
3. **Approval of January 19, 2016 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors as presented** - Todd
4. **Approval of the 2016/2017 School Calendar** – The proposed 2016/2017 school calendar meets all the requirements of Alberta Education.  
**Motion: 2016-02-23-01:** To approve the Calgary Arts Academy Society 2016/2017 School Calendar as presented.  
**Moved:** Becky Wetherell

**Passed**

**Tentative Board Meeting dates:**

- September 20, 2016
- October 18, 2016
- November 22, 2016 AGM and regular
- December 13, 2016
- January 17, 2017
- February 14, 2017
- March 21, 2017
- April 11, 2017
- May 16, 2017
- June 20, 2017

**Important Dates:**

- Pancake Breakfast – August 26, 2016
- Jubilee – December 9, 2016
- Vertigo Theatre – April 12 & 13, 2017
- Graduation – June 9, 2017

5. **Youth Campus Update** – The lease and tripartite agreement has been signed by all parties. Invitation to tender went out on February 4, 2016. General contractor walk through took place on February 23, 2016. The tender review is set for March 14-25. The selection committee consists of eight people who have been instrumental to the project. Neil has offered legal assistance if necessary and will meet with Steven Levergent. Steve’s commitment is now finished. He has been very instrumental in the process and should be recognized for his commitment. Dale and Todd will decide how to acknowledge his work. February 23, 2016 meeting with Avi Habinski (Alberta Infrastructure) and Danny Breten (CBE), initial discussion to facilitate transition to be reviewed in fall of 2016. Ground breaking ceremony date will be determined and announced when the minister is able to attend.
6. **Committee Reports**
- **Government/Stampede Liaison** – Linda - CAA 15 year charter renewal will expire in 2028. Two new charter applications were turned down. Boyle Street Charter received a 5 year renewal. Charter public schools are still viewed as private schools. Linda is reviewing funding for charter schools. TAAPCS has requested a meeting with the minister. Education Advisory Committee (EAC) will appoint a representative for TAAPCS. Linda shared February 20, 2016 newspaper articles - “Master Plan on Track” and CMLC to Weigh In”, and a Calgary Stampede article of the partnership formed in East Village and the benefits of a Tax Incremental Financing 20 year plan.
  - **CAAS Foundation and Community Liaison** – Mary Anne – “Evening of Arts and Inspiration”. Fundraising event – May 13, 2016 at Victoria Pavilion –with Calgary Stampede’s caterer and bar services. There will be a silent auction component, entertainment, food stations, door prizes and more. Volunteers will be needed with this event. This event will be endorsed by high profile individuals and companies, and will be an excellent opportunity for sponsors to advertise. Early bird and regular ticket prices will be announced.
  - **Legal Liaison** – Neil is available for legal assistance
  - **New Initiatives Liaison** – Becky will be stepping down due to family commitments. Carolyn Ferraby will be taking Becky’s place on the Board as Parent Council Representative.
  - **Policy Development Liaison** – Paul and Rob – reviewing Finance Policy for Society investments



- **Finance Liaison** – Finance report to January 31, 2016 is posted to Board Documents
- **CAA Alumni Achievement Research committee** – no report
- **TAAPCS Liaison** - Next meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### **Calgary Arts Academy Additional News:**

- Rob Lewis submitted 12 proposals to Beakerhead and was chosen for one proposal – “The Brainstorm”. This project will receive \$3,000 and will be shared in September. Rob has received a request for a partnership in the project with University of Calgary Kinesiology Department with Canadian Olympic Team participation. Rob is to be congratulated for his fine work and dedication in ensuring that CAA continues to be a leader in innovation.
- Lockdown is being practiced with staff, and a letter will be sent out to parents prior to a full school lockdown.
- Thanks to Becky for her time and commitment on the Board. Becky will be missed.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 pm**

### **\*\* Important Dates:**

**March 15, 2016** –Regular meeting of the Board of Directors – Knob Hill Campus

**May 13, 2016** - Evening of Arts and Inspiration – Victoria Pavilion – Stampede Park