



Calgary Academy Society
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 15, 2016

In Attendance:

Directors: Paul Knapp; Ken McNeill; Mary Anne Desmeules; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Becky Wetherell; Al Wahlstrom; Rob Roach; Katherine Taylor; Carolyn Ferraby

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

Regrets: Todd Hirsch

1. **Call to Order:** 5:52 pm – Rob Roach
2. **Consideration of Consent of Agenda**
Todd Hirsch approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda as presented
3. **Approval of February 23, 2016 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors as presented** – Rob
4. **Approval of February 23, 2016 minutes of Special Meetings of the Board of Directors as presented** – Rob
5. **Capital Plan** – Dale is still working on the Capital plan and will send it out for the Board to Review and potentially approve. The capital plan needs to be posted by April 1, 2016. Included in the plan will be modifications to the Knob Hill School, High School proposal, new school funding.
6. **Budget 16/17** – The budget will be released on April 14, 2016. The Finance committee will meet the following week to discuss proposals for the April 26, 2016 regular meeting. The final Spring Budget will be due May 31, 2016.
7. **Youth Campus Update** - The tender review begins March 16. The selection committee consists of seven people who have been instrumental to the project. All technical requirements need to be met before being considered, followed by commercial review. If there are no commercial bids that meet the budget, it will go back to Alberta Infrastructure. The Ground breaking ceremony date has yet to be determined.

8. Committee Reports

- **Government/Stampede** – Linda – Calgary Stampede has a new Strategic Plan which includes the Youth Campus in “Building Our Vision”. Sod turning date is a provincial decision.
- **CAAS Foundation and Community**– 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. Sponsors will be recognized throughout the evening. Early bird tickets are now on sale for \$95. Cost will be \$120 after the deadline. Asking for donations from staff, Board and Foundation for the silent auction. Committee has asked members to consider inviting guests. Main headliner to be announced.
- **Legal** – Neil verified with the Board and Administration that Calgary Arts Academy has no legal actions against it. A letter will be sent to Alberta Education. This is a standard requirement from Alberta Education due April 1, 2016. Neil confirmed with the group that CAA has director liability insurance, and that the Board would not liable for Youth Campus class actions.
- **New Initiatives** – This committee would be responsible for such things as High School Application, New Partnerships, and any new society initiatives.
- **Policy Development**– Paul and Rob – reviewing Finance Policy for Society investments. There is new directive from the Minister to develop and/or refine the Discipline Policy and Inclusive Policy. Paul will head up this committee.
- **Finance** – Finance met on March 10, 2016. Group benefits renew on April 1, 2016 and rates have been negotiated with Morneau Shepell to benefit staff and employer. Surplus from Dental ASO will be reviewed for a possible increase to Health Care Spending to employees. Scotiabank VISA cards are being reissued to reflect better return rates and a reduced yearly fee. The current VISA platform is out of date and rate of return is low. Card spending limits and threshold amount will remain unchanged.



- **CAA Alumni Achievement Research committee** – The committee is keen to gather information on student achievement results. Considerations of a stakeholders satisfaction survey:
 - Voluntary online survey
 - What information will the survey contain
 - What will we do with the information
 - Secure data base/FOIP
 - Purpose of the survey – marketing, charter research, internal use, report to stakeholders
 - Alberta Learning tracks to end of high school – (99% of CAA students completed high school)
 - Profile permission
 - Follow up permission and process
 - Reviewed by legal
- **TAAPCS** - Next meeting May 5th & 6th, 2016 – The association has requested a proposal from Hill & Norton to present to the Minister. Their proposal was similar to TAAPCS previous ones. They have been requested to improve their proposal. The purpose is to secure the future of Charter Schools and to generate an understanding that Charter Schools are public not private schools.
Almadina has received a visit from the Minister. Westmount received a 15 year renewal with conditions to meet.

Calgary Arts Academy Additional News:

- Carolyn Ferraby will be taking Becky's place on the Board as Parent Council Representative.
Motion not required.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm

**** Important Dates:**

April 14 & 15, 2016 Vertigo Theatre – “Branded” - VIP to be held on Friday

April 26, 2016 –Regular meeting of the Board of Directors – Knob Hill Campus

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

TAAPCS - Next meeting May 5th & 6th, 2016 - Edmonton