



Calgary Academy Society
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 20, 2016

In Attendance:

Directors: Ken McNeill; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Katherine Taylor; Al Wahlstrom; Rob Roach; Carolyn Ferraby; Paul Knapp; Dave Taylor

Administration: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Michelle Lukas Stonehouse, Jan Jordan

Regrets: Todd Hirsch; Mary Anne Desmeules;

1. Call to Order: 6:00 pm – Rob Roach

2. Approval of Agenda

Rob Roach approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda with one addition: 11. Board PD

3. Approval of June 20, 2016 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors as presented

4. Ratification of electronic motion 2016-08-11-01 – Be it resolved that the Board of Calgary Arts Academy Society accepts the terms and conditions of Scotiabank commitment letter regarding the Line of Credit for \$1,000,000.

Moved: Ken McNeill

Seconded: Katherine Taylor

Passed

5. Foundation Annual Report – Dale shared the Foundation 2015 Annual Report approved at their last meeting. The report includes results from the Be A Star, Buy a Star Campaign, the Be the Change Campaign and recognition of donors at the May 13, 2016 Gala.

- Directors were requested to keep October 26, 2016 open for the next Foundation event. This event is by invitation and Directors have been asked to provide a list of potential attendees for Kevin in Communications.
- Administration will be conducting ten private tours and meetings with potential foundation donors. Detailed information packages are sent out to prior to each meeting.
- The Foundation will be offering “Naming Opportunities” for spaces on the Youth Campus. As spaces are limited, the Board has decided to give donors the first

opportunity for naming. Should there be spaces available at the October board meeting, the Board may choose to take the opportunity to name a space.

- 6. Technology 2016/17 Plan** – Dale provided the Board with a report prepared by Roy Miguens- IT Director - of the proposed technology plan. Dale recognized that technology costs are higher at CAA than other schools with the reasons being the importance of current and larger band width for creating and supporting students and staff work. School Council Casino money supports a large portion of technology updates. A new program, Sesame, supports shared ongoing student progress and successes with parents. Technology Goals and Vision:

- Create engaged thinkers, ethical citizens and entrepreneurial spirit
- Evolve as digital citizens and adapt to 21 century learning on a global scale that is always changing
- Continue to transform education through arts immersion with technology as a foundational element

Once the move takes place, cost sharing with partners for internet may reduce some of the costs. This is currently being studied. Servers are expensive, and are run until they must be replaced. CAA should be safe for a while at KH.

- 7. Achievement Test Results** – Dale shared the results of the grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests. CAA continues to be in the top 10% in the province, and the team has acknowledged where improvements may be required and will focus in these areas. Language Arts reports above average. The team was congratulated for their great work in continuing to stay the course with Arts Immersion learning. Phil Butterfield has done a study on the fallacy that Charter Schools only take high achieving students. Charter schools actually have a higher percentage of special education students than regular public schools.
- 8. TAAPCS - Paul** - At the TAAPCS May meeting, there was an intense discussion whether TAAPCS was doing enough to suppress the negative press comments about charter schools. TAAPCS has had some changes and has proposed a restructuring of the group where Directors have a larger role. It is difficult for directors (as volunteers) to attend all the meetings that are required. Dale has sat on the Education Advisory Committee for several years. This EAC committee is key to the overall organization. Dale asked the Board if they continue to support the cost and time required to be active members of TAAPCS. The Board agreed to support the membership, and review the benefits of TAAPCS later in the year. The “Elevator Line” for TAAPCS differs from CAA’s. Directors are reminded to review CAA’s.

9. Adjusted Budget – Youth Campus – Dale shared the change orders to Youth Campus construction. There were two that needed to move forward in order to continue with the work. Whether it is approved for funding or not, it required immediate action. On-going negotiations continue with the project.

- Board approved spending of \$500,000. Dale shared the detailed list totalling \$229,459 of the \$500,000 approved spending. The list included such things as gym dividers, curved benches, bookshelves, air conditioning in the gym, suspended drywall ceiling in offices, wood laminate flooring for the gym and more. Approving these items early assures that these will be done in the early building stages. The Foundation's goal is to raise the \$500,000 and return it to the Society.
- Roof Top Patio – at the Board retreat on September 14, the Board toured the site. There is an opportunity for a roof top patio with great access and views. The Board agreed to review the balcony design and the feasibility of moving forward with the change.
- Al Wahstrom has requested a more comprehensive Progress report. Jan will meet with him. The first draw from AB Ed on the project will be this month.

10. Preparing Knob Hill to become our K-2 Campus and Glenmeadows preparation to return to CBE– The costs to prepare the current schools for the moves is not yet known. The work of cleaning the basement and disposing of junk has begun at Glenmeadows. A monthly report on the progress and costs will be shared with the Board.

11. Committee Reports

- **Government/Stampede** – Linda – asked that each Board member bring a few points as to “Value we bring to Education” when we meet with MLA's.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm

**** Important Dates:**

Board Retreat part 2 – September 21, 2016 – Knob Hill Campus - 5:30 pm

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors - October 18, 2016 – Knob Hill Campus- dinner at 5:30