



Calgary Academy Society
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 18, 2016

In Attendance:

Directors: Todd Hirsch; Ken McNeill; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Paul Knapp; Dave Taylor; Mary Anne Desmeules

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

Regrets: Al Wahlstrom; Carolyn Ferraby; Rob Roach; Katherine Taylor

1. Call to Order: 6:06 pm – Todd Hirsch

2. Approval of Agenda

Todd approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda with one addition: 11. Report from Advocacy Committee.

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

4. Foundation Discussion: Janice reminded the group of the November 7, 2016 event at the King Eddie/ National Music Center. The theme is “Reimagine Learning”. Attendance response is low at this time but confident that it should increase with time. Members are asked to forward names for invites.

5. Evaluation of Leadership Training Session – TAAPCS has organized three sessions of training for Board Directors. The first of three was held on October 5th at Connect Charter School. CAA had several attendees, and the feedback was very positive. Dale handed out an evaluation for attendees to return to the session leadership group. The purpose of this session was to clarify the following:

- What is governance?
- What governs the governors?
- What are the governance roles?
- What is the Superintendent’s role?
- What is the Principal’s role?

Further comments from the session were:

- Board members live by board decisions – By the Will and the Wisdom of the Board
- Board is “nose in, fingers out”
- Board members – “think, do policy work and serve committees”
- Professionalism – represent the Board in public
- Board relies on Superintendent advice and wisdom
- Confidentiality
- Board member voting rights for School council representative?

The new policy binder will be released at the November AGM.

6. Inclusive Education – Dale and Mary Anne – Charter schools receive minimal funding for students with special needs in comparison with the large boards. In keeping with CAA’s charter, Dale will continue to resolve an issue which could potentially challenge the charter.

7. Norton Rose Fulbright – Neil Tichkowsky has received permission from Norton Rose Fulbright to serve Calgary Arts Academy on a pro-bono basis to act and advise on legal matters. The only costs to CAA may be minimal disbursement costs. Where a legal matter that requires extensive hours, Neil will review the case to determine if it meets the pro-bono threshold.

Motion: 2016-10-18-01: To accept the Norton Rose Fulbright agreement to engage Neil Tichkowsky as legal representative for the Society.

Moved: Paul Knapp

Passed

Motion: 2016-10-18-02: To go in camera

Moved: Ken McNeill

Passed

8. TAAPCS - Paul - At the October 7, 2016 TAAPCS meeting, Dale agreed to serve as Co-Vice Chair of TAAPCS, and Paul agreed to serve as Co-chair for TAAPCS Directors. The money spent and the value result of hiring a consultant to advise TAAPCS is being reviewed. With government remaining status quo with Charter Schools, it was in the opinion that further advocacy is not required at this time. It would be desirable for directors to play a larger role in TAAPCS however it is acknowledged that it is difficult for directors (as volunteers) to volunteer the required time to accomplish this task. The Minister of Education has met with the Superintendents with an Elected Official. This is not seen as a major issue.



9. Finance Update – Jan & Ken – Jan reported that the audit with KPMG has been a positive experience and that CAA remains in a surplus position. Ken reported that CAA is solvent. The first payment request for Youth Campus construction funding was a smooth process.

10. Preparing Glenmeadows for return to CBE: CBE toured Glenmeadows today to assess what will be needed for their move to the site. Dale and Janice will do the negotiations with them. CBE prepared a lease with an end date of July 2017 which will need to be amended to December 31, 2017 prior to signing. Knob Hill will also need to be renovated to accommodate the younger grades. Costs for the moves and renovations are still being determined.

11. Committee Reports

Advocacy – Linda & Dave shared a report on their messaging proposal to the government. More work will continue and shared at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

**** Important Dates:**

November 7, 2016 – King Eddie Hotel - Reimaging Learning - 5:00-7:00 pm

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors - November 22, 2016 – Knob Hill Campus staff room - dinner at 5:30. Call to order at 5:45 pm

Annual General Meeting – November 22, 2016 at 6:30 pm - Knob Hill Campus Library