



Calgary Academy Society  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 14, 2017

**In Attendance:**

**Directors:** Todd Hirsch; Paul Knapp; Rob Roach; Dave Taylor; Al Wahlstrom; Ken McNeill; Katherine Taylor; Neil Tichkowsky

**Administration:** Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Michelle Lukas Stonehouse; Jan Jordan  
**School Council Representative:** Jeannine Turnbull

**Regrets:** Linda Fox-Mellway(on leave); Mary Anne Desmeules; Pat Cavill

1. **Call to Order:** 6:02 pm – Todd Hirsch

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Todd approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda with addition

- 12. Point 3 - TAAPCS update – Paul

3. **Approval of January 17, 2017 minutes of regular meetings of the Board of Directors** as presented - Todd

4. **High School Application** – The last letter regarding the High School application was from February 11, 2015 from Minister Gordon Dirks. His letter indicated that he supported the high school in principal but could not approve it as it lacked details for facility spaces, course content, numbers of teachers’ readiness to teach high school. Dale and Janice will be meeting with Calgary Stampede to discuss spaces, costs, length of availability time and feasibility of the spaces. The correspondence is ready to be sent but will wait until the youth campus is nearing completion before re-applying for high school.

5. **Knob Hill Campus Renovation** – To get the KH campus ready for the younger grades, the lockers will have to be removed, coat hooks hung in the classrooms, washroom upgrades and painting. There are two washrooms in the basement that have been out of service, which could also be made operative. CBE wants student care out of Glen Meadows by early July, so the basement should be cleaned up for that purpose. There is old carpet that needs to be pulled up and replaced by proper flooring, and offices that could be taken out for more

student space. CBE will provide a project manager and the work will be tendered out. Costs are yet to be determined and will need to come out of the school's budget.

- 6. Youth Campus update – Dale** - Youth campus construction is at 45% completion and four million seven hundred and ninety dollars have been spent on the project to date. The heritage windows are going in. Spending of \$100,000 of the \$500,000 was approved for the completion of the outside patio area on the second floor. In reviewing the space, the patio was at a higher level than originally believed. In order to continue with the patio, additional costs for stairs, reinforcing the weight, fireproofing and moving walls could result in an additional \$82,700. To pull a permit, it is assumed that the project is to completion.

**Motion 2017-02-14-01:** To approve additional spending up to \$82,700 for completion of the outdoor patio space as discussed.

**Motion:** Rob Roach

**Seconded:** Dave Taylor

**Vote** – one member opposed, seven in favour.

**Passed**

**Discussion:** It is felt that the cost for the consultant on the patio space is out of line. The consultant should be charging a maximum of 10% of the construction cost. Dale will share his concerns with the consultant.

- 7. Advocacy Report – Dave and Katherine** – The messaging plan is in three parts – elevator messaging, written package and 30 minute video presentation. The final video will be ready for approval for Friday February 24. The approach for the video will be different in that it will speak to power, influence, success and politics. Janice and Katherine will send out the story board for the Board to review. The Board previously approved spending of \$5,000 for advertising, and the committee has requested an additional \$1,500 for completion of the video.

**Motion:** 2017-02-14-02 - To approve additional spending up to \$1,500 for the completion of the video for advertising.

**Moved:** Dave Taylor

**Seconded:** Paul Knapp

**Passed**

Once the full package is ready and approved, it will be shared at meetings with Ministers and influential authorities.

- 8. Link between Society, Foundation and School Council** – In the previous year, School Council was asked to curtail fundraising activities to allow Foundation to fundraise for the Capital Campaign. Fundraising has been primarily for the youth campus. The younger grades will be moving to Knob Hill, and the playground at Knob Hill is in need of an upgrade. School Council would like to apply for a matching grant to upgrade or replace the playground. It is important that the fundraising initiatives are complementary to all three.

Casino money is dedicated to technology and there will not be a casino until late 2017. A representative from the Board will be appointed to work with School Council and Foundation and discuss fundraising opportunities at the May Gala. School Council and parents are keen to fundraise outside of Gala's for the playground and other school related initiatives.

**Motion 2017-02-14-03:** To approve a \$50,000 advance to School Council to begin the Playground Initiative, with the understanding that the money be repaid once it is received.

**Moved:** Rob Roach

**Seconded:** Paul Knapp

**Passed**

**9. Policy Updates** – Paul and Pat will send their changes to Dale for review by Friday

**10. Discussion:** Knob Hill playground – covered in 8

### **11. Committee Reports**

- **Research** – Rob – nothing this month
- **Finance** – Ken – Ken and Jan met to review the current finances of the school. Ken reported that CAA is in good shape financially and that we are in more than a stable position at this time.
- **TAAPCS** - Paul –TAAPCS meetings in Red Deer on January 20 and 21, 2017, re-organization structure will have an elected Board Director or designated school representative at the meetings, for one vote per school on voting matters. The budget will remain the same for the balance of the 2016/17 year to be reviewed for next year. Several formulas have been brought forward for membership fees. The next meeting will be in Valhalla in May.

**12. Parent Information Update:** Michelle – School Council hosted a wonderful parent information evening, providing babysitting for those who needed it. The evening was well attended and was kept light and interactive by Janice. Carolyn Boston, Youth Campus Project Manager, was also available for answering questions. There were lots of concerns about parking, security, transportation, student care, and high school programming. Parents were assured that the space was changing but the programming will remain unchanged and the school will continue to be inclusive.

**13. Meeting Adjourned** at 7:37 pm

**INFORMATION ITEMS - \*\* Upcoming School/ Board Events - Regular meeting of the Board of Directors March 21, 2017 at Knob Hill - staff room with beef dip!**