



Calgary Academy Society
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 21, 2017

In Attendance:

Directors: Todd Hirsch; Paul Knapp; Rob Roach; Dave Taylor; Al Wahlstrom; Ken McNeill; Katherine Taylor; Carolyn Ferraby; Mary Anne Desmeules;

Administration: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Dylan Thomas; Riley Ohler; Jan Jordan

Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway(on leave); Pat Cavill; Neil Tichkowsky; Michelle Stonehouse

1. **Call to Order:** 5:58 pm – Todd Hirsch

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Todd approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda

3. **Approval of February 14, 2017 minutes of regular meetings of the Board of Directors** as presented - Todd

4. **Bill 1** - Dale – Schools of Choice are not considered designated schools so the minister has excluded charter schools from the Bill. This means that Charter Schools are still permitted to charge instructional fees and will not be reimbursed where other boards will be “topped up” for reduced fees to families. TAAPCS feels this is a deliberate political act to disassociate charter schools from the public system.

5. **Budget 2017/18** – The budget was released on March 9, 2017 with zero increase to the 2016/17 funding. CAA will base the budget on these numbers and will need to increase certificated staff on grid, with no increase at all to all other staff. To support this, it has become necessary to review transportation which has been in a shortfall for several years. We will be decreasing bus numbers from 7 to 6 by implementing community stops. The south busses have had successful community stops for several years, so to create equity, and to be cost efficient, all stops will become community stops. Instruction fees will remain the same unless Bill 1 includes charter schools, at which time the fees would be reduced accordingly. Staffing is currently being reviewed for the budget.

6. **Youth Campus update** – Dale & Janice - Youth campus construction is at 60-65% completion and six million, six hundred and eighty-one thousand dollars has been paid on the project to date. Construction continues, not without challenges, but is on track. The initial grant agreement of \$9,209,374 is now \$9,883,612 and is being negotiated with the province. The outside deck will begin next week, with the exterior door being from the board room.

- 7. Advocacy Report – Dave, Katherine and Janice – Messaging - Phone, written package and video.** The video should be ready at the end of the month. The process has gone very well with 4 of 5 interviews being done, anchored by Todd. The interview included the Calgary Public Library, Calgary Stampede, Werklund Foundation, Calgary Foundation and will include the National Music Centre. The messaging will focus on the importance of community and children working together. The video will be condensed to 4 minutes.
- 8. Society, Foundation and School Council –Fundraiser update – Mary Anne - May 12, 2017**
- Silent Auction – item donations welcome
 - Tickets can be purchased on line
 - Early bird pricing \$100 per ticket
 - Classrooms are working on theme baskets
 - Opportunity for gift certificates
 - Bohemian lounges (6) for \$1,200 – new
 - Table purchases available for \$1,000
 - Theme will be like a fair
- 9. Policy Review– Rob, Carolyn, Josh, Paul, Michelle and Dale -The policy review has been a very large undertaking as they have not been reviewed for several years. Policy A is Board Policy and Board Procedures. All other policies are Board approved policies with procedure being the responsibility of administration. It is important to continue to capture the philosophy, share values and assure fairness. The policies need to be flexible enough that they can stand up over time and adhere to the School Act requirements (with reference #'s). Policy sets direction and procedure determines how the policy is carried out. A draft of the policies will be sent out for Board to review and comment on, prior to approval.**
- 10. Committee Reports**
- **Research** – Rob – lots of thought is going into the research piece
 - **TAAPCS** - Paul - Discussion on Bill 1
- 11. Meeting Adjourned** at 6:55 pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School/ Board Events

- Regular meeting of the Board of Directors - April 11, 2017 - Knob Hill - staff room
- Vertigo Performance – year 8 & 9 – April 12 & 13
- Second Annual Fundraiser – May 12, 2017