



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Annual General Meeting  
November 21, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

**Directors:**

Todd Hirsch; Paul Knapp; Ken McNeill; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Katherine Taylor; Al Wahlstrom; Susan Walker;

**Regrets:** Rob Roach; Mary Anne Desmeules;

**Administration:**

Dale Erickson; Michelle Stonehouse; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan; Dylan Thomas

**Members:**

Maya Anderson (School Council Chair); Christy Ford (Parent); Brendon Lumgair (Parent); Dwayne Williams (Parent); Roy Wright (Guest)

1. **Call to Order – 7:10PM** – Todd Hirsch – Quorum Established
2. **Approval of Agenda** -Todd - with no objections to the Agenda, it is considered approved as presented
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 22, 2016 Annual General Meeting** – With no objections to the minutes of November 22, 2016, it is considered approved as presented.
4. **Presentation of Financial Statements & Auditor’s Report**

The Finance Committee met with Laura Rivero and Rola Chadi of KPMG on November 9<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the financial statements in detail. They are happy to report that CAA received a clean audit. Ken explained that the auditors review for risks of fraud and that in this type industry there are is very low risk. The Audited Financial Statements were distributed electronically to members, and once approved will be filed with Alberta Education. Todd also introduced Cole Jordan as the new Secretary Treasurer for the school.

  - a. **Motion: 2017-11-21-01** – Ken- to approve the 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements – Passed Unanimously
5. **Recommendation for appointment of 2017/18 Auditor.**

KPMG was excellent to work with this past year.

  - a. **Motion: 2017-11-21-02**- Ken - To reappoint KPMG as next years auditors – Passed Unanimously

6. **AERR Report and Three Year Education Plan** – Michelle Stonehouse

Michelle shared the results and highlights of the Annual Education Results Report and Three Year Education Plan. These important documents include results from parent surveys and sets provincial goals.

i. 4 Charter Goals.

1. Excellence in LA and
2. Excellence Math and Science
3. Using Technology in a meaningful way
4. 80% of Arts immersion in the class.

ii. **Did we meet the goals?** Short answer is yes, we do well with parent satisfaction, with the change of schools, we saw a dip due to the change, or the perceived risk of change. (Classroom to Pod learning)

iii. **What was the acceptance rate?** – 50 families changed last year, however we do continue to have a large waiting list for students.

iv. **What about staff churn?** Similar to students, some wanted to make the move. We have also had staff has since come back to the school.

7. **Achievement Test Results** – Dale Erickson

Dale shared the results from the provincial achievement tests and we continue to be in the top 15% of schools in the province. This is down from top 10% of the previous years and the school has made a few adjustments to address the change in position. The school has added a component to the math program to help with recall including adding a STEAM specialist. The leadership on the team has also been stabilized for this year as have the staff. Ken said these scores are something that we should all be proud of and that CAA staff have nothing to apologize for.

8. **Youth Campus Update** – Dale Erickson

The Youth Campus is built and we are working in it, as is evident with the AGM being hosted here. We are awaiting the as-built plans from Kasian in order to receive the final money from the government. The total cost of the build was 13 million. With the foundation collecting \$1,239,361 for the project. The Society had also earmarked \$500,000 for the project. This will leave the foundation with \$196,000 that can be used for the school. We don't expect any more costs at this time. We finished ahead of schedule and over budget.

9. **Election to the Board of Directors**

Todd Expressed his appreciation for his position as Board Chair and how honored he is to be part of such a great organization.

## Recommended Changes to the Board:

### Positions Held:

- **Chair:** Todd Hirsch
- **Vice Chair:** Ken McNeill
- **Treasurer & Secretary:** Ken McNeill
- **School Council Representative:** Maya Anderson

### Returning Board Members:

- Todd Hirsch
- Al Wahlstrom
- Susan Walker
- Ken McNeill
- Mary Anne Desmeules
- Paul Knapp
- Linda Fox-Mellway
- Katherine Taylor
- Neil Tichkowsky

Todd requested a motion from the floor, to approve the board recommendations for 2017/18.

- a. **Motion: 2017-11-21-03:** Christy Ford -To approve the 2017/18 Board of Directors as presented. Passed Unanimously

**10. Tribute to retiring Directors** - Todd gave a tribute to Rob Roach, and Pat Cavill who retired from the board this year. He thanked them for their long service and wished them luck in the future.

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50**

### Position Vote

**Board Chair** - Ken nominates Todd Board Chair. Kathrine seconds the nomination. – Passed unanimously

**Vice Chair** - Kathrine nominates Ken for Vice Chair. Passed unanimously