



Calgary Academy Society
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 19, 2017

In Attendance:

Directors: Todd Hirsch; Ken McNeill; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Mary Anne Desmeules; Susan Wright; Al Wahlstrom; Katherine Taylor; Rob Roach;

Administration: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Michelle Lukas Stonehouse; Dylan Thomas; Riley Ohler; Cole Jordan;

Regrets: Paul Knapp; Pat Cavill; Alexandra Owens;

1. Call to Order: 6:04 pm – Todd Hirsch

2. Approval of Agenda

Todd approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda with one addition: 2.2 Introduction of Susan Wright. And one update: The location of the meeting was at Knob Hill

2.2 Susan Wright Introduction

Susan Wright was introduced to the board, a practicing lawyer of over 25yrs. She believes in an increased role of education in a healthy democracy, and will help focus on that area. She is very excited to be a part of the board.

Motion: 2017-09-19-01: To approve Susan Wright as a member of the 2016/ 2017 Board of Directors

Moved: Ken McNeill

Passed

3. Approval of June 20, 2017 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors as presented – Todd

4. Committee Work

Government – Kathrine/Ken – Kathrine submitted the CAA Advocacy Committee Board Report. People generally don't understand charter schools and typically lump them in with private schools so lots of the work of the committee is education based. The promotional video has been very effective and was a worth while investment. Ken also wanted to acknowledge and commend Kathrine on her hard work with this committee.

Stampede – Ken/Kathrine – They have met with officials to start building the relationship with their board.

Finance – Ken – Ken would like to thank Cole for the easy transition into the role. Enrollment is a huge part of the financial picture and people are excited to enroll with the school. The school had lots of turnover, but had 230 people on the wait list, up from 67 last year and 133 already for next year. Kudos to Kevin Loftus on his hard work with enrollment. The School is currently sitting on a 150,000 surplus from 2016/2017. Al – brought up concerns with Youth Campus Funding, and what we are on the hook for. Dale- Alberta Ed holds back 10% of the original funding until the statement of final costs is sent. The additional costs to the original budget include Hazmat, Civil, and Heritage, these are separate committees needing separate boards to approve the funding. Cole and Dale will talk to officials to try and get more money sooner, to pay for the remaining invoices to CANA. Additional clarification was asked for, but will be discussed in a side meeting.

Legal – Nothing to Report

Policy Development – Nothing to Report

Research – Rob – Rob is looking to connect with staff about gathering and repackaging any research in a way that is more useful, The Board asked Rob for a proposal with potential outcomes of the research. Neil – Charters are an incubators, how do we spread what we learned to the masses **Foundation** – Dale – First Meeting is the 3rd week in September, They have exceeded their fundraising goal. Todd- Does it Dissolve? Dale – Intent is to continue and focus on capital campaigns and new programs.

5. Foundation Update – Dale

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6. Finance for Facility Update – Dale

Cost for the upgrade to the Knob Hill Location were 60,000

7. High School proposal update – Ken

High School application has been filed, and is sitting with the minister. There are copies available for those who want one. Ken encourages everyone to read it.

8. New Initiatives

Youth Campus Playground – Dale/Janice – They are beginning to think about a playground for the new campus, they will begin looking at how much that might cost.



9. Repair Update – No Repair Update

10. Grand Opening – Ken

Board Members are asked to review the list of invites for the grand opening, and to invite everyone they can to ensure this is a successful event. All former board members and staff will receive an invite as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 pm

**** Important Dates****

October 23, 2017 - Grand Opening

October 17, 2017 – Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors - Youth Campus