



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 16, 2018 Meeting Agenda
Education Centre – Boardroom**

In Attendance:

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

Administrators: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan; Dylan Thomas

With Regrets: Paul Knapp; Maya Anderson (School Council); Michelle Stonehouse

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 5:58 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of November 21, 2017 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Approval of December 19, 2017 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
5. Finance – Ken – We currently still have a positive cashflow. Dale went over the superintendent's report. We have not received the final payment from Alberta Education to cover the cost of the Education Centre. This is due to Kasian needing to be paid in full, with no litigation pending. Neil is reviewing all relevant documents regarding possible litigation. We have received \$1.2 million from the foundation which will leave them with a balance of \$29,000. They should also receive another \$60,000 this year. CAA still owes \$90,000 on the line of credit. Once we receive the remaining 5% hold back from Alberta Ed. and the GST return, Society will have spent \$491,000 of the approved 500,000. All other money will be returned to our reserves. We must determine our actions with Kasian with Neil's help.
6. Committee Work:

- Government – Katherine - The advocacy report is posted in Board Docs. Linda congratulated Katherine and Ken on getting the word out to the public.
- Legal – Neil – Faulty workmanship by Kasian and incorrect drawings caused 40 different change orders with a cost of \$330,000. The Board had a lengthy discussion on next steps. It was decided that Dale will suggest to Alberta Education that we put the remaining fees owed to Kasian in a Trust, in an attempt to free up the final payment owed to CAA. We will also send a legal letter to Kasian requesting a meeting to see if a resolution is possible. After that meeting we will re-group and talk about next steps.
- Policy Development – Paul would like this to be part of the board retreat.

7. Discussion Items:

- TAAPCS – Special Meeting Discussion – Dale – A special meeting has been set for February 9th to discuss the fees. FFCA has published a document outlining the reasons for looking at the fee structure. This included a chart showing all the reserve funds each school has per student. At the time we had \$2,000 per student. Dale has shared his concerns with some of the superintendents and will voice these points at the February meeting.
- TAAPCS promotional video roll-out plan is available to the Board on Board docs.
- Arts and Inspiration Event Planning – Janice – The School Council had a discussion at their board meeting regarding this event. Stampede has a fall harvest event that we would like to join with our fall arts festival. Afterwards we would have the adults only community celebration in the evening which would include the silent auction and other elements we normally have in May. Kevin and Janice are leading with hopes of collaborating with the Foundation, School Council, and The Society Board.
- High School Proposal – Dale – The High School Proposal was sent in to the Minister of Education, and he has a committee working on it. Dale met with our Director, and she

informed us that she is on the committee. They have a few tasks that we need to complete before the Minister writes his letter, including:

- visiting a small high school to see best practices.
- identifying actual course content and to set it up in a semester system, and to clearly outline how the arts will be integrated. This should include structured classes for structured courses like Math.
- conducting a survey to get student aspirations, and individual student profiles (for example, if most of the students want to take math 30, that's what we offer).

Debby will come for a full day to go through the plan and to help problem solve any issues. If they think it is feasible, they will give their recommendation. There is no limit on how many or how few students, so the initial thought is 10 to 20. We are moving forward with full support from the Board.

- Retreat (January 27th) – Mary Anne will put together the agenda. Arrival time will be 9:30 for coffee and muffins, with the agenda to start at 10:00am. The day should be wrapped up at 3:30 or 4:00.
- Stampede Shared Space Agreements – Nothing to report at this time.
- Glenmeadows Update – Dale - CBE originally wanted \$150,000 for fixes, so Dale wrote a letter. He then received a call from head of facilities which didn't accomplish anything, so Dale went to him and they sat down to go through everything. The next day he received an email saying no money will exchange hands and that it was all resolved.
- Foundation Recognition:
 - The Board would like to recognize the members of the Foundation for collecting the 1.2 million for the Education Centre. Dale will get dates together for the event.
 - There was also talk about a donor appreciation evening to thank them for their generosity (roughly 100 guests).

8. Meeting Adjournment - 7:12

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- January 27, 2018 – Board Retreat
- February 13, 2018 (2nd week) – Board Meeting