



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 10, 2018 Meeting Agenda
Education Centre – Boardroom**

In Attendance:

Directors: Todd Hirsch; Ken McNeill; Mary Anne Desmeules; Paul Knapp; Al Wahlstrom; Susan Wright; John McWilliams,

Administrators: Dale Erickson; Michelle Stonehouse; Cole Jordan;

With Regrets: Katherine Taylor; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:09 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered approved with the following Amendment:
 - Introduction of John McWilliams after the approval of Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of March 30, 2018 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Considered Approved.
4. A) Introduction of John McWilliams - John has agreed to join the board of directors. He was the Chief Lawyer for Nexen and has a number of years experience with arts organizations, having chaired The Performing Arts Centre, now called Arts Commons. He was also co-chair of the Calgary French School. John has had an interest in Calgary Arts Academy for a long time and is excited to contribute, especially because he has seen the arts diminish year after year in the public system.
 - **Motion 1: (Ken)** – To approve John McWilliams as a member of the Calgary Arts Academy Society Board of Directors – Passed Unanimously.
4. B) Finance Update (Ken) – Al and Ken met with Cole and Dale about the general operations of the school and the 2018-2019 budget. We have enough operating money and are still waiting on the Kasian issue to resolve in order to receive the rest of the

government money. This year's budget needs a shift in the staffing model in order to maintain compliance with government standards. We are not obligated to follow all standards, but we need to stay competitive. The change will increase the teacher-student ratio. In the past we were always vigilant of the adult-student ratio instead of teacher-student ratio. This will hopefully help improve our student outcomes. The other changes to the budget from last year are an increase in transportation fees and a shifting of lunchroom supervision fees. This is to help reduce the deficit we continue to run on both programs.

- **Motion 2: (Paul)** To approve the new fee structure for the 2018-2019 school year as presented - Passed Unanimously.
- **Motion 3: (Al)** To approve the Spring budget for the 2018-2019 school year as presented - Passed Unanimously.

The board also commends the administration on their great work on the new budget.

5. Committee Work:

- Advocacy Committee –We continue to build good connections and advocate. For example, we met with the team at Arts Commons and were fascinated by what they do. It led to an interesting discussion about how to bring arts into education. Its great for the arts community to hear what we are doing. There may be opportunities for our kids to make props with them in their community. Ken also participated in an education forum from the Alberta Party.

This Friday they are meeting with board chair of the CBE. They are coming to visit the school to connect and have lunch.

- #### 6. Reappointment of the Superintendent – Dale's contract is over in September and according to the school act we need to send a letter of intent. The board discussed this in camera.

- **Motion 4: (Mary Ann)** to recommend the re-appointment of Dale Erickson as Superintendent for another 5 year term – Passed Unanimously.

7. Discussion Items:

- High School Proposal Update – Dale - The Government has said there will not be a new building for the next 3 to 5 years, so we need to outline the cost of using existing space on Stampede grounds, at which point they will approve the high school. We are meeting with Calgary Stampede to talk about space and try to get an agreement in place in the next couple months. The plan is for grade 10 to start in the fall of 2019. We will need to submit the capital plan, and then start planning the school.
- Stampede Shared Space Agreements – We are currently waiting on Stampede to get back to us before moving to the next phase.
- Kasian Update – We had the 2nd meeting with Kasian, they tried to defend some actions, but with not a lot of progress. There will be a 3rd meeting to sit down again and see what comes out of these discussions. The subcontractors are not wanting to say too much since Bill is a strong personality in the community.
- EC – Gym update – Dale – The gym floor has been removed and the air quality has been tested. We don't know the cause yet, but are meeting with Cana and our subtrades to find a cause. We will not be using the gym for the rest of the year. Our deductible for insurance is \$2500.

8. Meeting Adjournment--7:20 pm

INFORMATION ITEMS ** Upcoming School Events:

- April 11-12, 2018 – Vertigo Theater
- May 15, 2018 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
 - 3:30 Tour Meet at the library