



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 15, 2018 Meeting Agenda
Education Centre – Boardroom**

In Attendance:

Directors: Todd Hirsch; Ken McNeill; Mary Anne Desmeules; Al Wahlstrom; Susan Wright; John McWilliams; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Maya Anderson (School Council); Christy Ford (School Council)

Administrators: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan

With Regrets: Katherine Taylor; Paul Knapp

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:00 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered approved with the following Amendment:
 - Adding a discussion around the TAAPCS Conference
3. Approval of April 10, 2018 minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors - Considered Approved.
4. Finance Update – Ken met with council to discuss the increase in fees and was very impressed with the school council members and their openness and acceptance of the changes. It re-enforced the importance of the sense of community.

Al – Financially, we are over-running in some areas, which is very typical at this time of year and we have no real danger points at this point. Cash is up due to the spring GST rebate. When we were originally looking at the operating line of credit for 1 million I was very skeptical that it would be enough. Thanks to Cole’s management of this account, we never needed more than that. We peaked out with its usage at 850k.

5. Committee Work:

- Advocacy Committee – Ken - Vertigo was a big hit. They met with some more trustees to build bridges with the CBE. As well they met with Indefinite Arts and Pumphill Theater. We discussed stepping back from the advocacy and creating some key principles to help focus exactly what we are advocating for. These will be presented to the board.

6. Transportation Survey – There was a discussion about the letter sent to parents regarding the transportation survey. It was asked that all board members complete the survey. Keep in mind that rural students receive extra money for the distance. Cole will send an email with the exact link and some talking bullets.

7. CAA Policy Update Approvals – Dale – The government has asked for 3 of our policies to be updated. We have updated them. Currently, Charter schools are under attack by parent groups, and they are using the Policies as a weapon. We have been asked to update all of these to ensure they fit current government standards.

- **Motion 1: (Susan)** – Motion to Approve the amendments to the Safe and Caring Schools policy as written. – Passed Unanimously.
- **Motion 2: (Mary Ann)** – Motion to Approve the amendments to the Student Code of Conduct administrative procedure as written. – Passed Unanimously.
- **Motion 3: (Mary Ann)** – Motion to Approve the amendments to the Whistle Blower policy as written. – Passed Unanimously.

8. Discussion Items:

- High School Proposal Update / Fall Retreat – We are having a meeting with Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure to view our campus setting, as well as look at spaces with The Calgary Stampede. There will be talks about moving forward and our capital plan, talking about what the High School will look like. They seem keen to move ahead, so we are working quickly to find the space needed. We would like a board member to be present - Ken and Neil are willing to be there. The plan that Dale put forward is to have 50 students in each grade, then put in a capital plan in 2019. Stampede requires a capital plan in place by March 2019 in order to keep the land currently allocated for a High School.

- Fall Retreat – It was requested that the board have a retreat to discuss the High School, to make sure the board is clear with the High School and the High School program. The plan is it have an additional Tuesday evening for the retreat. Cole will send out 3 options for dates.
- Stampede Shared Space Agreements – We have reached an agreement for how the youth campus will operate and the costs that we will be responsible for. Gord is working on his licence for working on boilers which would result in cost savings. The cost for Network and Infrastructure is about \$25,000 per year, which The Foundation is willing to consider helping with. That should offset the increase in cost from Glen Meadows. One of the perks of the Stampede network is the connection to the entire Stampede Park—students will have internet connectivity anywhere on campus.
- Kasian Update – Neil – We have a meeting with Kasian in the next 2 weeks. Carolyn will be at the next meeting to address some of the issues. Susan will also attend and Al has offered to be part of the meeting as well.
- EC – Gym update – Dale –We hope to have a new gym floor by August. We now know the cause of the flood: the drain by the gym office was not the correct drain and didn't have the right valve. When the post holes were dug afterwards, the gym floor was compromised. The manhole is only 3-4 feet down, and should have been 6 feet down, so it needs to be checked for freezing. We have asked to install a sensor downstairs to give us an indication if something isn't working. They are working on a way to add warmth to the manhole. Insurance will pay for the fix this time.
- Co-Chair- Todd –a discussion was had about the possibility of introducing a co-chair for next year to manage the board meetings and do more of the administrative work so Todd can step back instead of leaving the role completely.
- School Council Update – Maya - Thanks to the board, we are in awe of their vision and feel privileged to join the school. Maya is going back to school, and



Christy has volunteered to take over the Chair role in June, and hopefully take over for next year. Best of luck to Maya in her pursuits!

9. Meeting Adjournment – 7:12pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- June 1, 2018 – Grade 9 Graduation Ceremony
- June 19, 2018 - Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors