



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Education Centre – Boardroom**

In Attendance:

Directors: Todd Hirsch; Ken McNeill Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Paul Knapp;

Administrators: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan

With Regrets: John McWilliams; Mary Anne Desmeules; Katherine Taylor; Al Wahlstrom; Susan Wright; Christy Ford (School Council)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to Order – 6:14 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved.
3. Approval of May 15, 2018 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved.
4. Finance Update – Al: Ken and I met with Cole to review the finances, and everything looks good. We are in a better financial situation than we expected at the beginning of the year.
5. Committee Work
 - Advocacy Committee – Ken: The advocacy committee continues to reach out to the community. We also met to discuss our advocacy plans but those talks were put on hold while we talked about the new Superintendents Salaries. We received the docs from AB. Ed. illustrating the contract restraints and limitations. These limitations will put charter schools in some difficulty.
 - Cinq-à-Sept – It was discussed to host Cinq-à-Sept again in the first two weeks of October. The purpose is to be seen, to reinforce the idea of community, and to let the concept of education go beyond the school and into the community. From an advocacy point of view, we want to protect it, discuss learning through the arts, and

the importance of the arts in general. Friends and politicians will be invited, teachers are encouraged to attend, but not required. Budget implications were discussed.

- **Motion 1 (Ken)** - Motion to allocate no more than \$5,000 to run Cinq-à-Sept event. Neil second the motion - Passed Unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

- TAAPCS Group OH&S Program – TAAPCS was looking into arranging group insurance for OH&S. With the new stipulations for OH&S compliance, every school will need committees and additional regulations. We can bring in outside consultants to run this, or we can do it internally. It was decided not to use the consultants. We know we need to change some of our practices. For example, staff cannot bring their own equipment/devices--equipment will need to be kept up with the same protocols. Any equipment the school purchases will need to be inventoried and maintained, staff must be trained for safe use.
- Fall Retreat: August 21st for Board retreat.
- High School Update – Dale: The minister supports our High School application. We showed them our identified space for the high school, they had questions, and we responded to those questions. We did the tour with Stampede and showed the areas that the Stampede is setting aside for us. They want assurance that our partnerships will stand the test of time, partnerships in agreement. The next step is to review the notes and see how we can address each of their concerns.
- Kasian Update – Neil: Still on standby. We were supposed to meet, but they are pushing the meeting. We are trying to reschedule to discuss the list of deficiencies, showing that they didn't do the design work properly. Cana is finalizing the 1yr warranty, and more is being added to the deficiencies list. Carolyn may chime in. This is an ever-expanding dispute.
- EC – Gym update – Dale: New gym floor by middle of September.

- Ken: IYIL-X Innovative Young Inquiring Learners - Students developed a Ted Talk-like convention over the course of the day. Students presented, planned and ran the event. A number of community members came and presented on their own subject matter. The speaker list was very impressive. Fabulous event, complements to facilitators of 6 and 7 for an amazing event.
7. Janice Presentation – Thanks to the board for all their work over the past year.
 8. Meeting Adjournment

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- August 20, 2018 – First Day of School
- August 21, 2018 – Board Retreat
- September 18, 2018 - Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors