



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Youth campus – Boardroom**

In Attendance:

Directors: Ken McNeill; Susan Wright; Linda Fox-Mellway; Katherine Taylor; Paul Knapp;
Neil Tichkowsky

Administrators: Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Dylan Thomas; Michelle Stonehouse

With Regrets: Todd Hirsch; Al Wahlstrom; John McWilliams; Mary Anne Desmeules; Christy Ford (School Council)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:07 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda - Considered Approved
3. Approval of September 18, 2018 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Considered Approved
4. Kasian Update – Neil
 - Dale, Susan, Neil and Carolyn attended a meeting with Gerry of Kasian. Currently waiting for a letter from Gerry with follow up information re: deficiencies. A discussion ensued regarding the current status with Kasian.
 - Linda on behalf of the Board acknowledged the efforts of Neil to resolve the issues.
5. Finance Update
 - Cyber Insurance Approval - \$2100/year – In the past, our website was hacked requiring repair. Insurance quote from Lloyd Sad was \$2100. This is not mandatory from the government but it appears to becoming a common practice. Insurance will cover a portion of the costs depending on the severity of the hack; covers the liability and ransom.
 - **Motion 1 (Susan)** - To approve the expenditure of \$2100.00 for Cyber Insurance. Paul seconded the motion - Passed Unanimously

6. Committee Work

- Advocacy Committee
 - Attending as many as possible events to meet influential people to move high school ahead as well as learn strategies for moving forward
 - Wanting to reactivate political pressure side of things but currently waiting on that.
 - Werklund Assembly: Dave and Mark Werklund will be at school on Thursday, October 18 for unveiling of the Werklund sign in the gym

7. Animals in the Building Policy – Paul

- **Motion 2 (Paul)** - To accept the Animal in the building policy as submitted by Paul. Seconded by Susan – Voting tabled until a future date (Linda Motion Referral) Below is the discussion:
 - Paul indicated the intent of the motion is to limit the animals in the building due to possible risk to children’s health. The allergens from animal dander throughout the school building linger even when the animal is no longer present. The policy would not extend to service animals and animals would be allowed in the school for educational purposes.
 - Dale indicated given our past and current situation, we have not had any issues with pets in the buildings; when there is a health concern the pet is not permitted in that part of the building. We have a pet sharing day in the elementary school. Dale distributed articles about how and why pets are allowed in some schools. Dale indicated he feels this would create a huge issue if we implement this policy.
 - Neil questioned whether we have experienced any issues regarding having animals in the building; recommends we start general and broad with the policy instead of detailed and limited

8. Employee Recognition Policy – Paul

- Paul would like this policy to be reviewed with administration and brought back to the Board for next meeting.

9. TAAPCS – Ken

- Paul indicated he will take a look if he can attend the meeting in Leduc. If not, perhaps another Board member could attend.
- Winners of Halvar Jonson Award 2018 are Warren Connell and Todd Hirsch. They will be recognized at the TAAPCS meeting on Friday, October 26.

10. Discussion Items

- Superintendent Report
- High School Proposal Update
 - As of today, we are meeting with one of our Directors next week to write the high school proposal together so she can help defend it, Our Directors indicated it is feasible to get approval from current minister if the two Directors write the proposal with Dale.
 - As far as Infrastructure, Erin said get Board approval and then apply for portables even though we do not have high school approval yet.
 - Dual course of action to cover all our bases:
 1. KH – applied for three classroom units
Rationale: Kindergarten located in old mudroom and is not a stable environment with regard to heating needs. We also asked for a washroom to be included in the plan
 2. EC – Four portables plus one washroom to be located west of our current building.
- **Motion 3 (Linda)** - To move forward with applying for portables at Knob Hill and Education Centre. Seconded by Katherine – Passed Unanimously

11. Foundation Proposal

Foundation member indicated he has people who would like to donate small amounts of money (\$500 – \$1500) or as a group (\$5000) and is looking for a list of possible areas; Dale met with Roy and came up with a list of technological items that may be of interest to potential donors. Linda thanks the Foundation on behalf of the Board for all their successful endeavours.

- **Motion 4 (Linda)** – Approve the CAAF recommendation to have potential donors donate funds for technology items as outlined by Roy. Seconded by Paul - Passed Unanimously.

12. Susuzki Research Proposal

- CAA is moving forward with joint research project with Susuzki Dylan – reported on two researchers from U of C who are working with our students on gamification and numeracy in Year 6/7. In 8/9 the research is focused on looking at literacy skills through dramatic performance.

Linda moved to move into ‘in camera’ session
Adjourned: 7:42 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- November 20, 2018 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
- November 20, 2018 Annual General Meeting
- October 22 Audit Begins