

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on January 20, 2009



Present:	Pat Cavill	Chair
	Jane Matheson	vice Chair
	Teri Basi	Board Secretary
	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Frankie Thomas	Director
	Al Walhstrom	Director
Staff:	Dale Erickson	Superintendent
	Garry Schock	Secretary-Treasurer
	Josh Van Beers	Acting Principal
	Laura Shuler	Education Director
Regrets:	Cesar Romero	School Council Chair, Glenmeadows
	Mark Bellamy	Director
	Todd Hirsch	Director
	Rob Roach	Director
Guests:	Janice Nigh	Arts Coordinator
	Cam Bourque	Artist
	Stefan Rasporich	Artist
	The above guests remained only for item 2) School Presentation	
	Emma Buzath	Student Council Prime Minister

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

- 1. Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Pat Cavill @ 6:15 p.m.
- 2. School Presentation** – DVD draft of “I Am Unique”
 - Cam and Stefan collaborated on a lesson plan whereby Cam wrote the song and the lyrics with the elementary students and Stefan filmed the students singing the song.

The artists see this as a stepping stone for future collaborations of movie making that could be entered into festivals and educate the public on our arts immersion program. FOIP proved to be a challenge.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTED

In order to cut back on the number of paper copies of board meeting material, all Board members accessed a MacBook, the same as what the students would use and accessed the school website where all of the submitted documents for this board meeting were filed. The process went smoothly and easily and is a go for all future meetings.

3. Approval of Agenda (filed)

4. Consideration of Consent Agenda

MOTION: that the Consent Agenda be filed.

Moved by: Jane

Carried

5. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Treasurer's Report (filed)

b) Committee Reports

- i. Advocacy Committee (no report)
- ii. Finance Committee (no report)
- iii. Policy Committee (committee on hold)
 - The November 18, 2008 bylaws were sent back from Corporate Registry for one small typo correction which was made and resubmitted.
 - Committee will inventory the New Board Member Manual and Policy Manual for updated material.
- iv. Research Committee (no report)

6. Decision Items

none

7. Discussion Items

a) Moved up from position d) "Possibilities for a Future" by Ken McNeill

Ken delivered a Powerpoint presentation to summarize his Charter School experience as a board director from the perspective of observing the provincial government education system and how the governance flows down to the local school(s) level. In this document, Ken offers some of the possibilities of the future of charter schools.

Ken also brought to the table a copy of the “Charter School Impact Study” which Alberta Education prepared in December 2006. The information had to be accessed through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act). Thanks Ken! Although there are a number of sections “excepted from disclosure...under the FOIP Act”, the report is positive about charter schools.

After the presentation the chair shared with the group that this information is important to help the board garner an appreciation for why it is necessary to:

- Get on the government’s radar
- Meet MLA’s
- Meet with the Calgary caucus
- Be in tune with how the Education Minister thinks and acts
- That supporting “The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools” (TAAPCS) is essential for support
- And to simply stimulate discussion around education

The chair reiterated that the number one focus or message that the TAAPCS has agreed on is to continually present a united front to get “permanent” status for charter schools. This is the first step in securing sound and desirable facilities that are in the charter school’s control.

b) Candidates for the Foundation Board

There are 5 directors required as per 5.1.4 of the bylaws.

Currently we have four identified, the Chair and Superintendent of CAA and two community members nominated, Ken McNeill and Paul Knapp. The search is on for one more community member of which the desire is to find a successful philanthropist from the business world.

A suggestion was made that CAA host an evening information session and invite potential candidates.

c) Forming new Society for Casino privileges

School Council has begun the work of setting this up. The plan is for the Casino Society Board to be comprised of the same members that make up the School Council Board.

d) Searching for space to reach student cap

Nothing new to report except that additional space is desirable for next year to avoid putting classes in our specialized rooms.

8. Other Information

- a) Functional Organization Chart (filed)
- b) 2008 Year End Issue (newsletter) (filed)
- c) Findings from Charter Review Impact Study (discussed in 7a)

9. In camera session

8:10p **MOTION:** That CAAS go into an in camera session;
Moved by: Al
Carried

CAAS come out of the in camera session at 8:30p;

MOTION: That CAAS accept the mini budget changes for the 08/09 fiscal,
Moved by: Frankie
Seconded by: Teri
Carried

10. Adjournment – 8:35 PM

(To be APPROVED at the February 17, 2009 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____

Patricia M. Cavill, Chair _____