

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on February 17, 2009



Present:	Pat Cavill	Chair
	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Mark Bellamy	Director
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Todd Hirsch	Director
	Al Walhstrom	Director
Staff:	Dale Erickson	Superintendent
	Garry Schock	Secretary-Treasurer
	Josh Van Beers	Acting Principal
Regrets:	Jane Matheson	vice Chair
	Teri Basi	Board Secretary
	Cesar Romero	School Council Chair, Glenmeadows
	Rob Roach	Director
	Frankie Thomas	Director
Guests:	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 @ 6:11 p.m.
- 2. School Presentation** – Deferred to next meeting
- 3. Approval of Agenda** (filed)
- 4. Update from Student Council Prime Minister:** Emma Buzath
 - Student Council has organized two dances this school year.
 - The Knob Hill students would like to have windows in the gym. (Right now they have been boarded over by CBE).
 - Students feel the colours of the school are showing through more and more from student art.
 - Would like to have more Drama and Dance in their studies.

5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

MOTION: that the Consent Agenda be filed.

Moved by: Karie

Carried

6. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Chair's Report (no report)

b) Treasurer's Report (filed)

MOTION: that the Treasurer's Report be filed,

Moved by: Todd

Carried

c) Committee Reports

i. Advocacy Committee (filed)

- Focus on two festivals per year in the beginning, Lilac Fest being one of them. Other potential festivals to participate in;
 - Folk Fest
 - Children's Festival and it's cohort Y-Stage at Vertigo Theatre

- Publications to potentially appear in;
 - Calgary's Child Magazine
 - Swerve Magazine
 - The Calgary Herald runs "Art" articles in Friday's newspapers

- Continue to invite elected officials to our school, especially provincial MLA's to ensure the message of/from Charter Schools remains active.

ii. Facility Committee

- In conjunction with a strategy meeting held with the architect, a proposal has been prepared to present to the Calgary Stampede Board members as the next step to securing our presence in the future of the Stampede's Youth Campus plans;

MOTION: that the Stampede Proposal be accepted and submitted to the Board of the Calgary Stampede,

Moved by: Karie

Carried

iii. Finance Committee (no report)

iv. Policy Committee (committee on hold)

v. Research Committee (no report)

7. Decision Items

none

8. Discussion Items

a) Candidates for the Foundation Board

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

No change, looking for two candidates.

b) 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.

School Council is targeting to have the bylaws submitted by April 2009, which when approved, would be in place for School Council elections in June 2009.

c) Searching for space to reach student cap. Enrollment projections for the 2009-2010 fiscal is 440 FTE. 3-6 additional classrooms would be ideal.

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

d) Opening of school in Nantong, China

Based on the Arts Immersion model of teaching at the Calgary Arts Academy, the Chinese Government has funded the construction of 6 Kindergarten classrooms to be opened up for September 2009.

The program is to include 6 Canadian teachers and 2 Canadian Artists to go over to Nantong and work with Chinese translators to educate the children. As part of our close association with this project, Dale Erickson has accepted the responsibility to recruit the Canadian teaching team. These folks will live in China for a 10 month period.

The children will be taught a mix of the Alberta and Chinese curriculum. Documentation is currently being translated in England.

The nature of the relationship between Calgary Arts Academy, the Chinese Government and this school is still to be refined. Part of the game plan is to build on the teacher and student exchange opportunities.

9. Other Information

a) CAAS attendance at Calgary Opera's fundraiser Feb. 7/09

7 members of the Calgary Arts Society at large were wined and dined at Calgary Opera's fundraiser. The tickets were courtesy of Nexen Corporation. This was a great opportunity for our Society representatives to mix with some of the other leader's of Arts organizations and people in general who love and promote the Arts.

b) GR workshop – Feb. 21 in Red Deer

7 people have indicated they are going.

10. Adjournment – 7:40 PM

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

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____

Patricia M. Cavill, Chair _____

