

Calgary Arts Academy Society

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



Present:	Pat Cavill	Chair
	Jane Matheson	vice Chair
	Teri Basi	Board Secretary
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Mark Bellamy	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:	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer
	Cesar Romero	School Council Chair, Glenmeadows
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Todd Hirsch	Director
	Rob Roach	Director
Guests:	for the School Presentation portion only;	
	Janice Nigh	Arts & Research Coordinator
	Tim Lee	Resident Multi-media Artist

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

1. **Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Pat Cavill @ 6:08 p.m.

2. **School Presentation**

This year, the title (theme) of the Vertigo performance, is “Frankenstein”, which is an adaptation of Mary Shelley’s novel. Tim Lee provided background information as to how her novel mirrored modern day issues and how the content ties in with student curriculum. Program insert filed.

This year’s Vertigo performance has 10 original musical numbers written by our Music Director, Doug Zacharias.

The promotional artwork was prepared by Jeff Eisen, contract artist.

3. Approval of Agenda (filed)

4. Consideration of Consent Agenda

MOTION: that the Consent Agenda be filed,
Moved by: Mark
Carried

5. Reports submitted at meeting

- a) School Council minutes from 2009-03-03 (filed)

6. Decision Items

- b) Ratify email vote to appoint Dale Erickson as Superintendent

MOTION: that the email vote to appoint Dale Erickson as Superintendent be ratified,
Moved by: Jane
Carried

7. Discussion Items

- a) Candidates for the Foundation Board

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

- Ex-officio members are the Chair of CAAS or their designate, the Superintendent or an Administrator designate and
- 3 Community Members who shall be at arm's length from CAAS.

For the 3 Community Members, one nomination has been confirmed and one other is to be followed up.

- b) Forming new Society for Casino privileges

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 are 440 FTE. 3-6 additional classrooms would be ideal, however;

- Alberta Infrastructure has deemed that Glenmeadows can accommodate 300 students and Knob Hill 200 students, therefore; the combined capacity is 500 students and our charter cap is 450, therefore; the combined facilities are large to accommodate our cap,
- An invitation will be made to Alberta Infrastructure to have them come and tour our schools to discuss the impact of the Small Class Size Initiative in relation to Alberta Infrastructure's facility size formula.

Therefore; no new spaces are being sought for next season as additional funding for a new space is unlikely. We will be putting in an upgrade request into our Capital Plan for the portables at Glenmeadows to be fitted with water and sewer and to connect the portables to the main building.

Stampede Partnership progress:

- It appears the Stampede Board would like CAAS to take the lead in organizing the whole Arts Campus plan. Obviously this is not reasonable as it is out of our realm of responsibility and focus.
- Alberta Infrastructure is prepared to meet with the Stampede Board and CAAS to look at options.
- There is currently a request to refresh the proposal put together by the architect of which the Stampede is prepared to contribute up to 50% of the funding up to \$3000.

The new proposal would only include what we are able to offer right now, i.e. no future plans.

d) Opening of school in Nantong, China

- There will be a video of the construction progress of the school at the next Board Meeting
- Will be treated as a "sister" school
- The Stampede likes this "International" connection.

8. Other Information

- a) Dates for Vertigo in 2010 have been set for Thursday Feb 18 & and Friday Feb 19.

Feb 19 will be the VIP night as dignitaries who are frequently out of town are usually home Fridays for the weekend.

- b) Day/Summer Arts Camps:

One of our resident Artists, Candace Lennie, has taken the lead in organizing these camps during school breaks. The initial invitations will go our school body first but is open to the public.

These camps are meant to offer our students a pure arts focus. Right now the focus is on Visual Arts but we are looking to enlist our other resident Artists who teach other Art forms to consider running camps with their specialty. Resident Artists will be compensated in addition to their regular salary.

Our Board members from Wood's Homes see this as a nice opportunity to engage some of their youth in these programs. An inter-active partnership is being realized.

Dale Erickson will spearhead this program.

9. In camera session

7:14p **MOTION:** That CAAS go into an in camera session;
Moved by: Jane
Carried

CAAS come out of the in camera session at 7:30p;

10. Adjournment – 7:30 PM

(To be APPROVED at the April 21, 2009 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary

Patricia M. Cavill, Chair
