

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on April 21, 2009

Present: Pat Cavill Chair
Jane Matheson vice Chair
Teri Basi Board Secretary
Joyce Buzath School Council Chair, Knob Hill
Cesar Romero School Council Chair, Glenmeadows
Emily Forrest 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 (2)
Mark Bellamy Director
Todd Hirsch Director (2)
Rob Roach Director (4)
Frankie Thomas Director

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

1. Call to Order – A quorum was not present at 6:00p when the meeting usually starts, however the group proceeded with item 2), School Presentation. The meeting was officially called to order by Pat Cavill @ 6:25p when a quorum was present.

2. School Presentation

Dale Erickson presented a slide show showing the progress of the Kindergarten building under construction in Nantong, China.

3. Approval of Agenda (filed)

4. Consideration of Consent Agenda

MOTION: that the Consent Agenda be filed with the following items added,

- 8e) Budget update from Garry
- 8f) Feedback from the Calgary Opera by Emily
- 8g) "Re-imagining Schools" from Jane

Moved by: Jane

Carried

5. Reports submitted at meeting

- a) Superintendent's Report (filed)
Item 8a) of the agenda; the "2008 Annual Education Results Report, revised" was brought into the meeting at this point as part of the Superintendent's Report. Alberta Education asked that our previous submission from November 2008 be revised to bring the report into alignment with AB. Ed. format. This meant dropping some of the details of our own initiatives and reformatting some of the quantitative data.

6. Decision Items

- a) Set date for Board Retreat – no motion required
Saturday September 26, 2009
9:00a – 1:00p
Location TBD

7. Discussion Items

- a) Candidates for the Foundation Board
4 candidates have been identified.
The plan is to call a general meeting of the Foundation Society in conjunction with the CAAS Board meeting of June 16, 2009 to elect the Foundation Board.

- b) Stampede Grounds update
The Facility Committee questioned whether the Calgary Stampede Board was truly on side as it seemed the main person fanning the flames was the architect. To resolve this, the Facility Committee is meeting with a member of the Stampede organization this Friday April 24th, 2009 to confirm the relationship and then to find out what some of the terms of that relationship would be.

The Facility Committee is aware of the following events that need to be formalized in the immediate future;

- CAAS to request from Alberta Education that current lease monies be guaranteed to be available to finance the building of a new school,
- CAAS will have to take some of its own funds to pay for the architect to complete a business proposal for the Stampede,
- Have a proposal submitted to the Stampede Board in May to allow time for a public announcement this June before the July Stampede activities kick into high gear

- c) 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.

d) Review of Strategic Plan

This document was last updated November of 2007. All directors and committees are to give this a review and update. This document will be the crux of the September 2009 Board retreat.

8. Other Information

a) 2008 Annual Education Results Report, revised; moved to 5a)

b) Letter from CBE, inviting meeting of Chairs' (filed)
No date has been set. Pat and Jane will attend as it is a Chairs' invitation.

c) GRE submitted to Alberta Education April 15, 2009 (filed)

d) GRE Legal letter requirement in conjunction with 8c) (filed)

e) 2009-2010 Budget Announcement

- 4.8% Instruction funding increase including Small Class Size Initiative
- 3.0% Increase for Transportation and P.O. & M.
- 1.0% Increase for everything else, e.g. AISI

f) Calgary Opera

- Calgary Opera has been sending emails to the School on several occasions with invitations to performances and inviting us to take advantage of their School Touring Show, but they have never had feedback from us that an invitation has even been received, therefore; the question was being asked if we received the information and if so why no feedback.

The School has been receiving the emails and will respond to all emails in the future. Etiquette!

g) "Re-imagining Schools"

- This is from a handout that United Way has put out as part of its Children Initiatives and talks about public schools. However; there was no mention of Charter Schools, therefore; there is an opportunity here to make contact and "educate" the United Way's programs.

9. Adjournment – 7:35 PM

(To be APPROVED at the May 19, 2009 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary

Patricia M. Cavill, Chair
