

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Glenmeadows Elementary School on September 17, 2009

Present: Pat Cavill Chair
Joyce Buzath School Council Chair, Knob Hill
Patrick Heffernan School Council co-Chair, Glenmeadows
Emily Forrest Director
Todd Hirsch Director
Rob Roach Director
Frankie Thomas Director
Al Walhstrom Director 18:47 arrival

Staff: Dale Erickson Superintendent
Garry Schock Secretary-Treasurer
Josh Van Beers Principal

Regrets: Jane Matheson vice Chair (3)
Teri Basi Board Secretary (2)
Karie Wylie Board Treasurer
Mark Bellamy Director
Laura Shuler Education Director

Guests: none

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

School Presentation - none

- 1. Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Pat Cavill @ 17:58 p.m.
- 2. Introduction** – Patrick Heffernan, new School Council co-chair representing Glenmeadows
- 3. Approval of Agenda - No MOTION** accepted in its submission but see the addition, 8c), added afterwards.
- 4. Consideration of Consent Agenda**
 - **MOTION:** that the Chair's report be moved to 5a) and the balance of the Consent Agenda be filed
Moved by: Rob
Carried

- Pat expressed a special thank you to Dale for the work and dedication he demonstrated during the summer.

5. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Chair's Report (filed)

Verbal comments added to the written report:

- Aug 25th met with Dale to update the 2006 Strategic Plan
- Aug 25th met with Advocacy Committee
- Aug 27th As part of the large school contingent, went to the live performance of "Lion King" at the Jubilee Auditorium
- Sep 1 met with Paul Yardley, facilitator for the upcoming Society and Foundation Board retreats
- Sep 1 met with the Architects
- Sep 4 met with Roy Wright, Stampede representative
- Board retreat will be on Sep 26th at Wood's Homes.
 - Will be sending out the updated 2006 Strategic Plan to everyone prior to this meeting.
 - Will do a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) at this retreat.
 - There will be a group exercise along Committees lines of which the group is to form some responses to questions the Chairs of those committees will be asking.
 - Each Committee Chair is to prepare two questions they would like answers to.

b) Treasurer's Report (filed)

6. Decision Items

a) Ratify July 17, 2009 email vote approving \$6,000 seed money for the Calgary Arts Academy Foundation:

- i. The first motion on June 26, 2009 made by Jane and seconded by AI making \$6k available and designating the purpose of the amount was subsequently rescinded by a second motion on June 30, 2009 which was also motioned by Jane and seconded by AI,

MOTION: ratify the above email vote,

Moved by: Frankie

Carried

- ii. The third motion made by Jane and seconded by AI on July 17, 2009 simply declares that \$6k of funding is made available to the Foundation.

MOTION: ratify the above email vote,

Moved by: Emily

Carried

- b) Ratify July 17, 2009 email vote approving CAAS charity application: "That the Calgary Arts Academy Society apply for status as a registered charity." moved by Karie and seconded by Mark

MOTION: ratify the above email vote,
Moved by: Rob
Carried

7. Discussion Items

- a) Stampede update
- The next step is to prepare a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Stampede. This would be used as part of the executive summary in the proposal going forward to the province. Representatives of Alberta Infrastructure are participating in some of the content.
 - Stampede still has to meet with their stakeholders.
 - There will be a re-evaluation of an Arts Report that was prepared for the city in 2006 to see how our joint proposal can make up for some of the shortfalls identified in this report, also to see where we compliment some of the recommendations made.
 - Alberta Infrastructure is only able to support us in the "cookie cutter" approach for funding new schools, so if we are to have specialized art spaces they will need to be funded by Calgary Arts Academy.
 - BCMP Architects has suggested that all parties begin to prepare a "shared vision".

- b) School Council Society for Casino privileges progress – application has been sent off to incorporate the "...School Council Society".

Corporate Registry responded July 9 to the new School Council Society application. There were a couple of deficiencies to be addressed, they were trivial but required. Corporate Registry is to receive the amended response no later than Sept 23.

- c) Discussion regarding the value of the Arts Report; this was mostly discussed in 5b) and the outcome is that the report could shed comments about school artist activities as this was being reported in the monthly newsletter, therefore; the Arts Coordinator would shift the reporting focus to comment on activities around "building partnerships with other Arts organizations" as part of the larger charter vision and the Arts Coordinator new focus.
- d) CAAS having Co-chairs – feedback from Alberta Education and other Charter Schools is that there would be no infractions if we were to go ahead with a Co-Chair structure for our Board. There would still be only one President for executive/legal purposes. This reorganization will be formalized at the November 17th, 2009 General Meeting.

8. Other Information

a) Strategic Plan and Board retreat agenda, see Chair's comments in 5b).

b) Model Objects as part of the Re-incorporation of CAAS – see attachments

- When a Society incorporates it needs to state the purposes or objects of its existence.
- When the CAA Society first incorporated in 2001 the objects selected were part of a general list that appeared in a Society application. Revenue Canada's position is that none of these activities are "charitable activities", therefore; the Society cannot get charitable status.
- As part of 6b) whereby the Society proceeded to submit a charity application in the summer of 2009, a revised set of "model" objects as provided by Revenue Canada were used and submitted to get a ruling from Revenue Canada on the acceptableness of the charitable application and our new objects before we proceeded to go to the membership to vote on accepting the new objects.
- Once we have the Revenue Canada ruling and the membership vote we can proceed to go back to Corporate Registry to "re-incorporate" under the new objects.
- These new objects will be discussed at the September 26th Board retreat.

c) PAT results (added to the agenda after the approval of the agenda), summary of results provided.

- School is proud to say that 100% of students wrote the exams (no filtering)
- School is focusing on Early Reading Intervention for Year 3's
- School is setting a Standard of Excellence target of 20% in all areas.

9. Adjournment – 7:40 PM

(To be APPROVED at the October 20, 2009 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary

Patricia M. Cavill, Chair
