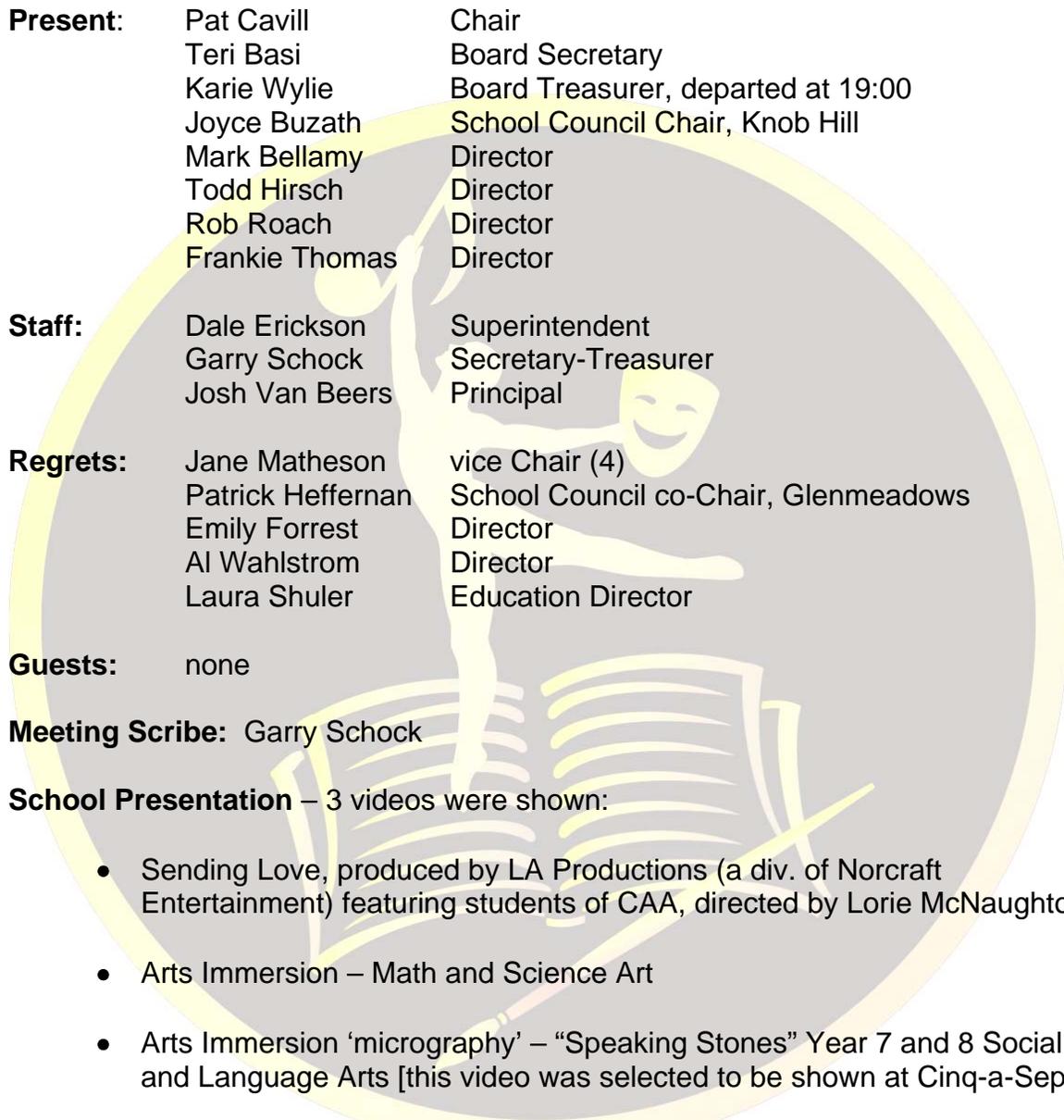


# Calgary Arts Academy Society

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



<b>Present:</b>	Pat Cavill	Chair
	Teri Basi	Board Secretary
	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer, departed at 19:00
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Mark Bellamy	Director
	Todd Hirsch	Director
	Rob Roach	Director
	Frankie Thomas	Director
<b>Staff:</b>	Dale Erickson	Superintendent
	Garry Schock	Secretary-Treasurer
	Josh Van Beers	Principal
<b>Regrets:</b>	Jane Matheson	vice Chair (4)
	Patrick Heffernan	School Council co-Chair, Glenmeadows
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Al Wahlstrom	Director
	Laura Shuler	Education Director

**Guests:** none

**Meeting Scribe:** Garry Schock

**School Presentation** – 3 videos were shown:

- Sending Love, produced by LA Productions (a div. of Norcraft Entertainment) featuring students of CAA, directed by Lorie McNaughton
- Arts Immersion – Math and Science Art
- Arts Immersion ‘micrography’ – “Speaking Stones” Year 7 and 8 Social and Language Arts [this video was selected to be shown at Cinq-a-Sept.

1. **Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Pat Cavill @ 18:03 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** that the Agenda be approved

Moved by: Mark

Carried

### 3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- **MOTION:** that the Consent Agenda be filed  
Moved by: Karie  
Carried

### 4. Reports submitted at meeting

- a) Treasurer's Report (filed)

### 5. Decision Items

- a) 2009-2012 3 year plan as presented at the September Board meeting

**MOTION:** that the 2009-2012 3 year plan be approved,  
Moved by: Rob  
Carried

- b) Reporting "all" assets on Balance Sheet, change in accounting policy

Whereas we purchase assets like Library Books and Musical Instruments which provide us with long term use i.e. longer than one year and whereas these items could potentially derive a residual sale value if sold and whereas items like instruments are rented out to students which provides cash flow, therefore;

**MOTION:** if an asset purchased provides us with long term benefits (minimum of greater than one year use) and meeting all or some of the possibilities indicated in the pre-amble then that item will be capitalized and depreciated 100% in the year of acquisition if the cost is less than \$5,000 or depreciated as per the Alberta Education guidelines for items over \$5,000,  
Moved by: Frankie  
Carried

### 6. Discussion Items 19:00p

- a) 2009-2010 Budget update (figures included in Treasurer's report)

Budget revenue came in lower than expected because of under enrollment by 23.5 FTE students. The following impacted our ability to achieve our target of the higher enrollment:

- The long bus rides for students at the far edges of the city.
- Fees were an issue for a few especially the fact that we don't have a family rate for bussing.

- There were several parents of re-enrolling students who moved because of jobs elsewhere, part of the change in the economic landscape.
  - Student Care had turned away a number of potential applicants because of being full and we had to intervene to get them to pursue an increase to their licensing capacity at which point several of the applicants had already made arrangements elsewhere. Their action was not in concert with our expectation of them.
  - There were a few re-enrolling students who did not return because the parents were in arrears with the school and they feel that if they don't return then the arrears will be ignored.
  - There was a stronger interview process with students and the parents to ensure we are enrolling students with the best fit for our model of education.
- b) School Act Changes**
- The Provincial Government is looking at opening up the School Act for revisions as early as the spring session of 2010 and attached is a document with recommendations as submitted by TAAPCS.
- c) Stampede update**
- AI and BCMP Architects went to Olds AB. to visit the new Olds High School which is now on the same campus as Olds College to evaluate potential High School readiness in the building plans.
- d) School Council Society for Casino privileges progress**
- School Council received its incorporation status effective 2009-09-21.
  - The changeover in Casino license from CAA Society to CAA School Council Society is well under way.
- e) Strategic Plan**
- Meeting minutes from the 2009-09-26 retreat for updating the Strategic Plan is on the web. (filed)
- f) New Committees**
- Marketing Committee:
    - i. Karie Wylie, Chair
    - ii. Dale Erickson, Kevin Loftus, Jeff Eisen (resident artist); Emily Forrest
  - Finance Committee:
    - i. Karie Wylie, Chair
  - Research Committee:
    - i. Rob Roach; Chair

- Facilities Committee:
  - i. Al Wahlstrom; Chair
  - ii. Pat Cavill, Ken McNeill, Joyce Buzath, Dale Erickson
- Strategic Partnerships (formerly Advocacy Committee):
  - i. Mark Bellamy; Chair
  - ii. Pat Cavill, Laura Kleiner, Todd Hirsch, Rob Roach, Dale Erickson, Kevin Loftus
- Governance (formerly Policy Committee):
  - i. Teri Basi; Chair
  - ii. Jane Matheson, Dale Erickson
- Strategic Planning (ad hoc):
  - i. Jane Matheson; Chair
  - ii. Pat Cavill, Dale Erickson, Josh Van Beers, Kim Hoey

**g)** AGM; no discussion, on track with report readiness

## **7. Other Information**

**a)** Ruling on Charitable status update: no word yet from Charities Directorate

The below were added after the agenda was approved:

- b)** Audit Service Plan – Board emailed and on website
- This is a letter from the auditors advising the Board of the overall approach and general conduct of the 2009 audit.
- c)** Canada West Foundation (CWF)
- CWF is preparing a report on Charter Schools
- d)** Charter School Council Collaboration
- The School councils of the Calgary Charter Schools are considering a proposal to have a joint meeting (details to be worked out). The Board endorses CAA School Council to participate in such a collaboration.
- e)** Resignation letter from Jane Matheson; vice-Chair
- Jane became a member of the CAA Board on November 18, 2004. The CEO of Wood's Homes, Jane provided much expertise over the past 5 years in helping to guide CAA, especially in policy development. Her contribution is much appreciated. Thanks Jane! The Board will recognize Jane at the Board Christmas dinner.

f) Dialogue with Albertans

- Josh Van Beers, Principal, attended the Provincial Governments Education session in Edmonton October 18 & 19, 2009. The government is inviting public input as they prepare to overhaul the School Act.

Josh felt the forum and the public's input was very positive. Public comments included:

- Infuse the Arts in all subjects
- Develop skills versus just knowledge
- Education should be more creative
- Schools could be centers of communities
- More transitioning options from High School to Colleges
- Concerns that in 20 years that there is no more labor intensive work.

**8. Adjournment – 7:53 PM**

**(To be APPROVED at the November 17, 2009 meeting, deferred to the January 26, 2010 meeting)**

Teri Basi, Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia M. Cavill, co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_