

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on January 26, 2010



Present:	Todd Hirsch	co-Chair
	Pat Cavill	co-Chair
	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Rob Roach	Director
	Frankie Thomas	Director
	Al Wahlstrom	Director
Staff:	Dale Erickson	Superintendent
	Garry Schock	Secretary-Treasurer
	Josh Van Beers	Principal
	Laura Shuler	Education Director
Regrets:	Teri Basi	Board Secretary (2)
	Mark Bellamy	Director
	Patrick Heffernan	School Council co-Chair, Glenmeadows (3)

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

- **School Presentation** – none

1. **Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Todd Hirsch @ 18:04

2. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved with the addition of 6d) Superintendent Evaluation process

3. **Consideration of Consent Agenda**

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

4. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Chair's Report (verbal)

- i. Todd attended TAAPCS meeting January 22, 2010 in Red Deer. The Canada West Foundation report was the highlight of the meeting. This was his first meeting representing CAA as Board co-Chair.

b) Facilities Report (verbal)

- i. Stampede Board has deferred the signing of MOU as they are now becoming informed of the project details. The operational sides of the Stampede right up to the President are informed and are now presenting to their Board.
- ii. Of particular focus is how the joint use will be defined. This question Alberta Infrastructure is also helping to define.

c) Marketing Committee (verbal)

- i. Developing a plan, still laying groundwork
- ii. 2 road signs going up to advertise openings for Kindergarten

5. Decision Items

- a) None

6. Discussion Items

- a) Stampede update – see Facilities report 4b).
- b) The Canada West Foundation (CWF) Report: “Innovation in Action” An examination of Charter Schools in Alberta; authored by Shawna Ritchie
 - i. CAA has permission to distribute report to anyone
 - ii. CWF provided copies to media, bureaucrats and elected officials

Ideas of what else CAA could do to create awareness of “Charter Schools”, i.e. not just promoting the school itself

- Swerve magazine
- Wikipedia
- Social networking forums e.g. Facebook, Twitter

c) Board meeting report submissions

- i. Committee chairs and Admin staff to make sure all reports are on the website by the evening of the Friday before the Board meeting.
- ii. Avoid verbal only reporting; anyone wishing to present information is asked to also submit it in writing.

Since Board minutes are legal documents, the speaker or presenter is accountable for all information and opinions expressed. Submissions in writing by a speaker ensure that any information presented that becomes a matter of record, has the support of their information in writing.

d) Superintendent evaluation

- i. Todd, Pat, Ken, Al and Teri are the sub-committee
- ii. The goal is appoint for 5 year term
- iii. Superintendent contract within CAA can still be a minimum of year to year

7. Other Information - none

a) Casino Feb 4th and 5th – now fully operated by School Council

- Everything is place to proceed; licensing and volunteers
- The CAAF Chair advised that hosting a Casino is not part of the CAAF fundraising plans. This would be totally left up to the School Council Society.

b) Charitable status update

- Charities Directorate should have model objects ready by the February Board meeting date
- They are looking at the Foundations application and are most interested in how control would look like for building fundraising that is on Stampede land.

c) Arts Report on web

d) CAA Foundation activities

- Waiting on charitable status
- Deliberating on the message of what they are fundraising for (The building component is the most unclear as ownership/control with the Stampede has not been decided)

e) Strategic Plan

- Looking to create a new format
- Superintendent to see if other Charter Schools have a template

f) Vertigo (added post agenda approval)

- Board members will receive a list of who has responded for potential follow up

g) China (added post agenda approval)

Tianjiao, a China-Canada Cultural & Educational Exchange Program is aware of opportunities for CAA to explore in becoming directly involved in education delivery in China as either a participant or a partner.

Immediate opportunities are available in sending staff to China for a period of time as part of their professional development (PD).

The Board is open the possibilities and have asked the Superintendent to provide substantive proposals that the Board can deliberate.

8. Adjournment – 19:35

(To be APPROVED at the February 16, 2010 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

Todd Hirsch, co-Chair _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____