

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on February 16, 2010



Present:	Todd Hirsch	co-Chair
	Rob Roach	vice-Chair
	Teri Basi	Board Secretary
	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Ken McNeill	Director
	Frankie Thomas	Director
Staff:	Dale Erickson	Superintendent
	Garry Schock	Secretary-Treasurer
	Josh Van Beers	Principal
Regrets:	Pat Cavill	co-Chair
	Mark Bellamy	Director (2)
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Patrick Heffernan	School Council co-Chair, Glenmeadows (4)
	Al Wahlstrom	Director
Guest:	Stacey McRae	Parent

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

- Just prior to this meeting was a Society Special General Meeting for the approval of new objects for the Society.
- **School Presentation** – Paul Rasporich, Yr 1-2 Educator

The theme for the 2008-2009 School year was “Choosing To Make A Difference”. Division I decided their initiative would be to fundraise and create a song dedicated to an injured golden eagle named ‘Spirit’. The eagle resides at the Bird of Prey Centre in Coaldale Alberta.

Cam Bourque, a resident artist at Glenmeadows, composed a melody and helped the Year 1 & 2 students create lyrics for the song.

Afterwards, Paul met the Canadian songwriter, Ian Tyson on a plane trip and shared this story. Ian was inspired by the ‘spirit’ of the school and this story and wants to record the song.

Cam and Ian had spent a day together so that Ian can learn the lyrics and chords and the next step is for Ian to record the song in a recording studio. The recording will include tracks with the students. No recording date is set.

Ian is recording the song for no financial gain for himself so a portrait of Ian playing his guitar while learning the song was made by Paul. This portrait is very nicely framed and will be a gift from the school.

Any royalties from the release of the song will be shared by the artist and the school.

The Board commended the initiative of Cam for the song and for Paul in identifying the idea and finding a high profile artist to collaborate with to take the school initiative a step further.

1. Call to Order – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Todd Hirsch @ 18:46

2. Approval of Agenda - Approved with the deletion of item 8) In Camera session

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

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

4. Reports submitted at meeting

- a) School Council minutes from 2010-02-02 are deferred to March's meeting.
- b) School Council Society minutes from 2010-02-02 are deferred to March's meeting.
- c) Advocacy Committee (no report)
- d) Facilities Committee (verbal)
 - i. MOU status with Stampede has not changed; still under deliberation and consideration by the Stampede.
 - ii. The President of the Calgary Stampede will be attending the Friday February 19th Vertigo performance.
 - iii. The auditors of the school, Meyers Norris Penney will be asked to express an opinion as to the proper financial reporting of donations received by the CAA Foundation for the purpose of building a new school facility, of which the title to such property may be owned by the Stampede.

- e) Marketing Committee (no report)

5. Decision Items

- a) Ratify 2010-02-01 email vote on re-appointing Superintendent

MOTION: that the email vote re-appointing Dale Erickson as Superintendent for the period January 15, 2010 to January 15, 2014 be ratified,

Moved by: Rob

Seconded by: Frankie

Carried

6. Discussion Items

- a) Vertigo – all plans are in place and everyone knows their roles.
- b) Board PD – Pat, Frankie and Ken will attend the March 13, 2010 PD session put on by TAAPCS.

7. Other Information - none

- a) Stampede update (see Facilities 4d)
- b) AB. Ed. Budget 2010-2011 announcement, space utilization
 - i. The province is funding on the same factors as in 2009-2010, no inflation increases. Any increase will come from increased enrollment
 - ii. We will be just shy of our charter cap of 450 FTE students for 2010-2011 enrollments because of the space constraints when incorporating specialized art spaces.
- c) Casino Feb 4th and 5th – de-brief; nothing to add
- d) CAA Foundation activities;
 - i. Looking for specific targets/objectives from CAAS
- e) TAAPCS letter to all MLAs - generic Jan 29 2010 regarding the Canada West Foundation Report
- f) Strategic Plan (searching for new template, will remain as old business for now)
- g) Added after the agenda – comments from Todd who attended a Calgary Caucus meeting of provincial MLAs on January 29, 2010

- i. The caucus observed that 83% of charter students in Alberta are in Calgary, therefore; it's a Calgary (caucus) issue.

8. Adjournment – 19:27

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

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

Todd Hirsch, co-Chair _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

