

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on April 20, 2010

Present: Todd Hirsch co-Chair
Pat Cavill co-Chair
Rob Roach vice-Chair
Joyce Buzath School Council Chair, Knob Hill
Ken McNeill Director
Frankie Thomas Director
Al Wahlstrom Director

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

Regrets: Teri Basi Board Secretary
Karie Wylie Board Treasurer
Mark Bellamy Director (4)
Emily Forrest Director

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 @ 18:00

2. **Approval of Agenda** -

The agenda is approved with the following change;

- 4a) and 4b) School Council minutes will be bypassed as there was no meeting in April.

3. **Consideration of Consent Agenda**

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

4. **Reports submitted at meeting**

- a) School council (no report)
- b) School Council Society (no report)

c) Board Committee Reports:

- i. Advocacy Committee (no report)
- ii. Facilities Committee (verbal) ((see 6 a) & b))
- iii. Governance Committee – from Teri; first meeting to be held Apr 22, 2010 to plan on how to refresh the Strategic Plan.
- iv. Marketing Committee – from Karie; The update from me is that I plan to meet with Dale in the next week or so to further progress with the new corporate identity. I have also compiled a list of grass roots marketing possibilities for the school.
- v. Research Committee – Will be attending the Governance Committee meeting on April 22, 2010.

5. Decision Items - None

6. Discussion Items

- a) Facilities Committee (verbal) from 4 c) ii.**

This is Option A:

- i. The MOU has been reviewed by the Stampede and CAAS; the next step is to plan when we'll have the signing ceremony and who the signatories will be.
- ii. The Stampede is projecting \$100M of development over the next decade of which 50% is slated for the Youth Campus. The Stampede is hiring a V.P. for Fundraising.

CAAS and the Stampede will be working together to develop contact lists and contacting policies to establish a clear understanding who is being contacted and who still has to be contacted and by whom.

Option B:

The School gave representatives from Alberta Infrastructure (AI) a tour of Knob Hill Campus to give them a better understanding of the confines and use of our space. Gives AI something to compare against when they look at their building plans and configurations.

They were given a look inside the vacant Dr. Gordon Townsend School which is part of the Richmond Road Diagnostic and Treatment Centre (RRDTC) (the old Calgary Children's Hospital), right next to our Knob Hill Campus, 50 yards away.

We made a recommendation that AI attempt to get us access to at least 4 of the classrooms for the next school year, 2010/11. There is even a gym in this facility and all the rooms are totally vacant. The RRDTTC has no plans to develop that part of the building for at least the next 5 years as the government has withdrawn capital funding.

AI proposed that maybe we could swap buildings a school with another Charter School, however; that would collapse our transportation system which right now works because of the close proximity of our two campuses.

AI also suggested that maybe we could put portables at KH. Issues which would need to be taken care of are; potential current zoning laws and if CAAS will be asked to cover any of the cost of moving and assembling the portables.

AI indicated that we have strategically taken the correct (politically) steps to how we have progressed and kept the government agencies involved in our work towards a partnership with the Stampede.

AI is positive about our school and is keen to help us find solutions to our facility needs, including supporting our Stampede endeavor.

In-camera motion at 18:21; moved by Pat, carried.

- b)** Stampede update – see 6a) option A
- c)** 10/11 Budget “in-camera” session”

Out of in-camera session at 18:24.

- d)** CAA Foundation activities
 - i. Meeting May 4, 2010
 - ii. Focusing on defining / refining purpose of Foundation and to establish policies.

7. Other Information - none

- a)** Microsoft Office products updated to 2007 for PC and 2008 for Mac’s and browser settings.

When opening files created from Microsoft Office 2007 or later, the issue with some files not opening or can’t be read is with the browser, not your Office programs. The only browser that opened all files correctly was Firefox.

- b)** China - Nothing new.

c) Charitable status Foundation - No feedback yet from Revenue Canada

d) Music Monday

Calgary Arts Academy Year 1 to 9 students will be participating in Music Monday again this year. Occurring on Monday, May 3, 2010 from 10:00am to 11:10am at the knob Hill Campus, our students will be performing with students from Westmount Charter School and Calgary Christian School. The audience will also be treated to a special performance by Calgary Arts Academy's Junior High Tour Band.

Combined, there will be approximately 600 voices!

e) Vacant School Council Chair at GM – no report although School council elections take place in June.

Added after agenda approved

f) Superintendent evaluation – The evaluation is done.

g) This National Volunteer Week – We are hosting a volunteer tea on May 18th.

8. Adjournment – 19:20

(To be APPROVED at the May 18, 2010 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary

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Todd Hirsch, co-Chair

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