

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Middle School on May 18, 2010

Present: Todd Hirsch co-Chair
Rob Roach vice-Chair
Joyce Buzath School Council Chair, Knob Hill
Mark Bellamy Director
Emily Forrest Director, left at 19:25
Ken McNeill Director
Frankie Thomas Director

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

Regrets: Pat Cavill co-Chair
Teri Basi Board Secretary (2)
Karie Wylie Board Treasurer (2)
Al Wahlstrom Director

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

School Presentation "Song for Spirit"

Janice Nigh presented the news clip from Global TV's Channel 7 of CAA students with "Spirit" the eagle and singing the song they helped create for the bird. The "Song for Spirit" was then professionally recorded by Ian Tyson in a studio with students singing in the background.

Ian is doing a performance with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in February 2011 and the plan is to have Ian sing the song with students from our school and possibly have the eagle there as well. Ian is also on tour this summer in the USA where he will be singing the song in some of his performances.

The song has been uploaded to the [cdbaby website](#), an internet song download site. A press release is also ready to go.

1. **Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Todd Hirsch @ 18:15

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda is approved with the following change;

- Move 3a) co-Chair's report from the Consent Agenda to 4a)i of Reports submitted at meeting
- Delete School Council minutes – deferred to next meeting

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

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

4. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Board Committee Reports:

i. Co-Chair's report (excerpt verbalized)

- It was highlighted that the Alberta Government has rescheduled (again) the opening of the School Act and with a pending provincial election on the horizon they might decide to not even open the School Act before an election, which is then compounded by the fact that regulations would still need to be adapted to the revised School Act afterwards, therefore; it will put our (and other Charter Schools) permanence status on hold until at least 2014 (only 20 years on from when Charter Schools were first permitted). This could complicate our ability to move ahead with the Stampede in a timely manner.

As a result of this, TAAPCS is submitting a letter to Alberta Education requesting that ways be found to forge ahead with finding solutions of Charter School challenges and specifically to make sure that this delay won't affect CAA's ability to move ahead with the Stampede. Dale will provide a copy of the letter when released.

ii. Advocacy Committee (verbal)

- Although Mark has been unable to attend the last few Board meetings, the Advocacy Group he chairs has been meeting monthly and he has arranged several face to face meetings with members in the Arts community to introduce Janice Nigh. The next meeting is with ATP.
- CAA is signed up to participate in the Kensington Sun and Salsa Festival July 25th in the children's area. The Advocacy group is still

pondering if CAA should participate in the Inglewood Festival which is the kick off to the Calgary Fringe Festival.

- The Advocacy Group has booked Cantos on October 14th 2010 for the annual Cinq-a-Sept soiree. This will be the third year.

It was pointed out that the school is closed during this week and that it makes it a challenge to recruit students to provide a showcase when school is not in session. Mark was unsure the date could be changed but will inquire.

The Advocacy group is still looking for a keynote speaker for this event.

- A list of MLA's with arts connections is being compiled.
- iii. Facilities Committee (no report, no change)
 - iv. Governance Committee (no report)
 - v. Marketing Committee (no report)

5. Decision Items

a) Budget, 2010-2011 Draft V2.2

- Budget summary presented to Board.
 - Key point – no new or increased funding from the government, the incremental increase is as a result of an increase in population of 17 students. 17 students roughly translates into \$170k in increased funding.

19:16 In-Camera; motion by Ken - 19:36 Out of in-camera

- **MOTION:** that Budget, 2010-2011 Draft V2.2 is approved for implementation,
Moved by: Rob, Carried

b) Date for a Board retreat – deferred

- ### c) Vote on the acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Stampede version “Draft #7 – 16-Apr-10”
- Added to the agenda at this time, also added to the Board section of the CAA website post this meeting,

- **MOTION:** that MOU version “Draft #7 – 16-Apr-10” be accepted,
Moved by: Mark. Carried

6. Discussion Items

- a) Student enrollment and space for 2010-2011
 - i. Facilities Deficiency Letter (April web) update
Nothing new to report.
 - ii. Stampede update, see 5c)
- b) CAA Foundation activities: Nothing new to report.
- c) Document “New Work of the Non-Profit Board” synopsis (May web):
 - i. referred to the Governance Committee
- d) Charter School Evaluation Model
 - i. Board to review for June meeting

7. Other Information - none

- a) China – 3 Educators from CAA are leaving July 2, 2010 for a six week experience teaching Arts Immersion in China
- b) Charitable status Foundation - No feedback yet from Revenue Canada
- c) 3 year plan now part of the AERR
 - This reduces our major Alberta Education reports from two to one each year. The 3 Year Plan which was published in the spring of each year will now be part of the Annual Education Results Report (AERR) which is published in November each year. The AERR also includes audited financial information.
 - A secondary thought is to incorporate the front end of any Strategic Plan into the 3 Year Plan. This unites the Boards and Schools goals into one publication.
- d) Polar Expressions Publishing 2009/2010 winners (results on web)
CAA has two students winning in a National contest in
Poetry Contest, First Prize – Grade Six
Poetry Contest, Third Prize – Grade Two
- e) Board reminded to submit comments for Principal’s evaluation

8. Adjournment – 19:49

(To be APPROVED at the June 22, 2010 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

Todd Hirsch, co-Chair _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____