

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Glenmeadows Campus on June 22, 2010

Present:	Todd Hirsch	co-Chair
	Pat Cavill	co-Chair
	Karie Wylie	Board Treasurer arrived at 18:48
	Joyce Buzath	School Council Chair, Knob Hill
	Mark Bellamy	Director
	Ken McNeill	Director
Staff:	Dale Erickson	Superintendent
	Garry Schock	Secretary-Treasurer
	Josh Van Beers	Principal
	Janice Nigh	Arts Coordinator
	Darlene Edwards	Library Technician
	Kevin Loftus	Registrar/Communications, left at 19:10
Regrets:	Rob Roach	vice-Chair
	Teri Basi	Board Secretary (3)
	Emily Forrest	Director
	Frankie Thomas	Director
	Al Wahlstrom	Director
Guests:	Herman Bell	Architect with Omicron; <i>Total Building Solutions</i>
	Al Doutre	Architect with Omicron; <i>Total Building Solutions</i>
	and Director in waiting for the Calgary Arts Academy Foundation	
	JoAnne Collins	Parent
Meeting Scribe:	Garry Schock	

Just prior to this meeting, the Calgary Arts Academy Foundation held a Special Meeting from 18:05 to 18:10

1. @ 18:20 Guest speaker, Herman Bell;

Herman is sharing some of his insights into the Calgary Stampede (CS) and CAAS initiative.

Herman has had many years of conversation and involvement with CS personal and he recently confirmed for the CS Year Round Committee that his role in all the talks was as a “consultant” to the CS about the Youth Campus School and was promoting the Calgary Arts Academy as a logical choice to be that school.

Several Stampede Committees have been evaluating the relationship between CS and CAAS and have determined that the venture would be a “partnership” between CS and CAAS. This subject was the lone item on the CS June 8th board meeting agenda. The information presented from the Committees was strong enough on its own merits for the CS Board to endorse the MOU between CS and CAAS.

Handout: dated May 4, 2010 from BKDI Architects of Calgary, Alberta. BKDI are the lead architects for the overall “CS Youth Campus” plan. This document is a little bit of an overall Strategic Plan commentary about the direction of the Youth Campus, including commentary on existing and new facility uses/requirements and it does mention the “Stampede School” which would need to seek a charter to “deliver a full range of educational services” whereas “In the alternative, Calgary Arts Academy may provide an opportunity as the basis for the full development of the Stampede School...”

Omicron, the company Herman works for, is one of the sub-architects in the overall Youth Campus plan, and their focus is on designing the school for the Youth Campus based on the model required/desired by CAAS.

Handout: Draft dated May 31, 2010 from BKDI Architects of Calgary, Ab. This document provides more commentary about the potential relationship that could be realized with CAAS as the school of choice.

Overall, the Youth Campus development is estimated to cost about \$30m of which \$20-25m is for a new school facility including underground parking and horse riding arena.

The CS “needs” zero risk when developing major projects, therefore; they fundraise 100% of a project. They view this as zero risk because they are in control. Therefore; as it currently stands, the Calgary Arts Academy Foundation has no requirement to fundraise any portion of a new school.

2. School Presentation:

Jason Lindsay, the Knob Hill Phys. Ed. instructor prepared a video showcase of Year 9 students demonstrating many of the school year Phys. Ed. curriculum requirements, especially gymnastics, through choreography and dance. The students had to prepare their piece with music.

Call to Order – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Todd Hirsch @ 19:05

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda is approved with the following changes;

- Guest speaker will go from item 3) to item 1)
- School presentation will be item 2)
- Approval of agenda will be item 3)

4. Consideration of Consent Agenda

On behalf of the Board, Ken congratulated Janice for the fine work of the Arts Coordinator and the Arts Reports over the past year,

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

5. Reports submitted at meeting

- a) Board Committee Reports:
- i. Facilities Committee (no report)
 - ii. Governance Committee (no report)
 - iii. Marketing Committee (no report)
 - iv. Research Committee (no report)

6. Decision Items

- a) Sep 18/10 Board Retreat will also be the monthly Board Meeting, no motion required.
- b) Set regular monthly Board meeting dates for 2010-2011:

Board has asked School Admin to choice dates which make sense after reviewing the School Calendar and submit for at the Sep 18/10 Board meeting.

7. Discussion Items

- a) School Council Chairs as per Joyce's email:

Whereas the School Council Chairs/Co-Chairs are becoming busier with School Council's own General Meetings, Society Meetings and overall involvement with fundraising and parent engagement activities, they request that the parent Society, CAAS, amend its bylaws section 4.1.4 1) "Composition of Board" to allow the Chairs of School Council to appoint a designate to facilitate their role on the Board and share the workload.

Action item: Section 4.1.4 1) of bylaws to be rewritten and voted on at the CAAS General Meeting in November.

b) TAAPCS letter to AB. Ed.:

The letter speaks to the frustration of Charter Schools in Alberta as a result of delays in changing the School Act, which thwart permanence and as a consequence, the ability to seek purpose built facilities for each chartered School.

CAA will also be submitting a letter in the same tone but directly from our perspective, which is the problems this may create with the ongoing Calgary Stampede partnership discussions.

c) Student enrollment and space for 2010-2011 (see Superintendent Report):

Health Minister turned down our request for Dr. Gordon Townsend School at the RRDTC beside Knob Hill Campus.

We have also approached the Scout Hall on the northeast corner of the soccer field at Knob Hill as a potential space for two classrooms. Alberta Infrastructure has said they would not fund any arrangement we make with the Scout Group.

d) CAA Foundation activities: no report

e) [Alberta Education] Inspiring Education Report Release:

Feedback from Board members included:

- There was very little language about Charter Schools in the whole report,
- Page 5, the Government had “no implementation plan”,
- Critics from Think-tank organizations didn’t think it was a very good document,
- A Calgary newspaper had reduced the narrative in which the report was written and as a result the ‘snippet’ was “terribly out of context”.

The feedback about the report provided no good news and so, as a side note from one of our guests tonight: A family which had been at CAA for many years that had moved back to Ontario; the boys were doing exceptionally well and were at the “top of their class in math and science”. If it is difficult for others to recognize Charter School strengths, then at least we have to recognize them ourselves.

8. Other Information

a) China update:

3 Educators from CAA are leaving July 2, 2010 for a six week experience teaching Arts Immersion in China. They will present their experience at the Sep 18/10 Board Retreat.

Dale will be going to China Aug 8-14 to facilitate for two of the staff members having to come back a few days earlier.

b) "New Work Non-Profit Board" document for reading before the Board Retreat on Sep 18/10. (on the web)

c) The Society will be participating at two Festivals in the summer:

Jul 25/10 at the Kensington Sun and Salsa Festival

Jul 31/10 at the Inglewood Sunfest

Volunteers welcome!

9. Adjournment – 19:50

(To be APPROVED at the September 21, 2010 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

Todd Hirsch, co-Chair _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____