

Calgary Arts Academy Society

Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Campus on September 21, 2010

Present: Todd Hirsch co-Chair
Rob Roach vice-Chair
Joyce Buzath School Council
Mark Bellamy Director
Ken McNeill Director
Frankie Thomas Director
Al Wahlstrom Director

Staff: Dale Erickson Superintendent
Garry Schock Secretary-Treasurer
Josh Van Beers Principal, left at 19:12
Janice Nigh Arts Coordinator, left at 18:30

Regrets: Pat Cavill co-Chair
Teri Basi Board Secretary (4)
Karie Wylie Board Treasurer
Emily Forrest Director (2)

Meeting Scribe: Garry Schock

1. **Call to Order** – A quorum is present so the meeting was called to order by Todd Hirsch @ 18:00

2. Approval of Agenda

- **MOTION:** that the Agenda be approved as presented
Moved by: Mark
Carried

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

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

4. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Co-Chair Report by Todd Hirsch

- Advocacy meeting with Ken Faulkner, Executive Director of the Southern Alberta Office for the Premier.
- Advocacy meeting with Spence Nichol, Executive Assistant to Education Minister Dave Handcock; indicated that part of the Education strategic plan does include permanence for Charter Schools.
- September 15, 2010 - Attended a meeting of the TAAPCS with Garry Anderson, Executive Director of the TAAPCS and Jay Pritchard and Judy Gray.
 - i. Discussed the agenda for the October 22, 2010 TAAPCS meeting
 - ii. TAAPCS is going to be asked to come up with a definition(s) of "What is Innovation".

b) Advocacy Committee – additional comments

- Sun & Salsa Festival in Kensington- Nice family event, also it may not be quite necessary to set up in the children's venues for exposure.
- Suggestion from floor – Also consider Marda Loop's "Marda Gras Street Festival"; both Kensington and Marda Loop are in communities that are near both campuses which if we enrolled students from these areas would take the pressure off bussing and other activities because of the reduced distances to travel.
- Cinq-a-Sept: At this point there is no special speaker for the event, do we need one? It was decided that existing personalities within the School and Society could deliver the messages.

c) Facilities Committee

- The Stampede has hired a retired School Principal to work with all interested parties in the Youth Campus project to pluck out synergies
- There was not much action on the Stampede front during the summer
- The MOU is of minor importance to the Stampede
- A draft copy of a letter to the Education Minister advising him of the progress of the Youth Campus partnership with the Stampede is

circulated. Dale asks for feedback by Friday Sep 24/10 so that it can be sent to eh minister.

Alberta Infrastructure contacts have advised us to keep the Education Minister updated as to the progress with the Stampede as this would assist the Minister in any conversations that may come in the government e.g. about lease monies or capital funding for our School.

- The School is in the process of acquiring Portables for the Knob Hill campus. Although Alberta Infrastructure (AI) has said they will pay for one Portable, Dale is negotiating with AI to cover the bulk of the second Portable as well because of the illogical criteria AI uses to determine what the “capacity” of a school is relative to the criteria used by other entities like the CBE.

Target date to have the Portables on site is the end of November.

Other sites being researched:

- i. Eugene Coste in Haysboro - an older CBE elementary school, capacity is 650. A chuckle about the location of this school is its address, “Hillgrove” Crescent SW and the location of our first campus is “Grovehill” Road SW.
- ii. King Edward Junior High School in the community of South Calgary near KH campus – although CBE has received purchase tenders, we have learned that members of the community would prefer that the building remain a school, this may impact CBE’s ability to follow through with the sale.

- d) Governance Committee (no report)
- e) Marketing Committee (no report)
- f) Research Committee (no report)

5. Decision Items

- a) Set regular monthly Board meeting dates for 2010-2011:

Dates up to December have been selected; will be on October 2010 agenda. 2011 dates to be chosen at the November 23 Board meeting.

- b) Ratify email vote making \$40k available for portables

MOTION: that the email vote to make “\$40k available for portables” be ratified,

Moved by: Mark

Carried

- c) 19:36 Item added after agenda approved:
Board authorization for the School to arrange a school trip to China in the spring of 2011.

Whereas the School wishes to participate in a Music Festival being held in Beijing of which the trip would be 7 days and happen during the Spring break in April of 2011 (April 16-25) and whereas all students and parents would be paying their own way and selected staff would be funded by the school and because this is an International trip the school requires the Board's authorization, therefore;

MOTION: that the Board authorizes the School to proceed to plan this trip,

Moved by: Frankie
Seconded by: Mark
Carried

Note: Travel arrangements from Vancouver will be made through:

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6. Discussion Items

- a) Achievement Test Results:

MOTION: that the Board go in-camera

Moved by: Joyce
Seconded by: Rob
Carried

In camera from 18:50 – 19:01

7. Other Information

- c) 19:01 Unique student situations – Josh

We have a student with very high attention needs; we have chosen to work with this student for one more year as socially the student has thrived quite well. We are receiving additional funding from Alberta Education to manage this student's program.

Another student who was previously with our school and required more individualized program delivery and went to another setting is back with us for one day a week to be able to benefit from more social interaction. The setting they were in was quite people minimal.

6. Back to Discussion Items

b) 3 Year Plan 2010-2013

A draft of the plan is on the website.

Governance aspects of the plan include:

- i. The review and or update of remuneration and entertainment policies,
- ii. The bylaws need to be reset to allow for a new definition of the representative of the School Council Chair which is an ex-officio position to the Society Board and
- iii. For the Board to familiarize itself with a document called "New Work of the Non-Profit Board" which is on the web.

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

d) CAA Foundation activities: no report

The Foundation wishes to recognize the Secretary – Treasurer's office for engaging and completing the Charitable status application process to its successful conclusion.

e) Item added after agenda approved:

New Board members: We will be seeking the election of new members at the November 2010 Society meeting as Karie, Mark and Emily will not be returning due to busy and conflicting schedules. There are two potential members already identified of which nomination forms are being completed.

7. Other Information

a) China update: This will be the "School presentation" at the October 2010 meeting.

b) Board being invited to join the School staff to a retreat at the Banff Centre in January 2011.

6. Adjournment – 19:37

(To be APPROVED at the October 19, 2010 meeting)

Teri Basi, Board Secretary _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

Todd Hirsch, co-Chair _____ ORIGINAL SIGNED _____