

# Calgary Arts Academy Society

## Board Minutes for the Regular meeting held at Calgary Arts Academy, Knob Hill Campus on April 12, 2011

**Present:** Todd Hirsch co-Chair  
Pat Cavill co-Chair  
Teri Basi Board Secretary  
Rob Roach vice-Chair, Treasurer  
Shannon Jones School Council  
Heather Campbell Director  
John Gulak Director  
Ken McNeill Director  
Frankie Thomas Director  
Al Wahlstrom Director

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

**Regrets:** Joyce Buzath School Council

**Meeting Scribe:** Garry Schock

### 1. Call to Order

A quorum was present so the meeting was called to order at 18:00 by Todd Hirsch.

### 2. Approval of Agenda – approved as circulated

3. **School presentation** – Janice Nigh gave opening remarks and introduced Jeff Eisen and Lori Kearney, both resident Artists of CAA, to talk about a mural painting project that was undertaken at the Calgary Tower by 6 staff members and one community member. The credits and picture of the painting can be found in the Arts Report.

### 4. Consideration of Consent Agenda

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

### 5. Reports submitted at meeting

a) Board Minutes from 2011-03-15, postponed until May 17, 2011 meeting

**b) Co-Chair's Report**

- Attended April 06, 2011 meeting with Education Minister. Itinerary of meeting on Board website, entitled "Benefits to Alta Ed poster".
- Attended a tour of Glenmeadows with Douglas Cardinal, see Superintendent's report for explanation of the invite to Mr. Cardinal.

**c) Treasurer's Report – filed as part of Consent Agenda**

**Committee Reports**

**d) Advocacy Committee**

- i. Additional comments from the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Education Minister and additional information
- Minister in favor of the joint CAA & Stampede proposal,
  - Concerned if the government can produce the funding asked for,
  - The Education Minister has said he needs CAAS to continue lobbying other MLA's to get them on board, which brought to the forefront:
    - The need of an updated Strategic Plan
    - How to leverage the political assets of Calgary Stampede
  - The Stampede has another, separate meeting with the Premier of Alberta on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, whereby they are presenting their own asks in relation to the Youth Campus development and they are re-iterating, re-confirming their desire to partner with CAA as part of the Youth Campus vision.

The "Friends of the Academy" list is on the April Board website so that we can start planning the invites for Cinq-a-Sept in October 2011 and Vertigo in April 2012.

- ACTION: All Board members and Staff are asked to review and update the list.
- ii. Facilities Committee
- See Superintendent report for comments of the tour given to Douglas Cardinal on April 8, 2011, also see second paragraph of 5b).
  - We are engaging the Architects responsible for the portables, to try to deliver the portables to us within the next two weeks.

We have also asked the architects to get us quotes for:

- Adding windows to each side
- Paint the outside of the portables, especially the brown sides.

- iii. Governance Committee (no report)
- iv. Research Committee (no report)

**6. Decision Items - none**

**7. Discussion Items**

a) Stampede update – nothing further after 5d)ii

b) 2011-2012 Budget progress

- The Principal expressed confidence in meeting staffing needs and within the funding the Government is providing for 2011-2012.

2012-2013 may pose to be the first big challenge if funding becomes frozen because the Government is still in a deficit situation. Also, the 5 year collective agreement between the ATA and the Government expires in August of 2012. This means the government is under no obligation to provide for the “Alberta Average Weekly Earnings” (AAWE) change beyond September 2011 which is calculated in the budget being prepared for 2011-2012.

The School is trying to position itself in such a way that we could offer some financial growth for staff each year without compromising the future strength of our reserves.

d) **Strategic guidelines to coordinate fundraising**

A meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2011 with representatives of CAAS, School Council, CAA Foundation (CAAF) and Adult Choir to develop a Fundraising Roles and Responsibility guideline.

The Board has also asked for recommendations of a Strategic Plan facilitator we could hire for the September Board retreat.

**8. Other Information**

a) Portables – see 5d)ii

**9. Adjournment – 19:24**

**(To be APPROVED at the May 17, 2011 meeting)**

Teri Basi, Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Todd Hirsch co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_ ORIGINAL SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_