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**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2012**

Present:

Pat Cavill, co-Chair
Todd Hirsch (phone), co-Chair
Heather Campbell, Director
Al Wahlstrom, Director
Frankie Thomas, Director
Ken McNeill, Director
Rob Roach, Director
John Gulak, Director

Staff:

Dale Erickson, Superintendent
Jan Jordan, Secretary / Treasurer
Josh Van Beers, Principal
Janice Nigh, Arts Coordinator

Guest:

Linda Fox-Mellway, Calgary Stampede

Regrets:

Patti Wardlaw, School Council

1. Call to Order at the Knob Hill Middle School Campus
 - Meeting called to order by Todd Hirsch at 6:01pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Addition to the agenda: 4.9 - Tour of Stampede Grounds and youth campus. Linda

Approval of the Agenda as amended **Passed**
3. **Consideration of Consent of the Agenda of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors (As posted to the web)**
 1. 2012 2013 CAA School Calendar May 16 2012
 2. Achievement Report 2011 2012
 3. August 29, 2012 Minister letter received
 4. Board Directory
 5. CAA School Council Calendar of events 2012 2013
 6. CAAS 2012 2013 Board Meeting calendar
 7. Calgary Arts Academy Foundation – August 13, 2012 meeting minutes
 8. Calgary Arts Academy Foundation - September 4, 2012 meeting minutes

9. Celebrating the Arts
10. Co-Chair report – Todd Hirsch September 2012
11. Friends of the Academy List
12. June 19 – Board Meeting Minutes
13. Newsletter – September 2012
14. School Council Welcome Letter
15. Superintendent Report September 2012
16. Letter to Minister Johnson –August 16 2012 – Todd Hirsch
17. TAAPCS letter to Halvar Jonson
18. Secretary Treasurer’s report

Motion to approve the Consideration of Consent – Heather

Passed

4. Information Items

- 4.1 Meeting with Ministers of Education & Infrastructure - Todd attended a luncheon meeting with Jeff Johnson (Minister of Education), Cal Dallas (Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations), and Mary Anne Jablonski (MLA for Red Deer North). Minister Lukaszuk was unable to attend.

The meeting was held specifically to discuss Calgary Arts Academy and to inform them of the progress of the partnership with the Stampede project. The meeting was encouraging with the concept of the facility being a multi use facility for the arts community. Minister Johnson does not have the authority to sign off on the project but is very interested in the partnership model. He will be in Calgary on Friday and may be able to tour the school. If not, a meeting will be scheduled for early November. The question was asked, why Charters were only renewed for 15 years. Infrastructure would have to agree to funding for the project where CAAS would have a lease. The document is currently in the making.

- 4.2 Youth Campus Plan – Warren Connell’s response is favourable. The tentative plan is to put the information together for Alberta Education. The Inspiring Education presentation is in draft form. The presentation will make a case to the Minister of how Calgary Arts Academy is ‘making a difference’ in education.
- 4.3 The Capital Campaign video was presented to the group. This video will be released to the public and will be a valuable tool for getting the word out about Calgary Arts Academy. George Georgadis and Janice Nigh were commended for their work on this outstanding video and advertising tool. John said that people should be sharing this at every opportunity.
- 4.4 Achievement Test Results – Overall, Josh and Dale were pleased with the results. We are well above provincial standards in most areas. Almost 100% of students are approaching acceptable standards. There has been a 10% increase in Science scores from the previous year. Year 3 scores were a little down but there could be many reasons for this. A productive session was held with staff, with a focus on literacy and a whole school approach. A literacy specialist has been hired, and the first month has been very positive.
- 4.5 Foundation Update – Linda and Dale – CAAS is moving forward with the Stampede partnership. The annual giving campaign (Be a Star, Buy a Star) has begun and donations are starting to come in. John inquired about the legal aspect, should the partnership with the

Stampede be dissolved. Donations are being recorded and records maintained. A partnership with the Alberta government is the ultimate goal.

4.6 Annual Giving Program - Dale – To date we have received approximately \$5,000.00 in donations with some of these being annual commitments.

- 4.6.1 – In order to promote donations from the public, an approach to donors would be to advise them of a commitment from Staff, Board Members, and Foundation members.
- 4.6.2 – Confidential donor list shared earlier.
- 4.6.3 – Invitation to Donate - Dale encouraged the Board to participate. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$50.00 and over. We are registered with Canada Helps, and the finance office is able to take donations with Visa, Master Card, Direct Debit, cash and cheque.

4.7 Capital Campaign - A confidential list of donors was shared with the Board. Bruce Daze has done extensive preliminary research on donors, to establish who might support the project by their history, interests, pillars for giving, etc.

4.8 Video Presentation prepared by Year 8 and 9 students. This is an excellent presentation with student testimonies and experience at CalgaryArts Academy.

5. **Action Items:**

5.1 Friends of the Academy List updates - is being updated now.

5.2 Personal Invitations to Cinq a Sept – circulated to the Board for corrections and signatures

5.3 Board pictures and biographies – to be done and posted to the web site

5.4 Update of Board Directory - circulated and returned to Jan

5.5 Knob Hill Lease – John will review word content of the CBE lease. The lease is for 5 years for \$1.00. CBE has access to the IMR Funding for the property. There is a new formula in the funding manual for IMR but the information is not shared with the Charter Schools.

Motion: Heather: Moved that upon John’s approval of the wording of the CBE Lease that Dale be directed to sign the 5 Year Lease. Passed

5.6 Tickets for the Winter Celebration – There will be 3,000 available and they sold out last year. In keeping with the 10-year celebration, this year’s theme is the story of the school; where Calgary Arts Academy has come from and where it is going. Heather asked that directors indicate whether or not they will need tickets for the event. She would like responses as soon as possible.

5.7 Cinq a Sept (Thursday, October 18, 2012 – 5:00 to 7:00pm, National Music Centre) Heather would like some Directors there early to help set up and greet. Guest speaker, Jeffrey Spalding, has been confirmed. Catering has yet to be determined.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Information Items:

- Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – October 16, 2012 at the Knob Hill Middle School Campus. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with the Call to Order at 6:00pm.
- In order to assist with ordering dinner, please advise Jan: jjordan@calgaryartsacademy.com by October 15, 2012 if you will not be attending