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Calgary Arts Academy Society Regular Meeting of the Board April 15, 2014

In Attendance:

Todd Hirsch Becky Wetherell Rob Roach John Gulak

Josh Van Beers Dale Erickson Jan Jordan

Invited Guests: Linda Fox –Mellway (Stampede)

Regrets:

Al Wahlstrom Cheryl Gullason Laurie Huber Heather Campbell

1. Call to order– 6:05 pm - Todd Hirsch

2. Consideration of Consent of Agenda

Todd Hirsch approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Meeting

Todd Hirsch approved the minutes of the February 24, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

4. Superintendent Report and Stampede update -

- **Stampede** Things are moving forward with the new design. Ferarri Westwood Babits Architect has designed 2 options. The middle section of the building will be completely removed. The design will be an open concept with 5 learning pods.
- Several planning meetings have moved the project forward with a 5 month goal to send out a RFP.
- Dale asked if the Board would like a representative present at these meetings. The recommendation was for Dale to request Board input when Board Governance decisions need to be made.
- John requested that the Board appoint an independent lawyer to review the legal agreement with Alberta Education and Calgary Stampede. He will recommend a lawyer to the Board.

- The request for High School has been sent in to Alberta Education. The High School is included in the Capital Plan 2014-17.
- The position of CAA Community and Administrative Coordinator has been added. This position has been filled from within at no additional cost to the budget.

5. Budget discussion: Josh, Dale and Jan – In the Alberta Education 4 year budget plan, a zero percent increase was announced in 2013. CAA's 3 year plan is to have a small surplus in the current year, a balanced budget for 2014/15 and a small deficit in the 2015/16 budget. The instructional budget is based on 85% of the Alberta provincial average. For Certificated staff, an automatic grid increase to equal 82.5% of the provincial average will be implemented, with the remaining 2.5% based on merit. The number of certificated staff and artists will remain consistent with 2013/14. Support staff increase will be 2%, and Artists will receive 2% plus merit or leadership allowance where applicable. The balanced budget is based on a 487 – 54 ECS and 460 Grades 1-9. The Stampede partnership will not have an impact on the operational budget.

6. Secretary Treasurer Report - Jan

- Budget clarification
- School Council documents to be included in Board Reports including quarterly financial reports in the interest of clean Audited Financial Statements to Alberta Education
- Charitable Donation Receipts

7. School Council Update - Becky

There will be a full School Council update in May.

8. Action Items

Approval of the 2014/15 Spring Budget - Balanced

Motion: 2014-04-15-01 - To approve the 2014/15 Spring Budget as presented

Moved: Rob Seconded: John Passed

Approval of Policy C-112 – Charitable Donation Receipt Policy

Motion: 2014-04-15-02 - To approve the draft of Policy C-112 Charitable Donation Receipt Regulations. To be presented at the Annual General Meeting for Ratification.

Moved: John Seconded: Rob Passed

Approval of the School Calendar 2014/15

Electronic Motion – March 19, 2014 to approve the 2014/15 School Calendar as presented.

Motion: 2014-04-15-03 – To ratify the electronic motion of the approval of the

2014/15 School Calendar

Motion: Rob Passed

Approval of the 2015-2017 Capital Plan – Dale presented the basis of the capital plan which includes the Preservation and Modernization of the Knob Hill Campus, the Youth Campus Expansion.

Motion: 2014-04-15-04 - To approve the 2015-2017 Capital Plan for

submission to Alberta Education.

Moved: Rob Passed

9. Information Items

Application for High School – was sent to Alberta Education. Waiting on a response and direction from them.

Board Support for Campaign – June Board meeting will be a combination of Foundation and Board celebration - TBA

Youth Campus - discussed earlier

CAAS Logo – chosen

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 pm

**Upcoming Events:

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 20, 2014 Joint Foundation Celebration and Board Meeting - June 17, 2014 Watch for dates in June for CAA Music Showcases