



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2020**

In Attendance:

Directors:

Ken McNeill, John McWilliams, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, Neil Tichkowsky, Katherine Taylor, Josh Dalledonne, Court Ellingson

Regrets: Todd Hirsch, Linda Fox-Mellway

Administration:

Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan; Michelle Stonehouse;

Members:

Christy Ford, Laurie VandeSchoot, Cora Zeugmann-Dureault, Laura Bicknell, Erin Wright, Stephanie Westlund, Nancy Koutsela, Deni Dureault, Finnessa Adams, Melissa Kuemper, Megan Leung, Kessa Den Hoed, Alyson Moore, Jessica Maye

1. **Call to Order – 7:02 pm** – Ken McNeill – Quorum Established
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Ken McNeill - Considered Approved
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Annual General Meeting** – Ken McNeill - Considered Approved
4. **Opening Remarks** – Ken McNeill – Todd submitted a video message with warm wishes. Adversity builds great character; it shows the resilience. The team has handled the covid scenario with professionalism and the Board expresses their gratitude to all teachers and staff. Additionally, the support and confidence provided by the school council has been fantastic. Thanks to my colleagues for your passion and hard work. Our continued advocacy goals are to create greater support, awareness and knowledge within the arts community, government, and public. We continue to build our partnerships and move forward thanks to members of the CAA community.
5. **Presentation of 2019/20 Financial Statements & Auditor’s Report** – Neil Tichkowsky –The audit committee and the board of directors each met with KPMH to discuss the audit and

reports presented here. There were no Irregularities and it is considered a clean audit. The board recommends them for approval.

Motion 2020–11-17-1 – Neil Tichkowsky - To approve the 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements and auditors report as presented - Seconded Jim McLeod – Motion Passed

6. **Recommendation for appointment of 2020/21 Auditor** - Neil Tichkowsky – Happy to report it was another successful year working with KPMG and we recommend re-appointment for the 2020/2021 year.

Motion 2020-11-17-2 – Neil Tichkowsky - To re-appoint KPMG as auditors for the 2020/2021 school year as recommended by the board – Seconded Doug Frenette – Motion Passed

7. **AERR Report and Three Year Education Plan** – Dale Erickson – The 2019/2020 school year has been the most unique of my life. With the way the year ended with students at home, this last summer and start to the year have been a fever of activity. Knobhill (KH) had renovations done on the gym, portables, pathways, and parking lot. Custodians moved out furniture in classrooms to provide more space to distance, while new tables were purchased to provide workspace. The Education Centre (EC) accommodates 277 and we had 297 students attend to start the year with the yr 10s located in TransAlta Building. In discussions with AHS, they stated that the best course of action was to not have more than 50 students in each of the learning studios. We responded by moving a 4/5 class in the gymnasium and moving the rest of the 4/5's to the portables at KH. Additionally, the Stampede allowed us to move the 8/9s to the agriculture building. The Agriculture Building required HVAC servicing as well as additional technology and furniture. While not a perfect solution, it will keep students safe.

The infrastructure requirements for next year will include the need for additional space for year 11's. There is a possibility of still housing 11s at the TransAlta Building, or possibly re-locating the year 10-11 to sweetgrass lodge. Those discussions with stampede continue. We have applied for 7 portables to be installed through Alberta Infrastructure while our preferred plan would be the approval of a new school on stampede grounds.

The AERR report will be posted on the website for everyone to review

8. **Achievement Test Results** – Dale Erickson –. The overall survey results were high in relation to the rest of the province. From the surveys, 89.2% of parents and students believe that they will be successful moving into high school. While 82.3% of people agree we have very high quality of teachers. Overall, we are very pleased with the results from the surveys.



Michelle – While there were no PAT tests in 2020, we have our own local measures. Students continue to demonstrate superior language arts skills. While online learning was difficult for students we did provide enrichment opportunities, with 95% of students participating in them. The goal was to ensure all artists and teachers continue to create cross curricular arts immersion teachings. In speaking with the learning facilitators, regarding pre-lockdown vrs post lockdown, students adapted well with learning online. We were able to enhance the technology projects in many of the core classes.

Motion 2020-11-17-3 – Jim McLeod - To accept the annual education report and the 3yr plan as presented – Seconded Doug Frenette – Motion Passed

9. **Election to the Board of Directors** – John McWilliams - as chair of the governance committee we the board put forward the following nominations for election:

Recommended Changes to the Board:

Positions Held:

- **Chair:** Todd Hirsch
- **Vice Chair:** Ken McNeill
- **Treasurer & Secretary:** Cole Jordan

Board Members:

- Todd Hirsch
- Susan Wright
- Ken McNeill
- Linda Fox-Mellway
- Katherine Taylor
- Neil Tichkowsky
- John McWilliams
- Doug Frenette
- Joshua Dalledonne
- Jim McLeod

Motion 2020 – 11-17-4 - Laurie VandeSchoot – To Elect the 2020/2021 Board of Directors as presented - Seconded Nancy Koutsela - Motion Passed

10. **Tribute to retiring Directors** – Ken McNeill – There are no retiring members.

11. Adjournment – 7:40