



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 15, 2021 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, John McWilliams, Susan Wright, Josh Dalledonne, Neil Tichkowsky, Doug Frenette, Jim McLeod

Administration: Michelle Stonehouse, Janice Nigh, Cole Jordan, Dale Erickson

With Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch, Katherine Taylor, Court Ellingson

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:05
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of May 18, 2021 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Audit Committee – Neil – Audit Committee met today, and the monthly financials look as expected. The second piece is the RFP for IT. The school received 4 proposals and have narrowed it down to 2 with an inperson presentation later this week. Cudos to Cole for the process.

Motion 1 – Neil -To give the admin team discretion in selecting either OSI or Vin Covi.

Seconded Doug - Motion Passed

5. Superintendent Report – Dale - Stampede – due to their financial obligations they have put a hold on any allotment of land, which has changed our approach with portables. We look forward to working with the new CEO on a new a plan moving forward.

We sent a letter to the minister, and a conference call will be held Thursday to discuss options. We should know more by the end of the week. We are hoping they will be over the disappointment by the time the discussion is had that we can move positively

forward. If the government provides the modules at Knob hill we will have sufficient room for High school.

We continue to work with the government with other issues including SLS funding and curriculum. They have provided TAAPCS some money to provide feedback on the Curriculum. Our intent is to focus on the arts first.

As we continue our succession planning, we look at the scope of the Superintendent. We are being proactive and building our leaders by empowering them with more responsibility. We are adding a full time Acting Vice Principal to support Michelle and manage the highschool programming. We are also adding an Acting Vice Principal role at Knobhill to work with Kim as well as literacy. All are acting positions. All are internal promotions.

Michelle walked through the Education Plan with the board.

6. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – Nothing to Report
- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – To add to Dales comments, we do have a project plan that is available to the team that we can plug and play with whatever option the government chooses. Larkspur helped put that together.
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – Been a busy 2 weeks, cudos to organizing a series of one on one connections with students. We have had 9-10 artists connecting with students which has been very successful. We will look forward to the feedback from students, which should inform how we do arts placements moving forward.

7. Governance Committee – John - Want to thank directors for their additional input on the Bylaws it was very helpful. At this point we can move forward with the motion to present these at a special general meeting in September.

Moton 2 – John – Motion to present the bylaws at a special general meeting – Passes unanimously

The other topic for discussion was on Policy. Do we want to use our reserve funds to hire someone to re-work the policies. It was agreed to bring this item back to the governance committee for further discussion.

8. Social Media Update – Joshua – No further update. Thanks to Janice for her work.
9. School Council – Michelle – Not a lot to report. They have wrapped up their fundraising and are looking ahead to next year.

Thanks to Janice for her long standing work, the swiss army knife of the Arts Academy. The Event Planning, and the organization skills and the attention to detail. A Heart felt thank you and best wishes for the future.

10. Arts Coordinator – Janice – We were very fortunate to host an in person grad. Garrett did a great job of putting it together and thanks to Josh for being the voice of the board. My other item is the partnership update. This document lists all the partners and contact people that we know. Its very honest look at where we need to go with each of the those groups. We have an opportunity to go to village commons who focus on community and and seniors. They have artists in residence.

I'm working on an arts immersion report outlining all the arts projects completed during the pandemic. This will be sent to the minister and added to Board documents. It was impressive to see just how much amazing work was done during a pandemic.

Congratulations to staff.

11. Meeting Adjournment - End of the year is always a sad moment, but we will pick it up in a couple months. Thanks for the passion and commitment.

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- September 21, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors