



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 18, 2021 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, John McWilliams, Susan Wright, Josh Dalledonne, Court Ellingson, Neil Tichkowsky

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

With Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Katherine Taylor

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:03
2. Approval of the Agenda – Agenda Approved with the addition of 3.1 and 11
3. Approval of April 20, 2021 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors

3.1 Katherine has requested a leave of absence till end of July.

4. Audit Committee – Neil – The Audit Committee met to discuss the budget in depth. The audit committee recommends the board approve the budget. Operationally, we are budgeting a \$75,000 deficit in order to reduce the accumulated surplus to be compliant with government regulations. At a high level, school fees remain the same. We are increasing our certificated instructors by .9 FTE, and our transportation continues to run a budget deficit of \$66,000.

From a capital expenditure perspective, we will move \$200,000 to capital reserve for any large scale project or capital project. \$30,000 will be used to update the library with new software, an improved space and furnishings. \$67,000 will be spent on the audio system for the gym at the Education Center. Lastly we will be increasing our technology availability by spending \$120,000 on new ipads and laptops.

**Motion 1 - Court** – To approve the 2021 2022 budget as discussed and presented –  
Seconded Doug – Motion passed unanimously

5. Superintendent Report – Dale – Things are slow with the government as we continue forward on several funding issues. We do need more advocacy support. A letter from our board would be in-line with other jurisdictions and would be seen as a positive move by the association. Ken will write a letter. During the TAAPCS SGM, we are fortunate to pass a number of budgetary items. TAAPCS will hire a researcher to identify the positives associated with charter schools and to publish a research article supporting that. TAAPCS will also be moving forward with a research initiative in conjunction with the regional consortium. Lastly \$15000 will be used for hiring a government relations firm to help support charters.

Dale recommends the board reach out to the current chair of Stampede to try and proceed with the portables. If they decline we will need to look at other solutions for our space issue. The Stampede continues to be very positive with out relationship. The board agrees to proceed as Dale has outlined.

**Motion 2 – John** – motion to go in-camera - Seconded Susan– Motion Passed

**Motion 3 – Susan** – motion to go out-of-camera - Seconded John - Motion passed

#### 6. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – 5 out of 60 Boards are piloting a portion of the new curriculum but no one will look at the science or social studies portion.

Dale - Suzuki will be interested in the music curriculum FFCA is providing feedback on LA and Math. CAA knows that with the current gov, if we choose to do nothing, we wont get a say in any changes. We have a professional development day on Friday where we will discuss the new curriculum, with a

proposal to staff and to see if they would advise on the arts curriculum and help create positive change. If they can examine it, and share our knowledge of arts based learning we can be leaders in change.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim - No further update at this time.
  - Community Engagement Committee – Joshua - Its been difficult for yr 10 students to get an arts placement, but we will try and get an artist meet and great, to connect and ask questions. This is not a long term solution as the overall plan is to move forward with arts placements.
7. Governance Committee – John - The committee has met and discussed all the bylaws as presented and are now open for questions. The mandate was to clarify and simplify while meeting all regulatory requirements. We believe we have achieved these objectives. Sylvia from Governance Studios was so instrumental with all of it.

**Motion 4 - Court** – To approve the bylaws for ratification as presented – Seconded Joshua - Neil - requested to defer the vote to next meeting – It was agreed to hold the motion in abeyance.

8. Social Media Update – Joshua – No further update
9. School Council – Michelle – Everyone who is online have provided positive feedback about the online program. Council continues forward with fundraisers.
10. Arts Coordinator – Janice – Organized a graduation for June 4<sup>th</sup> with the finished product being a video that can be watched live at home. The family will be able to sit down together and watch.
11. AERR is being submitted on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Generally the results report and the education plan is the AERR. Now with the new assurance model, the plan is done in April and the results in November.

**Motion 5 – Susan** - to approve the three year education plan as presented - Seconded Neil  
Motion passed unanimously

12. Meeting Adjournment - 8:00pm

**INFORMATION ITEMS - \*\* Upcoming School Events:**

- June 15, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors