



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 17, 2020 Meeting Agenda**

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

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

Guest: Miranda Stacey (KPMG)

With Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:02 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda - Considered Approved
3. Approval of October 20, 2020 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Approved with an addition to section 7- “...and the board recommends their appointment”
4. Audit Committee – Neil – The Audit committee met with KPMG to discuss the 2020 AFS which has also been provided to the board. There were no issues stemming from the audit from a management perspective. KPMG did have a concern with the Alberta Educations templates as they did not comply with Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS), and while this has nothing to do with management it will be described as a misstatement on there report. Overall it was a clean audit. We appreciate all the help and great work by Cole.

Motion 1 – Neil - To recommend the 2020 Audited Financial Statements for Approval at the Annual General Meeting. – Jim Seconded – Motion Passed

Motion 2 – Neil - To recommend the appointment of KPMG as Auditors for the 20/21 financial year at the Annual General Meeting. – Katherine Seconded – Motion Passed.

We also filled our compliment on the Audit Committee with Brett as well as newly added Ally Marshall.

5. Superintendent Report – Dale – We will be discussing the Draft AERR Report at the AGM. No further update at this time.

6. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – The Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) has passed 3 motions that negatively target Charter Schools. They currently receive over 600k in funding from the Alberta government. Charter school councils have started an advocacy committee to help fight these issues. TAAPCS had a meeting with the deputy minister to clarify our stance these motions.
- Capital Plan/Infustructure Committee – Jim – Discussions with government are on going.
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – Janice gave a great update with Calgary Reads and our yr 10 students. Now that things are settled Josh will be interviewing yr 10s directly to find out their priorities to help connect them to community opportunities.

Katherine met with Dale regarding staff stress and anxiety, to ensure they have all the tools they need. She has a connection that can help teachers with some mindfulness exercises.

7. Governance Committee – John – We have asked Torrin McNeill to join the committee as another voice to the group. Additionally, Ken suggested that for board meetings, the Chair of the Governance committee would lead the meeting if there was no Chair or Vice-Chair present. This was agreed to by the board.

8. Legal Report – Neil – No significant development at this time.

9. Social Media Update – Joshua – No further update at this time.

10. School Council – Michelle – The AGM was positive and parents were engaged and positive. It helped that there was zoom. Cara has going to the meeting which is great, but we havn't heard back from that. The AERR results were presented and there was no real questions that came from it.

One of our former students won the poster competition at the Calgary Stampede this year, which is very exciting. We hope to get a copy of it for the school.

11. Meeting Adjournment – 6:50pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- December 15, 2020 – Meeting of the Board of Directors
- January 19, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors