Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Anna Murphy, Joshua Dalledonne, Doug Frenette, Neil Tichkowsky, Jim McLeod, Mallory Graham, Brett Taylor (Audit Committee), Stacha Sikora (Audit Committee), Laura Bicknell (Foundation)

Administration: Cole Jordan**,** Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell, Amanda Bonnell, Cathy Braun, Sarah Birch,

With Regrets, Jordan Pinkster, John McWilliams, Arsheel Hirji, Jon Yee

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:15
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the May 20, 2025 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Ken – Audit committee met on Monday to review the finances. We have had a busy year. New insurance brokerage, new auditors, spending the F&E money etc. We are moving forward with a 5% increase for all staff grids and increasing our number of EA's. We have a capital reserve 230,000 and a unrestricted reserve of 300,000, so congratulations to Cole for getting us to that point after depleting it completely when we took over Rosscarrock.

   The budget is dependent on enrolment, and most of our students come from word of mouth. This year we had 19 school tours hosting 306 families which lead to new140 applications. We need 655 students to make our budget work, with 647 students registered to-date.

Our charter speaks of performance, and we have seen number of amazing presentations and performances. Between Jubilee, the 8-9 performance at DJD's, 4/5 showcase, Vertigo, and countless showcases, the students were incredible. Graduation at Martha Cohen was wonderful and amazing to have the Mayor Speak.

Thanks to administration staff, what an outstanding job this year. Thanks to Brett and Stacha for your contributions to the Audit Committee and for being here.

6. Superintendent Report – Michelle – This new student admission policy will help maintain our culture and encourage students to strive for mastery and academic excellence, we do our best to advocate and meet with parents and look to see if they truly are good fits.
   - Policy Approvals –

Motion 1 – Anna - To Approve the new Student Admission Policy – Malory Seconded – Motion Passes

Motion 2 – Malory - To approve the new policy "At Home Learning without an in person learning option" as presented – Anna Seconded – Motion Passes

Motion 3 – Joshua - To approve the new "Parent notification and opt-in Consent Policy" as presented – Ken Seconded – Motion Passes with 3 for 2 opposed and one abstaining.

Motion 3 discussion: Joshua - this policy follows the bare minimum of the checklist and is being put in place due to the current laws in place and will be reviewed as needed.

The Board acknowledges the change to the education act as it relates to parent notification upon Pronoun use. The board takes issue with the law, but will comply as required, and will adjust administrative procedures as needed. A letter explaining the changes will be sent out to families and a letter of dissent will be created by Anna as an addendum to this minute.

7. Advocacy – Arsh's Report – A report was sent by Arsh for the meeting today. We received our draft proposal for our business case for our Capital Plan. We went over the entire plan today and had some edits and some areas we can beef up. She will take it back and get that sent out. We will send out the final report once it has been completed. The final cost and ask was 90 million. When we talked to them 50-60 didn't sound out of the norm.

   There is a Potential in engaging Global public affairs, and for Government relations. We want to host a Board strategy session August 26th.

   There is a 90 day turn around to our proposal. – we should follow process and not jump into the GR process.

8. Capital Planning Committee – Arsh – See above – Great meeting with Laura and the Foundation and we talked about potential support with this initiative. If we are pursuing the real estate option close by, we may be able to have them help with a deposit if needed. If we do have a capital campaign, what that would look like and who we should talk to. We also discussed the foundation supporting the Mayors Celebration for the Arts and a possible award.
9. Governance Committee – John – No further update -
10. Growth Committee - Malory – Welcome back. Signs are working well we received 24 applications from our last advertising.
11. Arts Engagement – Joshua – With the Mayor Celebration of the Arts there is interest for us to have a presence. Next step is with Calgary Arts Development. This is an informal celebration and meet to discuss what this might look like. Discuss how people are nominated, winners, picks. It includes a plaque and the cash award. Josh will lead that discussion. Us being a part of this event will go a long way for us and the inclusion of young artists would be great.

12. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn –The website needs a bit more time to be completed. We will get the images from Jon and get some grad photos too. Last note from Contemporary Calgary exhibit, it was a small group of students but was well received.
13. Meeting Adjournment – 8:11

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – September 16, 2025