



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 17, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

**In Attendance:** Ken McNeill, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, John McWilliams, Lorraine Becker, Josh Dalledonne, Neil Tichkowsky, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod,

**Administration:** Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Dale Erickson, Cheralyn Doell

**With Regrets:** Court Ellingson,

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:13
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of April 12, 2022 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Considered Approved
5. High School Program – Juleta Severson-Baker gave a great presentation on the current state of the high school program.
6. Audit Committee – Neil – There are two items for approval, the budget, and the approval of Air Conditioning for the board office. As background for the air conditioning, the board originally approved boosters for the space, but this new solution will be better for everyone. The cost will be around \$25,000 to install.

**Motion 1** – Neil - To approve the new quote for the board office air conditioning. - Doug seconded - Motion Passed

Budget Approval – Some of the high-level notes on the budget – this is an over estimated budget based on a full compliment of 650 students and assumes an additional building. It includes salary increases and RRSP contribution increases for non certificated staff.

**Motion 2** – Neil - To approve the 2022 2023 Budget as presented for submission to Alberta Education – John Seconded – Motion Passed

7. Superintendent Report – Dale – Facility – March 1<sup>st</sup> the board sent a letter to the minister requesting short-term and long-term space to continue growing our high school. We had previously been approved for portables on Stampede grounds, but we have no space to place them. We have been working tirelessly with Capital planning, looking at various options. The options were, Heritage Square, the Kanahoff Centre, and Rosscarrock school. We were told 10 days ago that we would have a choice of these options. We told government that Rosscarrock was our first choice. The next day there was a fire at FFCA and students were displaced, so that put all plans on hold. We have a meeting from Capital Planning tomorrow. We still hope to get Rosscarrock as it has plenty space to grow. The other advantage is that we can put in our portables there without any issue.

AB Ed are in a difficult position because there are no facilities available. Plan B is the Kanahoff Center which is zoned correctly and has 4000 ft<sup>2</sup>. DJD is highly utilized in late afternoon, so it may be available in the mornings and there is potential for other breakout spaces as well as several partnership opportunities.

Education Plan – This is the second year doing the education plan in the spring with the new assurance and accountability model. The nice thing about the document is that we can add the things that make our school great. We look at the results in November and we put a plan together for the following year. One area of focus is stakeholder engagement, we do so much in the community that its important to highlight these engagements. Feedback from the Alberta Education has been positive and they are using our submission as a template for other jurisdictions to follow.

Highlights from our plan include, continuing to use the jump math program, implementing the new curriculum, and a focus on staff professional development. We have additional learning supports that connect to the new SLS funding including, more

ERI, EMI, Counselor time, and an indigenous land based outdoor education teacher. We encourage everyone to read the plan.

**Motion 3** – Neil - To approve the 3yr Education Plan as presented – Lorraine Seconded – Motion Passed

#### 8. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – Talked with Nicole Williams and infrastructure was top of mind. The Alberta School Council Association, has been cut again and is now a Parents advisory council including 40 individuals that meet 4 times a year as the voice of parents.

Joe Ceci visited the school today and the visit went well. He was very engaged in the tour, and in seeing the activities in the classroom. I think he learned a lot about what charters are and how we are successful. He learned about our funding and the changes with inclusive education, and the difference between the school act and the education act. Near the end of the lunch he suggested that Sarah Hoffman would be interested in visiting the school as well. In Joe's mind they aren't planning to unwind the charter system and they will continue the current funding, but will not provide more funding for charter schools.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – No further updated
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – We finished the arts panel series with a visit to Decidedly Jazz Dance company. We are always amazed at the depth of the discussions that happen with the panels. We have artists workshops at camp happening this week. June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is the play, May Days are Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> at Knobhill from 4- 8pm and Year 9 Graduation is in 2 weeks.
- TAAPCS – Public perception of what a charter school is has been a big issue, especially since the announcement of the provincial budget. In order to combat that and to look forward to the upcoming provincial election TAAPCS is

proposing the use of a GR/PR firm to take on the bulk of this work. It would also mean the potential elimination of the Executive Director role within TAAPCS.

9. Governance Committee – John – The committee is running smoothly without incident.
10. Social Media - Mallory – Worked on a content calendar which focused on all the things that are happening with the school and we worked on strategizing the summer and plans.
11. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – See Community Engagement above.
12. School Council – Michelle – May Days is the big event coming up. It's been a great event in the past, and we are looking forward to it again this year.
13. Michelle's Stories – Michelle – Vertigo was a fantastic show. It has been a long time for students since performing live. The students had a general sense of sadness and for having lost the ability in the last 2 years to perform in person. They learned not to take performances for granted. They talked about how proud they were of each other, and there were some really honest and profound moments for them all.  
The same day was the market place. Students were complementing each other, and there was a buzz of community spirit. This was very much a marketing success. They created multiple companies working together to do different products. They had a goal to raise \$1000 for Ukraine, and they ended up raising \$7000. What an extraordinary experience for students.

The Board formally acknowledges the hard work and determination of staff and for persevering through 2 full years of pandemic. Bravo.

14. Meeting Adjournment 9:03

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

- June 21, 2022 – Meeting of the Board of Directors