



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 23, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Neil Tichkowsky, Doug Frenette, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod, Anna Murphy

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell, Joseph Girgis, Adrienne Wall, Juleta Severson-Baker

With Regrets: John McWilliams, Ross Pambrun, Joshua Dalledonne

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:07
3. Approval of the Agenda - Considered Approved -
4. Approval of the March 19, 2024, Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved – Add Jim as attended in the Minutes.
5. Special Attendees – The New York trip was a fantastic success. We walked over 73km in 3 days, and many felt it was a life changing opportunity. Students were able to put phones away to experience the arts and the plays. The tour was fast paced and was a taste of New York. Some students hadn't flown before, and as time went on they became more adventurous. It was great seeing the maturity and the growth over those few days. Overall we felt fully supported by EF Tours. We also learned how to curate a trip for next time.
6. Audit Committee – Ken – Met with Cole yesterday, we will need to pass the budget in May. The projected the increase in funding is strictly student based, the formulas are the same as last year. The next few years look tricky because there is no indication on. Student population. Currently we have 597 students, 724 is our projected number, we are 620 currently enrolled we hope to have 650 by the end. 47 families were present from the tour today. 4 applications are already in.

Some budget items include, looking at salary increases for artists and support staff , teacher increase in the fall will connect following a new CBA with the ATA, transportation costs may increase by as much as 47% depending on negotiations.

The government sent us a furniture and Equipment Grant to recover more of the cost from when we opened Rossarrook.

7. Superintendent Report – Michelle – One interesting item was the cultural camp presented by the staff of Mother Earth, hosted at Connect's camp. It was a beautifully wonderful experience with lots of student engagement and learning. We are moving forward with the Dale Erickson Legacy award, everyone has applied. We received our letter from the minister stating that we have a 3 year extension with Rossarrook, they are supportive of us moving forward with a build and they are happy for us to work with CMLC on land. Once we have a location we should be able to work with AbEd to move forward.
8. Advocacy -Ken – Anna has joined the Advocacy committee. Esmahan Razavi is going to tour the school Tuesday April 30th. On community engagement, we have had a number of community members come to tour, including Bow Valley College. For Vertigo, Joe Cowley came to watch the performance as did Erin Park who is the manager of community learning and engagement with Stampede.
9. Capital Planning Committee – Jim – We met with Laurie from Larkspur to talk about strategic planning for CAA. We would like to look at our project charter, in terms of a new facility. What do we need to do to get it done, how much time, and what kind of facility. We have Rossarrook for next 3 years. We are comfortable there, but time will be of the essence. It will be at least 2.5-3 years to build something. Laurie will put forward with a quote. There is potential to do more than just a school with the site. How do we open things up for the community to use a facility.
10. Governance Committee – John – No update at this time.
11. Growth Committee - Mallory – We continue our Social Media strategy. The benefit of what we are doing is how organic it is, we don't think we need to up our spending at this

time. We have amazing engagement. We will connect Doug's colleague Tim to see if there is anything he can help with from a marketing perspective.

12. Arts Engagement – Joshua – No update at this time.

13. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – The SAIT film students presented their capstone project at SAIT which we attended. The VIP session at Vertigo was fantastic, and such a great platform to connect.

14. Meeting Adjournment 8:10

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 21, 2024