



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Arsheel Hirji, Anna Murphy, Jon Yee, Joshua Dalledonne, Doug Frenette, Neil Tichkowsky, Jim McLeod

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

With Regrets: Mallory Graham, Jordan Pinkster, John McWilliams

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim –
2. Call to order – 6:12
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the April 15, 2025 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
5. Approval of the April 15, 2025 Special General Meeting Minutes – Considered Approved
6. Audit Committee – Ken – We met this week to go over a final submission for the budget. There is a lot of thought and preparation in putting forward a budget. Kudos to Cole for getting this one completed. The biggest change beyond enrolment growth was to bridge the financial gap between us and the bigger boards. This resulted in a 5% increase to all staff (including increasing the Teacher Grid permanently).
 - Budget Approval

Motion 1- Ken - To approve the 2025 2026 School budget as presented – Seconded Doug – Motion Passes.

7. Superintendent Report – Michelle – The Werklund Foundation wants to work with us on an SEL research project with The University of Calgary. This is a 2 year program to teach students and families. This will begin next year.

Next year we are looking at a new Highschool Trip with EF Tours, this time the plan is to go to Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris. Parents have already shown a general interest in the trip.

Spring festival on May 30th, it's the community get tables sell their art work, there is music, student talent, sing a song, food trucks, fortune tellers, 4pm – 6pm.

- Education Plan –

Motion 2 – Anna – To approve the 3 year Education Plan for 2025 -2028 school years. -
Seconded Arsh - Motion Passes.

8. Advocacy – Arsh – Met a couple weeks ago to chat about the legislation as it relates to gender identity, there items that will need to be acted on in the horizon, and to give some consideration on how participation in sports and sporting activities. There will need to be a policy for pronoun use as per the recent legislation. The policies will be presented to the board for approval at the June Meeting.

We need to support our foundation to help build up endowments. Jim will connect with foundation with the idea to start to create an endowment. We know there will be capital costs that won't be covered by the government.

9. Capital Planning Committee – Arsh – Discussed different strategies in regards to a property acquisition and working with the government. Procuring a building is a complicated issue. We received guidance from the government. That it takes 90 days.

Motion 3 – Arsh - For the board to direct administration to submit a draft capital plan that identifies option 2 as the recommended option to the ministry. – Seconded Jon - Motion passes.

10. Governance Committee – John – Michelle sent out the admission policy to be reviewed by the board to be approved for June Agenda.
11. Growth Committee - Mallory – No further update
12. Arts Engagement – Joshua – Any conversation around the Mayors celebration of the arts. We would love to leverage the event to highlight our students, as well as potentially have an award that we would sponsor. Josh to report back in June on what that might look like.
13. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Reminder that grad is June 4th 9:30 Year 12s, 11:30 to Year 9s.
14. Meeting Adjournment – 8:02

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – June 17, 2025