



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

With Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch, Neil Tichkowsky,

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:05
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved -
3. Approval of December 15, 2020 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Audit Committee – Doug – The financial state of the school is great. We continue to be in line with our budget for the year.
 - Air Conditioning Quotes – Discussion was had regarding the quotes received for Air Conditioning at the Education Centre. The top two were Trotter and Morton as well as Rollison Mechanical. We will have a warranty in place to manage the maintenance of the unit. The timeline for implementation is during the April break, provided we have approval from Alberta Ed and Stampede.

Motion 1 – Doug - To award Trotter and Morton the air conditioning contract – Jim Seconded – Motion Passed

- OSI – The committee brought in a 3rd party person (James) to review the OSI contract. It was determined that we need to create an RFP with the target date of June and update the current MSA. It was recommended that James meet with Cole and OSI to discuss both items. John will work with Cole to set up a confidentiality agreement for James in order to define his role as it pertains to

CAA and this work. The board has agreed to move forward with this recommendation.

- 2021/2022 School Fees – The Audit committee discussed the school fees for next year have have determined that there will be no change. Our fees continue to include technology, performance, enrichment supplies, fieldtrips, and graduation unlike other public jurisdictions.

Motion 2 – Doug - To approve the 2021/2022 school fees as presented. – Susan
Seconded – Motion Passed

5. Superintendent Report – Dale – We met with Alberta Infastructure and we are now waiting to hear news about portables for next year, and for news about a new building. We hope to hear by mid Februray.

TAAPCS is writing three documents for the minister to illustrate our position on SLS funding, the Superintendent regulation that expires in August, and Superintendent compensation.

For the board retreat, we are coordinating with Alli Masrshall to facilitate developing a strategic plan. We want to ensure it is meaningful and engaging. We hope to complete the strategic plan by May with the plan to have shorter one hour sessions. This can be adapted as we move forward with this process.

The return to school is going well. There are still concerns with the number of cases, and with students coming back.

The minister has reenforced that all charters are responsible for research. Dale is now on the Regonal Professional Development Consortium. Thy provide PD for teachers. They get there guidance from the ATA and have a standard program that jurisdictions can opt into, for a cost. The minister decided that it was time to review the mandate. We hope the

consortium can act as a library of resources. Through this we can share our research with others. The next meeting is in March and we will see what comes of it.

6. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken - The 8's and 9's have been raising funds for Avenue 15 through an auction and have almost raised \$1000!
- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – No Further Update
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – The committee is pleased to report that Dale Erickson has been nominated for the Sandstone City Builder Award. For the founding Calgary Arts Academy and the development of learning through Arts Immersion. We have received a number of letters of support of this nomination.

Josh will be meeting with HS students to facilitate connections to the broader Arts Community. Alberta University of the Arts, are very keen on doing some collaborative work with the school.

7. Governance Committee – John - The committee met last week with Bylaws on the agenda. The recommendation is to use Silvia from Governance Studios to update the bylaws for CAA. Silvia will put this together in 3 phases. We want to fulfill the standards of good governance, while reflecting how we actually work together in a seamless way.

Motion 3 – John - To contract Silvia with Governance Studio for the development of updated CAA bylaws – Jim Seconded – Motion Passed.

8. Legal Report – Neil – In the process of finalizing everything with the court to complete the agreement with Kasian.
9. Social Media Update – Joshua - No Further Update
10. School Council – Michelle – A number of charter schools School Council's have put together a sub committee to address the concerns over ASCA's position on Charter

schools. We have an amazing group from school council our parents are working hard to demystifying what charters are. It is really well done.

- 2021/2022 Calendar – A draft of the school schedule for next year was presented.

Motion 4 – Susan - To approve the 2021/2022 School Calendar as presented - Court Seconded – Motion Passes

11. Meeting Adjournment – 7:25 –

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- February 9, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors