



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Annual General Meeting
November 19, 2019**

In Attendance:

Directors:

Ken McNeill, Linda Fox-Mellway, Joshua Dalledonne, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Neil Tichkowsky, Katherine Taylor, John McWilliams

Regrets: Todd Hirsch, Susan Wright

Administration:

Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan; Michelle Stonehouse;

Members:

Alyson Moore (Guest); Dylan Thomas (Guest);

1. **Call to Order - 7:10 pm** – Ken McNeill – Quorum Established
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Ken McNeill - Considered approved
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 20, 2018 Annual General Meeting** – Considered approved as presented with one adjustment: change to “Susan Wright” from “Susan Walker”.
4. **Presentation of Financial Statements & Auditor’s Report** – Neil Tichkowsky – Met with KPMG on Friday to go over the audit. KPMG gave a clean opinion with no issues or concerns. Overall, the Audit went well. The Audited Financial Statements were distributed electronically to members, and once approved will be filed with Alberta Education.
 - a. **Motion: 2019-11-19-1** – Dylan Thomas- To approve the 2018/2019 Audited financial Statements as Presented – Katherine Taylor seconded – Passed Unanimously
5. **Recommendation for appointment of 2019/20 Auditor**

KPMG was once again excellent to work with and included some great value adds like comparing our school to others and the blue ribbon panel.

 - a. **Motion: 2019-11-19-2** – Linda Fox-Mellway - To reappoint KPMG as the Auditor for 2019/20 – John McWilliams seconded – Passed Unanimously
6. **AERR Report and Three-Year Education Plan** – Dale Erickson
There is no AERR report ready because the government has changed the requirements and have extended the deadline to January. It will be completed by the end of December.
7. **Achievement Test Results** – Michelle Stonehouse and Dale Erickson

The current government are focusing on fiscal responsibility and achievement tests results this year. As a school, we continue to excel in our ability to teach language arts and science with results well above the provincial average. Social studies marks were improved and are an area we can continue to promote. Math was also improved year over year but remains a focus this coming year for both the school and the province. We have looked at enrichment opportunities and what the limit of those opportunities are, in order to allow us to ensure we are teaching the full curriculum. The plan with math is to implement the “Jump Math Program”. All staff will be learning this sequential program. With all teachers teaching it they will become experts in the curriculum. Overall, the results are commendable, congrats to staff who have worked with students to achieve these results.

8. Election to the Board of Directors

Ken expressed his appreciation for all the hard work from all board members this year.

Recommended Changes to the Board:

Positions Held:

- **Chair:** Todd Hirsch
- **Vice Chair:** Ken McNeill
- **Treasurer & Secretary:** Cole Jordan

Board Members:

- Todd Hirsch
- Susan Walker
- Ken McNeill
- Linda Fox-Mellway
- Katherine Taylor
- Neil Tichkowsky
- John McWilliams
- Doug Frenette
- Joshua Dalledonne
- Jim McLeod

- a. **Motion: 2019-11-19-03:** Joshua Dalledonne -To approve the 2019/20 Board of Directors as presented – Neil Tichkowsky seconded - Passed Unanimously

9. Tribute to retiring Directors – Ken McNeill –

Mary-Anne has ended her involvement on the board, and we thank her for her many years of service. Mary-Anne sent a very moving letter which was read at the meeting. We would love to look at how we honor past directors. An ambassador program is a possibility.

10. Adjournment -7:38pm

Position Vote

Board Chair – Todd Hirsch
Vice Chair – Ken McNeill
Secretary Treasurer – Cole Jordan