



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Court Ellingson, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod, Josh Dalledonne, Doug Frenette

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

Guests: Laura Rivero (KPMG)

With Regrets: Susan Wright, John McWilliams, Lorraine Becker, Neil Tichkowsky

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History - Jim
2. Call to order – 6:32
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of October 18, 2022 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil
 - Approval of 2022 AFS – We just met with KPMG to go through the audited financial statements. The video of the walk through is on board documents. Everything looks fantastic thanks to Cole’s fine guidance and hard work.

Motion 1 – Doug - To recommend the approval of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented – Jim Seconded - Motion Passed

- Appointment of Auditors

Motion 2 – Doug - To recommend appointing KPMG as the Auditor for the 2022 2023 financial year - Mallory Seconded – Motion Passed

6. Superintendent Report – Michelle – The Stampede Board toured the school to learn more about who we are, and how we interact with the broader youth campus. We discussed charter schools, our education model and our experience. This tour positions use well with the board for when we make a formal request for the use of Lot 18. The tour was fun, with some great excitement and questions from everyone.

The TAAPCS AGM happened at the end of October. The main take away from the meeting is that we are currently an organization that is clearly divided. There was a lack of attendance from the executive. There was no financial report, or any other report which was extremely disappointing. There were lots of questions about the HUB project and RFP which the executive was hesitant to discuss, citing an embargo. The executive plan to apply for a second RFP, but we continue to be in the dark. This was extremely troublesome.

We currently have a high level of absenteeism due to illness. 34% of students at Knob Hill, 15% of students at Rosscarrock, and 17% of students at the Education Centre are away with respiratory illness. We have reached out to AHS and await a response, but only expect a basic instructive letter to parents about hygiene. The Minister is leaving the decision on how to manage these outbreaks to the jurisdictions. Right now, we can strongly encourage masking, but we can't mandate it. At the federal level the chief medical officer would be against it and parents are primed to fight it as well.

Motion 3 - Court – To send a community announcement from the Board strongly encouraging the use of masks and hand sanitizer. - Joshua Seconded – Motion Passed 5 - 1

AERR Report – The government has embargoed the PAT results so that will have to wait. The assurance portion is based on a survey to parents, students and staff. There has been a drop year over year in terms of our results. We had lower interaction with parents and the external community last year due to covid which will have affected engagement. Student growth and achievement in our programing was also affected due to cohorting

because of limited broader student interaction. Our engagement remains above average in the province.

The idea of “Learning Loss” is learning that didn’t happen because students were absent. While time away has played a part, we are also seeing more students struggle with mental health. We anticipate that our PAT’s will be lower. As much as we wanted to believe that learning loss didn’t affect us, it did.

This year we have hired more early reading interventionists, math support, artists, education assistants and our guidance counselor role has increased thanks to the SLS funding we now receive.

We continue to be in good standing with the Alberta Government. When we meet with our director, we know he has 100% confidence in us and is pleased with our successes. He often describes our school as exemplary.

Motion 4 – Mallory - to recommend the approval of the AERR as presented - Jim Secoded–
Motion Passed

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – A new mandate letter to the education minister from the Premier was released to the public. There were some interesting items including addressing mental health, more support for learning loss, increasing the number of schools, addressing the transportation cost pressure and supporting parental choice. Two things that were not mentioned, funding and curriculum.

Proposition 28 in California, brought in an additional 1 billion dollars for arts education. California has 6 million students and 60% of public students are from low-income families.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – no further update
 - Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – we have a proposal to combine 3 committees into one: Community Engagement Committee, Growth Committee and the Social Media Committee. Mallory will take the lead and book a meeting with the key players to establish a plan.
8. Governance Committee – John
- 2022/2023 Board of Director Nominations –

Motion 5 – Mallory - to recommend the slate of directors as presented. Ken would continue in the role as Board Chair - Seconded Jim – Motion Passed

9. Social Media - Mallory – We did have some great results from the brochure. It was a big success.
10. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Jubilee is in full swing. We only have a handful of staff that have done a Jubilee before so we have been trying to leverage all the skills of our staff that we can. The audio/visual work is being done in house. This Jubilee has the additional challenge of sick students being away. Additionally, our main contact person at Jubilee has been sick as well. We are fortunate that Janice has been helping with any questions Cheralyn might have. We have some great acts. The ideas are fantastic. It will be an incredible evening.
11. School Council – Michelle – Council has helped provide mounted TV's in the classrooms at Rosscarrock which has been really helpful. They also had a successful Halloween dance at Knob hill.
12. Michelle's Stories – Michelle
13. Meeting Adjournment – 8:07

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- December 13, 2022 – Meeting of the Board of Directors