



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Ken McNeill, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, John McWilliams, Neil Tichkowsky, Joshua Dalledonne,

**Administration:** Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

**With Regrets:** Court Ellingson, Lorraine Becker

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History - Jim
2. Call to order – 6:05
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the February 14, 2023, Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes - Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil – The heavy lifting of the budget comes next month, as Cole and Michelle work to piece everything together. We are targeting more enrolment which means more staffing. Secondly the Audit committee had a good discussion about our funding adjustment. Our current enrolment is lower than our projected enrolment this year, meaning we are required to hold back our spending by \$770,000. This deferral will be used as part of next years revenue. In the meantime, we can put this money into a GIC. We will look for one that has a term and can be cashable. We are then able to use that interest revenue for operations.
6. Superintendent Report – Michelle – We met with the President and CEO of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra which went extremely well. They feel motivated to work closely with CAA and Mark is a very impactful person within Calgary. We will meet again to see where collaboration can happen moving forward.

We met with the Executive Director with the Werkland Foundation. They were following up on the impact from their donation. She had some great questions on the demographics and community impact. We passed on that, 36% of our students have mild, moderate and severe needs which is above the provincial average. Our Socioeconomic status is right in the middle. We have above average LGBTQ+ representation within the school. Our program is often sought after, due to our culture.

Our capital plan a letter was sent to the government prior to last meeting. We have yet to hear back. We also haven't heard of any projects outside the Hub. I attended a capital planning meeting with the government and TAAPCS and Deloitte. Deloitte was hired to look at some of the issues for charter schools and capital planning. Once the report is completed, we hope to hear more announcements from the government.

With our growth plan we are looking at 700 students. We will be quite close to that. We will have Knob Hill as our k-3 school, Rosscarrock as our 4-9 school, and the Erickson Centre as 10-12. This should provide a bit more consistence and parents are thrilled with that. The amount of growth that has been done in the last 2 years has been fantastic.

## 7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – The government continues to be keen on the collegiate schools and parental choice in education, while staying laser focused on mental health and wellness. They seem very happy with the fact that 87.3% of all students finish high school within 5 years 60% go to a post secondary institute within 6 years.

There is another new charter school in Calgary called Rocky Mountain Charter School. They are supposed to open in the fall.

We have a meeting with Contemporary Calgary on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – we are looking to get together on portables and see what we can be done.
  - Governance Committee – John – We met March 2<sup>nd</sup> to reimagine the work the committee is doing. We want to establish a skills matrix to identify the strengths of our board members and highlight where our expertise and interest lay. This will help the committee as we look to find new members as well. Additionally we want to establish a board self assessment. This helps identify where board members can be more effective. There are 3 specific projects that we want to accomplish. The most important project is a policy review. We need to ensure the policies are aligned with who we are, and with the education act. Secondly, we want to look at the foundation, look at their bylaws to see if we need more integration or not? Lastly an organizational chart would be useful as well.
8. Growth Committee - Mallory – We had a look at our social media followers, and we have seen a large increase them. Our informational posts have been helpful with this. Moving forward we want to figure out how to manage the actual posting. We are looking at creating more templates and guidelines that more staff can use to help.
  9. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> is the Vertigo VIP night. We hope to see you all there. The show is called, “oh the humanity - sometime the truth is not what it seems”. On May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Cardel theater we will have the high school production and art show.
  10. School Council – Michelle – No further update at this time.
  11. Michelle’s Stories – Michelle
  12. Meeting Adjournment

**INFORMATION ITEMS - \*\* Upcoming School Events:**

- April 18, 2023 – Meeting of the Board of Directors