



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Annual General Meeting  
November 20, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

**Directors:**

Todd Hirsch, John McWilliams, Ken McNeill, Susan Wright, Katherine Taylor, Neil Tichkowsky, Mary Anne Desmeules

**Regrets:** Al Wahlstrom; Linda Fox-Mellway

**Administration:**

Dale Erickson; Janice Nigh; Cole Jordan; Dylan Thomas; Michelle Stonehouse, Rhonda Morrison;

**Members:**

Joan Widen (School Council); James Graham (School Council); Miranda Stacey (KPMG); Dan Adams(KPMG); Zoë Fullen(Guest); Joshua Dalledonne(Guest); Charlotte Nixon(Guest)

1. **Call to Order - 7:15 pm** – Todd Hirsch – Quorum Established
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Todd - with no objections to the Agenda, it is considered approved as presented.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 21, 2017 Annual General Meeting** – With no objections to the minutes of November 22, 2016, it is considered approved as presented.
4. **Presentation of Financial Statements & Auditor's Report** – Ken McNeill  
Dan Adams, and Miranda Stacey of KPMG discussed the results of the 2017/18 audit at the November 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting prior to the AGM. Miranda had also met with Dale and Cole on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November to go over the report in more detail. They are happy to report that CAA received a clean audit. The Audited Financial Statements were distributed electronically to members, and once approved will be filed with Alberta Education.
  - a. **Motion: 2018-11-20-1** – Susan - To approve the 2017/2018 Audited financial Statements as Presented – John seconded – Passed Unanimously
5. **Recommendation for appointment of 2018/19 Auditor**  
KPMG was once again excellent to work with.
  - a. **Motion: 2018-11-20-2** – Ken - To reappoint KPMG as the Auditor for 2018/19 –Mary Anne seconded - Passed Unanimously

6. **AERR Report and Three-Year Education Plan** – Michelle Stonehouse  
Michelle shared the results and highlights of the Annual Education Results Report and Three-Year Education Plan. These important documents include results from parent surveys. Based on those surveys, the biggest area of improvement is communicating the skills that students are learning within their projects. Highlighted in the report this year is the research that the school is engaged with. There are currently three projects in progress, two in partnership with the University of Calgary, and a third with Suzuki charter school.
  
7. **Achievement Test Results** – Dale Erickson  
Dale shared the results from the provincial achievement tests. Language arts continues to be a strong point for the school with above average scores. The biggest increase from last year was Science, where 94% of students were graded as acceptable compared to the provincial average of 78% acceptable. Math was low province wide, and is CAA's biggest opportunity for improvement, with social studies landing on par with the rest of the province. Overall the student achievement was 77.2% acceptable vs 73.6% acceptable provincially, which shows the effectiveness of arts immersion in education.
  
8. **Election to the Board of Directors**  
Todd Hirsch expressed his appreciation for his position as Board Chair, and thanked Ken for stepping into the Vice President role to help manage the day to day operations of the board.

### Recommended Changes to the Board:

#### Positions Held:

- **Chair:** Todd Hirsch
- **Vice Chair:** Ken McNeill
- **Treasurer & Secretary:** Ken McNeill
- **School Council Representative:** Joan Widen

#### Board Members:

- Todd Hirsch
- Susan Walker
- Ken McNeill
- Mary Anne Desmeules
- Linda Fox-Mellway
- Katherine Taylor
- Neil Tichkowsky
- John McWilliams
- Zoë Fullen
- Joshua Dalledonne

Todd requested a motion from the floor, to approve the board recommendations for 2018/19.

- a. **Motion: 2018-11-20-03:** Dylan Thomas -To approve the 2018/19 Board of Directors as presented – Joan Widen seconded - Passed Unanimously
  
9. **Tribute to retiring Directors** – Todd Hirsch –  
Todd gave a tribute to Al Wahlstrom, and Paul Knapp who retired from the board this year. Paul was one of the parents who developed the original charter, and Al has been a board member since 2007. Todd thanked them for their long service and wished them both luck in the future.



## **10. Adjournment -7:44pm**

### **Position Vote**

Board Chair – Todd Hirsch

Vice Chair – Ken McNeill

Treasure – Ken McNeill