



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Ross Pambrun, Neil Tichkowsky, Doug Frenette, Mallory Graham, Joshua Dalledonne, Jim McLeod

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

With Regrets: Anna Murphy, John McWilliams

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:08
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the February 13, 2024, Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved -
5. Audit Committee – Ken – Some items of interest from the budget. We have adjusted benefits offering to include \$2000 for psychologists paramedical while implementing a \$75/visit cap on Massage. Implementing this will increase the costs of the benefit program. The government announced a 4.3% increase on funding for education, we will see what that means when we get our funding profiles at the end of march. Its worth noting that provincial student populations are increasing by 3.6%.
6. Superintendent Report – Michelle – We have set up another meeting with Bow Valley College. During the last meeting it was clear they had done a lot of homework on us. They know people with good connections, and they are looking at expansion. When we reached out for another meeting, we let them know about our capital planning grant, they responded excitedly about continuing these conversations, and wanted to book a strategic partnership meeting. Esmail Bharwani, he has done a ton of endowments, and he is who connect us with Bow Valley. We need board representation for the meeting.

With us leaving TAAPCS we need our Board understand the process with connecting with the minister and building that relationship. TAAPCS proposed bylaws state that all charters are members regardless, and that needs to be changed.

Motion 1 – Doug – Motion to approve the 4 locally developed courses listed in the board documents. - Malory seconded – Motion Approved

7. Advocacy -Ken – A group from Arts Commons came and visited the school, which was quite significant. We looked at different ways in which we can partner including space usage, and how teachers and students can be collaborator within their programing.

The newsletter was wonderful again, and the High School Play was fantastic!

8. Capital Planning Committee – Jim – we are working with larkspur to get a strategy planning session going for us. We will meet with admin and them to get an initial meeting so they can put forward a proposal.
9. Governance Committee – John – No further update
10. Growth Committee - Mallory – For Advertising we want to add the bright signs this month to go along with our Social Campaign. We continue to boost different socials and have had great responses. One avenue to look at to gain interest would be doing presentations prior to shows at vertigo since they are partners. If we are able to build relationships and utilizing those relationships, that will go a long way.
11. Arts Engagement – Joshua – Where arts engagement works is when families and the communities get involved with building up other arts organizations. We don't want to appear transactional; we have families that understand the value of the arts and arts organization love that.
12. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Please review the VIP list so we can send invites out.
13. Meeting Adjournment – 7:39

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – April 16, 2024