



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 14, 2023 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Lorraine Becker, Susan Wright, John McWilliams, Neil Tichkowsky

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

With Regrets: Josh Dalledonne, Court Ellingson

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:09
3. Approval of the Agenda - Approved
4. Approval of January 17, 2023 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil – We met today, and there is no real update at this time. Everything is on par on a YTD basis. There were some good discussions within the committee about plans for next year.
6. Superintendent Report – Michelle – The mental health project with Connect Charter is underway with staff and students already accessing accounts. The relief staff have felt with this help for their students was palpable. We are happy with the integration with students.

I attended a Calgary superintendents meeting. At the end of the conversation, we briefly went around to see who was interested in participating the Hub Concept. Almadina, Connect, FFCA, Classical, STEM was all interested in it for space reasons. As it currently exists that we don't see ourselves using it as an option in the near future.

Motion 1 – Jim – The Calgary Arts Academy are not in support of pursuing the Hub concept as a solution for classroom space at this time – Jim Doug Seconded – Motion Passed

As it stands with out capital plan, portables have previously been approved and will look at using those in the future. We want to wait to hear about the new build before pursuing anything else. We have had good discussions with Alberta Ed, and they know that we have a short window to build.

Motion 2 – Lorraine – Motion to approve the following high school courses; dance, creative writing and publishing, and leadership in the arts. These courses will be available for the next 3 years. - Susan seconded – Motion Passed

We have decided to move our year 8s and 9s to Rosscarrock next year for a number of reasons. We want to ensure that government see a high facility usage rate and waitlist for all our grades. With transportation, it will reduce riding times by 30 minutes each way. This provides a level of consistency for families for the foreseeable future, until we get our new facility. The second component for is we want to ensure students are using TransAlta building. Students aren't using the space as much as we could this year, and we don't want to lose the space. One option for this is to bring students over each day to use these professional studios using a bus of our own. We are looking to take steps to research what this might cost and what all would be involved with this. A full analysis is forthcoming.

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations – Ken – President of the Alberta Philharmonic is coming to the Erickson Centre to do a tour on March 1st
- Governance Committee – John – There is a committee meeting scheduled for the beginning of March.
- Growth Committee - Mallory – Last meeting we went through our tactics and objectives. Since then, we have done a number school tours for all grades. There has been great reach achieved through our social media campaigns. The Knob

Hill community brochure was sent out to 2500 homes. We have more tours coming up as well that we will post about as well.

- TAAPCS – Lorraine – I went to the priorities committee meeting in which there was little interaction and not much accomplished. The current governance needs work as currently the Executive is not obligated to listen to the Priorities Committee. There is an opportunity to comment on the bylaws. TAAPCs executive are saying they have the mandate, and the Hub concept follows that mandate, but communication on it is lacking. Deloitte won the RFP to discuss capital planning needs from all charter schools. They are saying they will consult with each of us. Overall, there are two items to engage in. The first is the consultation with the government on our capital need. The second is getting the governance right, as there no accountability.
8. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – A meeting and Tour has be organized with the Foundation and the Werkland group to show how their past contributions have been used and how it has benefited the community. We would love additional support. Vertigo is coming up soon, and the planning for grad continues.
 9. School Council – Michelle - No further update at this time.
 10. Michelle’s Stories – Michelle
 11. Meeting Adjournment

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- March 21, 2023 – Meeting of the Board of Directors