



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 21, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Doug Frenette, Court Ellingson, Lorraine Becker, Neil Tichkowsky, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod,

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Dale Erickson, Cheralyn Doell

Guests: Christy Ford (School Council), Torin (Governance Committee), Nancy Wiswell (Foundation), Andy Wiswell (Foundation), Laura Bicknell (Foundation), Brett Taylor (Audit Committee)

With Regrets: Susan Wright, John McWilliams, Josh Dalledonne

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:11
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of May 17, 2022 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors, Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil – With a receiving a new facility, and decision-making needing to be quick, we would like to table a motion allowing administration to make purchases and improvements at the Rosscarrock campus up to \$100,000. Internal supports include collecting quotes and regular progress reports to the chair. The second item is in regard to the quotes presented for painting and sound baffling. With the painting contract we had 4 quotes, and we would like to go with the company we have used before as we trust their work. With the sound baffling, we plan to start with the KH panels to confirm effectiveness before proceeding with the EC.

Motion 1 – Neil – To Approve a Standing allowance of \$100,000 for Rosscarrock and to have some leniency for tendering contracts. Doug Seconded – Motion Passed

Motion 2 – Neil – To Approve the Painting Quote and Sound Baffling Quotes as presented -
Doug Seconded– Motion Passed.

Lastly, after the last Audit, we had looked at fees and were exploring if there are cheaper options for schools of comparable size. After consulting with the other charters schools, we know that we are on par with what others are paying and are recommending continuing with KPMG.

6. Superintendent Report – Dale – The Government has announced that we are receiving Rosscarrock school. It has a great playfield and play structure and a capacity of over 400 students. We are thrilled to have this site. A letter went out to community stating how the grades will work next year with Knobhill hosting k-3, Rosscarrock hosting 4-7, and the Education Centre hosting grades 8-12. It means a total reorganization, with new timetables, new staff assignments, additional staff, new transportation plan. We have contractors in place to start work as soon as we can. The approved spring budget has changed and there is a lot of work to be done. We need phones, internet, security, painting, repairs, but we potentially have some government support of around 100k based on enrollment. We intend to grow at a moderate level to ensure we can manage the growth. We have a two-year lease.

The new facility on Stampede grounds is still on track. We ordered a land study at lot 18 to see if there is contamination for site planning. We met with stampede to discuss the site plan, and they were very supportive.

The community association president for the Rosscarrock community has been incredibly supportive and posted the news on their Facebook page. We have a meeting with them next week.

Our high school students put on the The Laramie Project which was a great success. It was a sensitive subject matter and was open to the public. There could have been a lot of reaction from it. The performance was fantastic, and a lot of the audience was ill-of-ease

but by the time it was over, but everyone knew that our kids were together and united. Guests and parents seemed to leave happy with no negative feedback. It was a great experience for our students.

Congratulations to Dale, who has had a heck of a year, dealing with COVID, getting SLS funding, and the addition of the Rosscarrock campus.

TAAPCS members approved the proposal for a special assessment of which CAA was the only dissenting voice. It means we will be charged an additional fee of \$3000 this year that will go towards a GR/PR firm that will assume the ED role. We just felt there was a lack of specific oversight in regard to the proposal.

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken –

The ATA settled with the government an increase of .5% for the current year 1.25% 2023 fiscal year and 2% increase for the 2024 fiscal year. We will be following through with that increase.

Sarah Hoffman went to Aurora and tweeted out how much fun they had and a thank you to all staff. The best advocacy we have is getting ministers to see the schools.

- Capital Plan/Infustructure Committee – Jim – No Further Update
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – Next years graduation will be at the same location. Our Highschool students are getting an opportunity to work with the Board of governors at Glenbow Museum. Thanks to Jim for set that up.

8. Governance Committee – John – No further update.

9. Social Media - Mallory - We will start working on the recruitment strategy. We want to leverage existing content. We also want to document the process of getting Rosscarrock ready. Hearing that community association wants to help will only amplify our

announcement. We will touch base with other community groups to help broaden the reach.

10. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Year 9’s complete an exit project every year, and this year there is a charity concert on June 27 at 6pm. All the songs picked represent time spent here and all proceeds will be donated to the foundation.
11. School Council – Michelle – School Council finished work on an outdoor classroom at Knobhill. Maydays felt like the community was back again. Everyone interacting again, they stayed to the end and helped clean up, and the kids were so excited. Casino Dates for this year are Dec 17th and Dec 18th. This is Christy last year as chair as she is accepted a position as a visual artist for the elementary site and Rosscarrock.
12. Foundation – Andy - it is very exciting to see the continued growth of the school. The foundation is looking to see how they can continue to support the great work. We are looking to recruit new Foundation board members
13. Michelle’s Stories – Michelle -
14. Meeting Adjournment

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- September 20, 2022 – Meeting of the Board of Directors