



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, John McWilliams, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, Neil Tichkowsky, Katherine Taylor, Josh Dalledonne

Administration: Michelle Stonehouse, Janice Nigh, Cole Jordan, Dale Erickson, Kevin Loftus

With Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch, Court Ellingson

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:00 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of September 15, 2020 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Audit Committee – Neil – Current financials are looking balanced for September. We received the first half of the federal funding which has been allocated to a new teacher, two early math interventionist, a new security person, and additional transportation costs, among other things.

KPMG have begun the annual Audit with the Audit Committee meeting on November 9th to discuss their findings. Brett Taylor from Maywer has agreed to join the committee while we continue to search for our second external member.

5. Superintendent Report – Dale – The finalized student enrolment is 470 FTE. Our concern continues to be safety and security of our staff and students. With that in mind we are adding an additional space on the stampede grounds due to AHS's limit of 50 students in a studio. Our 8/9s will move to the new space, which was previously where the Young Canadian had rehearsed. We have used some of the federal money for increased security for the building. This will provide more space for students to distance

properly. We are thankful that the stampede has made it available to us. We feel we are more prepared for any change.

Our School has decided not to have students at the grade 6 level do achievement tests this year.

OSI has been filling in the gaps with our technologist stepping away from the school. We have a clear understanding of what technology we are using, and are putting together a technology plan to see what ratio would be most beneficial to students.

TAAPCS has a Annual General Meeting of TAAPCS. The Draft Agenda has been completed. If you are able to attend, please send Cole an Email. At that meeting we are reporting on Progress that have been made for the year. The New Humble Charter School has been approved, with 2 other applications in right now. TAAPCS has a meeting with the Deputy Minister to discuss SLS funding and equity amongst all public schools. Charter schools previously have not receive IMR Funding. We made applications for 2 schools to receive this funding, which they have granted for CAPE and denied for CAA. These talks continue. AB Ed have asked for a review of those charters with the 15yr renewal in order provide more information to the minister. We were to be consulted on how this would be created and that has not occurred. A letter has gone to the Deputy Minister regarding this.

Jubilee has been canceled this year at the theater, but we are looking at other ways to celebrate. Each cohort would create a short video and accompany it with a video. Shares what we do.

6. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – The UCP just finished their policy convention, coming from that was a focus on STEM as well as potentially splitting the ATA to become a separate union body and a professional body.
- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – No further update at this time.

- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – Year 10's are connecting with Calgary Reads as a field trip this fall. Otherwise its been very quiet. Arts organizations are beginning to stabilize and looking for opportunities for this next season. They should be more open to High School curriculum discussions.
7. Governance Committee – John – The Nominations Sub-Committee met last week, to discuss re-election in November, and everyone is seeking re-appointment to the board, and the board recommends their appointment. The other issues discussed were diversity on the board. When we move into our strategic planning process, more discussions on this will occur. Jim has identified a number of people that may be great resources for helping in this area. It would be nice to find some alumni to join a committee or move into the board role. It was discussed that we need a board retreat so we are looking at a potential date early in the new year.
 8. Legal Report – Neil – No further update at this time.
 9. Social Media Update – Joshua – Kevin has done an awesome job and the new Website. It is LIVE. Kudos on all the great work .
 10. School Council – Michelle – Council is doing very well, they have their AGM next Tuesday, and there are good people lined up to fill positions. Our Chair is active, positive, and checking in on the parent community, which has been helpful with parents. They are very supportive of staff, as they treated staff with lunch for PD and a little plant for everyone.
 11. Meeting Adjournment – 7:25

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- November 17, 2020 – Meeting of the Board of Directors
- November 17, 2020 – Annual General Meeting