



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda**

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

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

With Regrets: Linda Fox-Mellway, Todd Hirsch, Katherine Taylor

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:03
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of January 19, 2020 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Audit Committee – Neil – We met this afternoon and reviewed the financials. We are in a pandemic year and our fiscal position is strong. The OSI contract has been adjusted to further protect CAA in terms of liability. An RFP is being developed with a completion date of July 1. We are awaiting approval from the government and Stampede to move forward with the addition of AC at the education centre.
5. Superintendent Report – Dale – We are still working with AB ED and infrastructure. There is a new Deputy Minister, so there will be delays while he gets up to speed. There are 3 charter schools that are waiting to see how Alberta Ed will address their space issue. The budget is coming out in February which will determine next years finances.

The Minister continues to meet with TAAPCS to discuss SLS funding amongst other things. She has also now asked to meet with Superintendents and Board Chairs.

Michelle – CAA needs a motion to acquire curriculums from other jurisdictions. These are locally developed courses that the jurisdictions have developed. We want to eventually create our own locally developed courses, but in the mean time we want to

acquire these for the next 4 years. The courses are Dance from Edmonton Public. Creative writing and publishing, from the Calgary School District. Drama, and Musical Theater from Rocky View District. Finally Leadership in the Arts, which is only offered in grade 12. These have no cost.

Motion 1 – Susan - To approve acquiring the 5 different curriculums from their respective districts. - Seconded Court – Approved

Met with Ali Marshel to discuss the strategic plan. The plan is for three 2hour sessions where the board will be engaged in meaningful discussion. There will be reading material and surveys sent out prior. The goal being to have the strategic plan completed by the end of June.

6. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – Many thanks to Dale for his efforts with Government relations.
- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – No further update at this time
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – Josh met with the year 10's to discuss connections with the arts community. Janice and Josh talked next steps. We want to provide opportunities for each student to get out in the community. This would be part of a 5 credit course which would include a reflection component and portfolio component that would be spread out over years 10 – 12.

7. Governance Committee – John – We met to discuss the bylaws with AUR. The hope is to set up a individual meetings mid-February to continue with the process. Committee mandates and best practices will follow the bylaws.
8. Legal Report – Neil – No further update at this time.
9. Social Media Update – Joshua – No further update at this time.
10. School Council – Michelle – The last council meeting approved funding for the projector at the Education Center Gym, as well as \$8750 for new technology. The

council has also been running a babysitting courses and a home alone course for students. They are also looking at planning for future fundraising opportunities.

11. Meeting Adjournment 6:49

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- March 16, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors