



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 15, 2020 Meeting Agenda**

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

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

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:04
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of November 17, 2020 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Considered Approved
4. Approval of November 17, 2020 minutes of Special Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved

The Jubilee video was fantastic and everyone should be proud of the hard work and final results. It was really great to see the personalities of students coming through. The school has received lots of positive feedback.

5. Audit Committee – Doug – We met as a committee and our financial position is very strong. The 2 new members are fantastic and have provided some great input already.
 - Air Conditioning Quote – We received an initial quote for air conditioning at the education centre from Rollison Mechanical Contractors. In the original build we were able to add AC to the gym but not the rest of the building. The south facing rooms get very hot through the spring and summer, and when looking at a long term plan for building utilization, it would be necessary to have AC. This would give more opportunity to rent out over 12 months. We will need permission from

the government to use reserves for this. The board agreed to move forward with obtaining 2 additional quotes including one from Trotter and Morton.

6. Superintendent Report – Dale – Last month we had one student test positive for Covid 19 and that forced students and staff to work from home temporarily. We are moving into the break with a plan to offer home learning for all students who want until the end of March. The first week back we are providing staff the choice to work from home for those who are able.

Two summers ago Superintendent compensation was reduced by 40%, the minister had stated that boards can apply for salaries above the grid on an individual basis. We received a letter from the minister declining our request for an increase. We are not the only school to be declined and Superintendent Compensation will be on the agenda at the next meeting with the Minister.

We are waiting on Alberta Infrastructure to choose a plan for housing our year 10/11s next year. We know they are reviewing the plans and we hope to hear more in January.

Calgary Stampede has informed us that Warren Connell has submitted his retirement letter. He has been an integral part of our strong partnership with Stampede and will be missed.

The foundation has received a Provincial grant of \$72000 for a playground. Janice and Dale continue to discuss with Stampede to get it put into the ground.

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – No further update at this time
- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – No further update at this time
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – It has been very quiet. With additional restrictions, once again, it has delayed this project. Sean de Guzman has joined the committee and is very keen to help kids find connections with the help of his network.

8. Governance Committee – John – Jim organized a webinar with Su Ying Strang to discuss diversity and how the Glenbow and the broader community is managing these issues. Inclusivity is part of who we are. The best way to move forward is to include this as part of our strategic planning process. John has reached out to a couple of his connections for support on our Bylaw revision in order to use some of their expertise.
9. Legal Report – Neil – Kasian has accepted our settlement offer of \$40,000 to resolve the dispute. Good news with that is they are withdrawing the lawsuit from all other parties. Thanks to Neil for all his hard work on it.

Motion 1 - Neil - To accept the \$40,000 settlement offer as presented to Kasian – John Seconded – Motion Passed

10. Social Media Update – Joshua – No further update.
11. School Council – Michelle - Council has organized a couple community services to raise money. They sold Christmas wreaths and are holding a meat sale to help families. They approved additional funds to support our annual loonie and toonie drive. In total \$4600 was raised for families in need at our school.

OSI – We have been working with OSI as our IT specialist since Roy left in the summer. This contract formalizes the current relationship, which has been month to month with a budget cap of \$500 per school day. This matches our previously approved budget. There was a lively discussion regarding the liability in the contract and the overall plan for IT.

Motion 2 – Susan - To accept the contract for OSI as presented– Jim Seconded– Motion passed 6-1

12. Meeting Adjournment – 7:27

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

January 19, 2021 – Meeting of the Board of Directors