



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 21, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Neil Tichkowsky, Jim McLeod, Arsheel Hirji, Anna Murphy, Jon Yee, Doug Frenette, Mallory Graham, Jordan Pinkster, John McWilliams

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

With Regrets: Joshua Dalledonne

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Introduction to Jordan Pinkster

Motion 1 – Jon – To move in-camera – Jim Seconded - Motion Approved

Motion 2 – Jon – To move out of in-camera – Jim Seconded - Motion Approved

Motion 3 - Ken - To appoint Jordan Pinkster as director on the Calgary Arts Academy Society's Board of Directors - John Seconded - Motion Approved

3. Call to order – 6:17
4. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
5. Approval of the December 17, 2024 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
6. Audit Committee – Ken – The committee met today to discuss the current financing. We have a few items to discuss. We have hired 2 additional EA's and 2 ERIs to finish of the school year to help support the students. We are looking at fees and there does need to be an increase to the transportation fees this year, our school resource fees will remain unchanged. We are sad to say that our Van of 20 years was no longer capable of driving students, so we had to sell it. We are still in need of a van, so we are looking to purchase

a new one. With a bus you can't remove the seats for transporting gear, and the van more staff members are able to drive.

Motion 4 – Ken - To approve the 2025-2026 school fee schedule and refund policy as presented – Asheel Seconded - Motion Approved

Motion 5 – Ken - To approve up to \$75,000 to purchase a new school van. – Doug Seconded– Motion Approved

7. Superintendent Report – Michelle – PowerSchool had a cyber security breach across North America, which includes data for all our students being compromised. We are following their protocols as well as governmental advisement. PowerSchool is offering credit surveillance, and we will send more communication to families as we learn more. We have cyber security insurance if needed.

- School Calander – 2025-2026

Motion 6 – Jon - To approve the 2025-2026 School Calander as presented. – Anna Seconded - Motion Approved

8. Advocacy – Joshua – Asheel – Last week we sent a letter to Calgary Stampede requesting a time to meet to discuss our development plan and celebrate our success together. They responded with multiple offerings for times to meet. Please have a look at the FAQ's in advance of our meeting with Stampede. The committee will meet prior to the stamped meeting to discuss these FAQ's. We are right in the middle of the youth campus, and our goals align with theirs and the community's. Lots of opportunities for collaborating further.

We are meeting end of February for the Website development.

9. Capital Planning Committee – Jim – See above

10. Governance Committee – John – We continue to look at board composition in terms of diversity. We always pick good people, and we want to balance perspectives. Please

continue to look for some suitable of candidates to add to our board. We think with the new website we should include our profiles on it.

11. Growth Committee - Mallory –Mallory and Neil met earlier, and Mallory is stepping back from the committee for the time being. She will send out a brief regarding the outcomes and objectives and will still be able to support as needed.
12. Arts Engagement – Joshua – Josh sent out his notes, to be reviewed by the board.
13. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – DJD performance is happening Feb 5th 6th. As a result of our last collaboration with The United Way we had a new enrolment to the high school. This goes to highlight that the more we work in the community the more buy in from community we see. Opportunities for an Arts events board.
14. Doug’s Update – Skipping stone is sending invitations out for their event. AI is still a significant issue, in the schools. A professor from the UofC is putting together what an AI audit might look like.
15. Meeting Adjournment – 8:25

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – February 11, 2025