



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, Mallory Graham, Jim McLeod, Court Ellingson, Lorraine Becker, Neil Tichkowsky, John McWilliams, Blythe Butler (School Council)

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

With Regrets: Josh Dalledonne, Lorraine Becker

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. Next meeting in will be in-person.
4. Approval of February 15, 2022 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil – The Audit Committee met this afternoon, and we have no specific action items that need to be addressed. The current financials look good. Most of the discussion was around the SLS funding that we have received as well as the different budgetary considerations for next year which Dale will get into more.
6. Superintendent Report – Dale - First off on the inclusive education funding, it is wonderful that we are receiving this funding and that we are receiving it retroactive for this year. It will take time to address how the school will support those students who are mild moderate and severe. Our initial approach is to see how to provide teachers with more time so they can further individualize the learning supports. That could mean more artist time. It could mean more EA time with individuals with behaviour issues. We want to maintain our culture and focus on teaching all art forms as well as ensure academic excellence.

Budget considerations – With the SLS funding being retroactive, we are receiving more funds than budgeted this year, and we are looking at areas where we can support staff. Increasing pension or RRSP contributions is one option. We are also comparing support staff salaries

with other jurisdictions as well to be sure we remain competitive. Another option is to bridge the wage gap between us and CBE for teachers. We are looking at using the funds to increase the number of artists and education assistants to help get teachers more time to work with students who need more support. The audit committee will prioritize these ideas and more, comparing retention and ability to fund long term. We want to have and keep good staff.

Facility update – We still are without a facility. I am confident we are moving forward with a solution. There will be a temporary solution and a long-term solution. Government have also said that if we find space to lease that makes sense, go out and get it.

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – Since the last meeting lots has happened. The throne speech focused on the ATA and a teacher registry as well as regulatory improvements to help establish more charters. The opposition, responded by saying that UCP are attacking public education. TAAPCS has been very active in the media and with officials. Interestingly, the day before the budget, the Premier held a meeting with all charter school board chairs to announce the changes in which included the increased SLS funding. It was reassuring that he was listening. This change would not be possible without Dale being president of TAAPCS. The Premier also had a press conference today where he talked about the idea of school choice and the competition, and that Charters can't accommodate the demand. He also announced that Aroura would be approved for a high school and that they are working with infrastructure to find a facility.
- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim - No further update
- Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – No further update

8. Governance Committee – John – We will meet before the next board meeting.

9. Social Media - Mallory – The committee will meet next week, and we continue to make progress. Cheralyn and I will be looking at TAAPCS's document on charter school misconceptions as an option for posting.

10. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – It is encouraging with the loosening of restrictions we are continuing to move forward on immersive opportunities. Planning has begun for the next arts panel in April. The Calgary Library has agreed to rent out their theater for our upcoming plays, which is exciting for students. Students will be participation in Nation Music Centre’s pilot music program. Graduation for year 9’s will be in person and at Martha Cohen theater. Board members are encouraged to attend!
11. School Council – Michelle – No further update.
12. Meeting Adjournment – 7:24

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- April 12, 2022 – Meeting of the Board of Directors