



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 21, 2019 Meeting Agenda
Youth Campus – Boardroom**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

In Attendance:

Directors: Ken McNeill, Mary Anne Desmeules, Joshua Dalledonne, Jim McLeod, Susan Wright

Administrators: Dale Erickson, Janice Nigh, Cole Jordan,

Other Guests: Joan Widen (School Council)

With Regrets: Todd Hirsch, Katherine Taylor, Linda Fox-Mellway, Neil Tichkowsky, John McWilliams

1. Call to order – 6:03
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of April 15, 2019 Minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Finance Update – Ken – The finance committee is increased in size with Neil and Doug Ferment joining. Neil will be taking over as Chair of the committee. We are in good shape financially, we are on track with our registration and we have 81 still on the waiting list, Kevin has done a great job with Registration. We are sitting at a bit of a surplus over the year, but we are looking to spend that by the end of the year.
5. Advocacy Committee – Ken – The Government has changed, so things are very quiet as we decide what to do moving forward. Global Public Affairs (GFA) is putting forward a proposal to help to get our high school proposal across the finish line. The good news is that Global believes in what CAA is all about. It is also important to continue to push on the prior government as they are very influential. The Meeting with Global is the 27th at 11pm.

Ken met with a number of CBE trustees this past month. It is interesting to hear their frustration as trustees. For example, the CBE sets the boundry between School and Trustees to be more on the side of administration. Meaning a trustee would need permission to visit a school. The Education Act talks about charter schools with new regulations that will effect us.

Josh is meeting with stage management at UofC and will look to get a letter of support from Arts Commons. The committee will put together a template letter of support for others as well.

6. Kasian Update – Susan – Susan talked about the latest meeting with Bill which also included Neil, Dale, and Caroline Boston. They talked about the deficiencies with the project and he committed to going away and breaking them down further.
7. Superintendent Report - Dale – we have received a lot of calls regarding our application so we have a new letter for the new minister. It will go to Ken for editing. In the mean time Dale met with Jeff Johnson to change the application to a P3 model. It looks like a good plan to move forward. They are meeting with Bolt Construction to see the modular development at Strathcona Tweedmeer. Bibi will get back to us about getting funding to put a plan together for a 700 person school. In the application in 2017 we asked from 450-1250, then we met and changed our ask from 450-600 gradually adding students. Now that they are releasing caps, we are changing our ask again to reflect our long term plan of 1250 k-12. That is in the draft letter going to the new minister. The Education Centre is perfect for the high school setting, so we would build the other school with k-9 in mind. The board is in agreement to move forward with requesting a 1250 student cap.
8. TAAPCS – Ken – TAAPCS is having a meeting June 13th with the Deputy Minister to discuss the new Education Act, and to ask for more equity in funding amongst other things. Ken attended the TAAPCS conference and has since changed his mind about the organization. TAAPCS was been very productive. There are 2 subcommittees: one dealing with regulations and the other on the funding model. One of the interesting

things is the connections that are being built through TAAPCS. Extremely encouraged by where things are moving. Congrats to Dale and his work with TAAPCS.

9. Social Media Update – Joshua – Joshua followed up on the last meeting where it was discussed what types of media should be used to promote the school. Now the task is to cut down the website to only what is necessary, then we can start shifting more items towards the chosen social media platforms.
10. Short Term Policy – Susan – This will be looked at further in the summer.
11. Arts Coordinator – Janice – Tomorrow evening is the CAKE event. We have had 55 people RSVP which is great. We are also encouraging staff to attend the event. The 6/7's are planning their ILYX even which is a Ted Talk type event that all board members are invited to. The 4/5's are doing their next show case at Dorrity Hall and it is an art exhibit instead of a performance piece. They have self-portraits using augmented reality.
12. Meeting Adjournment – 7:20

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- June 7, 2019 – Graduation Celebration – 1pm
- June 18, 2019 – Meeting of the Board of Directors