



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Administration:** Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

**With Regrets:** Court Ellingson, Lorraine Becker

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History - Jim
2. Call to order – 6:08
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the April 18, 2023, Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil – The Audit Committee met yesterday to discuss the budget that will be submitted to Alberta Education. The budget is increasing by over 1 million which is based off student growth. Our growth committee continues to work hard to make those projections happen.
  - Budget Approval – Highlights for the budget –
    1. Transportation grants have increased allowing us to add an additional route to our parents. Additionally, we are going to be purchasing a bus for shuttling between campuses.
    2. A 2% increase was given to all staff to align with the increases to the teacher salary given after the latest CBA.

**Motion 1** – Neil - To approve the 2023 – 2024 budget as presented for submission to Alberta Education. - Doug Seconded Doug – Motion Passed

**Motion 2** – Neil - To approve the purchase of a 70 Passenger bus at a value of \$8000 to \$15000 -  
Seconded Malory - Motion Passed

6. Superintendent Report – Michelle - We received a planning grant worth \$100,000 for the new building on Stampede Grounds, then a few days later the event centre was announced, using the land we were hoping to build on. There might have been a land swap, but we are unsure of what that may look like moving forward.

We met again with Contemporary Calgary and students went on a field trip there too. They are renovating their auditorium. Part of the conversation was building a relationship and securing the one-week space for CAA. They want to develop their arts in education program and will provide the space for next year.

In November we look develop a results report which is followed up by an education plan in the spring based on those results. When we went through last year's PAT's with Randy Billey and he was clear that the past year was not the norm. The whole province had dropped significantly.

**Motion 3** – Susan - To approve the 2023 2024 Education Plan as presented – Seconded Jim –  
Motion Passed

Alyson Moore will be promoted to Principal in the fall. She is doing very well and we are excited to see her in this new role.

We need to do some work at Rosscarrock to provide more teaching space. Adding 2 walls and removing another. One of the walls we want to add is a divider wall that can open up for more collaborative teaching when needed.

**Motion 4** – Jim – To build an accordion wall at Rosscarrock to create an additional learning space - Josh Seconded – Motion Passed

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken –

We met with Janet Eremenko and spent a little time cultivating the relationship. She has a real opportunity for a cabinet position. She toured Rosscarrock and then we went for lunch and had a great discussion. She asked the difficult questions and Cole did a good job discussing fees, the idea of our boards not being elected, and the exclusive programming within some charters. We represent the community of Calgary. Alyson was fantastic, describing the program.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim - No further update.

8. Governance Committee – John

- New Board Member – Ross Pambrun – is a potential new board member, he is a musician/scientist/nurse/firefighter/etc. his CV hasn't been circulated yet, but we believe that he can add a lot of interesting perspectives to the board.

**Motion 5** – John - To accept the nomination of Ross Pambrun to the Board of Directors to be executed by email vote after the circulation of his Resume. - Jim – Motion Passed

- Dale has agreed to help with the policy review. We, as a committee, just need to get him the right instructions. We are also continuing to work on the Board self evaluation as well as the skills matrix.

9. Growth Committee - Mallory – We are continuing to use social media organically and continue to boost our tours. We plan to have a liaison at each school to help create the content.

10. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – When we look at our Social Media metrics, our Facebook page reach has increased tremendously. We are showcasing work as well as our achievements. With the donations we raised this year at the Terry Fox Run, we ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the country, which is fantastic.

11. School Council – Michelle – The year end school carnival will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. There will be Student vendors, food trucks, music, adult choir, and much more!

12. Meeting Adjournment – 7:47

**INFORMATION ITEMS - \*\* Upcoming School Events:**

- Year 9 and Year 12 Graduation - May 31, 2023 9:30 and 1:30 for grad.
- **June 19, 2023 – Meeting of the Board of Directors - \*\*DATE CHANGE\*\***