



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 18, 2023 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, Neil Tichkowsky, Joshua Dalledonne,

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

With Regrets: Court Ellingson, Lorraine Becker, John McWilliams, Mallory Graham

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History - Jim
2. Call to order – 6:10
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the March 21, 2023, Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
5. Audit Committee – Neil – Cole is continuing the hard work of putting together the budget. We had a glimpse of what the budget is looking like and the biggest change from last year is the number of students and a 2% salary increase for all staff. There should be no deficit in our transportation this year due to some increased funding. If there is a surplus, parents will see a credit for the following year. The budget will be ready for approval at the May board meeting. We are continuing to look at the feasibility of owning our own bus.
6. Superintendent Report – Michelle – The biggest update is the \$100,000 from Alberta Infrastructure to complete the planning phase for the middle school building. We do know that Calgary Opera will not be moving forward with their building which opens up some different spaces on stampede park. We will meet with Alberta Infrastructure tomorrow to begin the planning process.

Our latest capital plan was submitted with the 3 priorities being the new middle school, 8 modulars at Rosscarrock, and Knob Hill needs new windows on the east side and the stucco needs repaired.

We had a great lunch and tour with Contemporary Calgary. There is a great connection with a lot of partnership potential. They have offered 1 week of gallery space a year to start, but we will iron out those details in the coming weeks.

The Erickson center has our lights in the studios and the sound system has been completed in the gym.

TAAPCS: We met with Ron Koper a couple weeks ago where discussed the process around the HUB concept. The communication was lacking, and Ron accepted that feedback. We are committed to moving forward in a positive fashion with stronger communication. There is an announcement tomorrow about the HUB concept and we have superintendent and secretary treasurer meeting on Thursday. There is a planning meeting for facilities on Saturday with Deloitte, and there is a special general meeting next week over zoom to close off the 2022 AGM.

7. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – Met with Janet Eremenko to talk about Charter schools. She was looking for more information and we agreed to sit down again to go over more information. The Inspiring Education document is still an excellent document.

The 2/3 showcase was an extraordinary event. Amazing connection to the curriculum and the arts. It was engaging with the parents and was glow in the dark. Parents were able to create stickers to add to the wall in the gym.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – I did reach out to Lori van Rooijan, who did our visioning a few years ago, so we can revisit what that might look

like. It was a gateway style of project management, so we most likely will need to refresh the requirements then look at moving forward.

8. Governance Committee – John – The governance committee meets April 26th, Jim has brought a potential board member to discuss. The members have committed to creating a board self-evaluation and hope to update further at the next meeting.
9. Growth Committee - Mallory – We had a great meeting about our social media plan. We want to have campus social media liaisons to help with post creations. It is also possible to have student led posting with our high school program. The value from that is that they are sharing and discussing topics that are important to them. These plans will be worked into the budget.
10. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – We are in full vertigo mode, with VIP tomorrow night at 6pm. The show starts at 6:30 Tomorrow and Thursday. If there are any last minute RSVPS for the VIP please let us know. May 15th and 16th is the High school play and art exhibition at Cardel Theater in Quarry Park. Lastly our Year 9 and 12 graduation is on May 31st at Martha Cohen Theater. It will be our first grade 12 graduating class.
11. School Council – Michelle – Council is still working towards their spring festival which will take place is now in June, with bouncy castles live music market etc. We have a very active School Council. Their mandate is community building and the events that they host.
12. Michelle’s Stories – Michelle
13. Meeting Adjournment – 7:22

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- April 19, 2023 – Vertigo
- May 16, 2023 – Meeting of the Board of Directors
- May 31, 2023 - Grade 9 and Grade 12 Graduation
- June 19th, 2023 – Meeting of the Board of Directors NEW DATE