



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 17, 2023 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Joshua Dalledonne, Ross Pambrun, Neil Tichkowsky

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell, Adrienne Wall (guest), Juleta Severson-Baker (guest)

With Regrets: Anna Murphy, Jim McLeod, Doug Frenette, Susan Wright, Mallory Graham, John McWilliams

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Introduction to Anna Murphy – Deferred to next meeting
3. Call to order – 6:00 -6:10 – No quorum established.
4. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
5. Approval of the September 19, 2023, Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Deferred to next meeting
6. Newsletter Recap – Ken –
7. School Trip – Adrienne Wall, and Juleta – An idea has come forward from students to have a High School international trip. We researched some tour companies and found EF tours. They have been in business for over 50yrs, and with a focus of school tours. The best part about them is they do everything for the trip, from insurance to logistics. One trip they offer is a 5-6 day trip to New York City. This would take place over a portion of the Easter break. Parents pay directly online to EF Tours and for every 6 students attending one chaperone would go for free. We would like to host a parent meeting to determine interest from parents. – The board agreed to move forward with a parent meeting to gauge interest.
8. Audit Committee – Neil – Our auditors begin their review starting tomorrow, otherwise the year has started off well.

9. Superintendent Report – Michelle – Randy Billy met with Kim and I to discuss the education plan submitted in April. They are happy with our plan.

Work on the AERR is underway with a current version available on google docs. It is not a complete version as we are still collecting our local results, the audit needs completed, and we need a letter from the board chair.

We had Mother Earth Charter's Maxine Hildebrandt come in and do a PD session with us. This furthers our exciting partnership with them and their culture camp. Our plan is to send students there to stay overnight.

The School Council's AGM resulted in 2 new co-chairs. They are very positive and have been around for quite a while, and it has been a very positive start. It's a new group, but a cohesive group.

TAAPCS – There is a charter school conference next week. After we sent our letter to TAPPCS they asked to meet with us. The meeting started off with them being defensive. Ron stated again that AB ED owns the document and Kelly and him signed an NDA so they can't share anything, so Ken said we will get it FOIPed. Kelley talked about his role. He knows a lot of the players, the system and is generally quite knowledgeable. It was a pleasant conversation, we walked away feeling this could be the start of better collaboration.

We then received an email after the meeting that had a much different tone and was accusatory towards Cole and Dale. We are not happy with this response.

Moving forward we are not prepared to pay fees if they can't better explain their actions. At the AGM we are a voting Members and will see what comes of the elections.

10. Advocacy

- Government Relations Committee – Ken – The tour with Mayor Gondek went really well. Court has also let us know of a potential meeting with education critic

Rakhi Pancholi, and that maybe she would like to see the CAA, so we hope to arrange that.

- Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim – We had the meeting with Global, and we are still determining what work can be done with the 100k. We will be sending a letter to the minister with our ask. We still need to determine where we stand with the Stampede and should explore meeting with CMLC.

11. Governance Committee – John – The Letter was sent to TAAPCS we will see their response.
12. Growth Committee - Mallory – No Update at this time.
13. Arts Engagement – Joshua – Mayor celebration of the Arts is tomorrow, and we are looking forward to going there.
14. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – We are full force into jubilee planning. The new theme is the Art of Community and is the guiding theme to learning contracts and the jubilee performance. We continue to move forward with the leadership in the arts program. The big piece for Jube, is the VIP list, donors, community partners. It is the biggest showcase of Arts Immersion learning and is a great chance to invite new people.

Grad is booked at the Martha Cohen again. We had hoped for Heritage park again, but that won't work this year so we are searching for a new a banquet location.

15. School Council – Michelle – Council is planning the big Halloween Dance. They have also offered to pay for staff dinner for Jubilee which is wonderful.
16. Michelle's Stories – Michelle
17. Meeting Adjournment – 7:44

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – November 21, 2023
- AGM – November 21, 2023