



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 13, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

In Attendance: Ken McNeill, Doug Frenette, Jim McLeod, Neil Tichkowsky, John McWilliams, Joshua Dalledonne

Administration: Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. This Day in History – Jim
2. Call to order – 6:08pm
3. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
4. Approval of the December 19, 2023 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
5. Approval of the January 16, 2024 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes – Considered Approved
6. Audit Committee – Ken – State of the finances: we are in good shape. We want to increase our unrestricted reserves a bit this year if we are able. We presented the fee guide to school council and they were happy to see no increase except for high school and graduation.

Motion 1 – Ken – To approve the 2024-2025 School Fees as presented – Doug Seconded – Motion Passed

We are looking at putting a policy together for dealing with delinquent accounts. If and when, we want to send to collections, etc. Doug will start on that and send to administration for review.

We met with Janice Boiko from Lloyd Sadd, for a breakdown of our liability coverage. After the meeting it was determined that we should increase our umbrella coverage by

\$10,000,000. This would give us more coverage for general liability as well as more coverage for transportation. We also have Lukas updating our parent waivers for all our fieldtrips and the NY trip.

Motion 2 – John - To increase our umbrella insurance coverage by 10,000,000. Ken Seconded - Motion Passed.

7. Superintendent Report – Michelle –

Gus the bus is running smooth, we want to get a decal on the bus but it needs warmer temperatures in order for it to stick. Gus the bus has been a good decision.

Motion 3 – Joshua - Approval 2024-2025 Calendar – Jim Seconded – Motion Passed

8. Advocacy -Ken –Cole organized a tour and a lunch meeting with Bow Valley College; they are growing fast and moving into some exciting new areas of learning. It was a really exciting meeting and the next step for us is to visit Bow Valley College. There were several areas of interesting potential regarding space and partnership. We look forward to continuing this relationship.

SAIT’s film and production program has a capstone project for students and this year a group has reached out to create a video about our school. Patrick from the Ironwood is planning to host a show for us in early June. March 7th, the folks from Arts Commons will be coming for a facility tour.

TAAPCS – The bylaws were presented at the association for discussion, but it seems to give the executive committee more power and is written more like a governing body than an association. This has created a lot of discussion amongst charters. FFCA withdrew from TAAPCS as well as Westmount. Suzuki, Cape, and Mother Earth look like they might leave as well. Michelle made the difficult decision to resign from her role on the executive as did Ian Gray from Aurora.

Motion 4 – John – We move that Calgary Arts Academy sever the relationship with The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS) effective immediately. - Doug Seconds – Motion Passed.

9. Capital Planning Committee – Jim – We continue to explore potential people to work with the school on a strategic planning session. Larkspur is a good potential organization as they worked on our last capital plan with us.

10. Governance Committee – John

Motion 5 – John – To approve the update to Policy 76 - Inclement Weather – Jim Seconded – Motion Passed

We want to put some effort into alumni, how can connect past students to our current community. Our School has seen great success from our students so how can we celebrate these successes. Alumni are our strongest advocate.

Susan has resigned from the Board of Directors Effective Immediately. She was active member of the board for over 6 years. She always provided steady guidance and will be greatly missed.

11. Growth Committee - Mallory – No update

12. Arts Engagement – Joshua – No Update

13. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Thanks to Jim for connecting us with The Ranchmen’s Club, our high school grad will take place there this year. The students are very excited and have a grad committee this year. It will be exciting to see what they can do.

March 6 is the high school production in the gym; there will be multiple shows followed by high school showcase at C-Space. We are also meeting with Contemporary Calgary for the high school grad exhibit. Every Thursday a different grade goes to Contemporary Calgary for a tour with curriculum tie ins.

14. Meeting Adjournment – 8:04

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 19, 2024