



**Calgary Arts Academy Society
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance

Ken McNeill, Jim McLeod, Kathrine Taylor, Linda Fox-Mellway, John McWilliams, Neil Tichkowsky, Susan Wright, Joshua Dalledonne

Administration: Dale Erickson, Michelle Stonehouse, Cole Jordan

With Regrets: Doug Frenette, Todd Hirsch

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Call to order – 6:01 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of December 17, 2019 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors – Considered Approved
4. Audit Committee – Neil – The Audit Committee met last week, and at this point there are no real concerns. We are in financial limbo as we wait for the upcoming budget. We may see another reduction, which could result in some tougher decisions, but we are looking at creative ways of ensuring that doesn't happen.

- Fee Schedule Approval – We plan to keep fees at the same level as last year, but we are moving the due dates earlier to help confirm enrolment sooner.

Transportation continues to be a cost because our students are all over the city. In spite of this difficulty, it is very well handled.

Motion 1 (Neil) – Seconded Susan - To approve the fee schedule for 2020 2021 as presented –Motion Passed

5. Superintendent Report – Dale – Application for High School is sitting with the Deputy Minister. If he has any questions he will ask. Once that is approved it goes to the

Minister for approval. TAAPCS is working on a number of items which are listed in Dale's report. The association is getting stronger and more cohesive. When we met with Alberta Education there was discussion about and permanent certification for Charter schools. They are working on what that criteria might be. For us, we have a 50yr permanent lease so we would like to receive permanent status. The Foundation is active on the art studio as well as the playground initiatives. With the playground, the foundation has worked hard to put together a design. They are taking two designs and enlisting feedback from students and staff. We hope the playground will go in this Spring.

- 2020/21 School Calendar Approval – We have increased instructional time each day, but have reduced the days in session by one.

Motion 2 (Linda) – Seconded Neil - To approve the 2020/2021 calendar as presented – Motion Passed

6. Advocacy – Ken - A brief history of the back and forth between the CBE and Alberta Education this year was discussed. Ken had lunch with CBE and asked if there would be any support for our high school, to which they said they wouldn't oppose it which is a positive sign. Ab. Ed. continues to say they are looking at a whole new framework. It is premature to assume what it will look like next year as there are still no budget decisions that have been made. The goal is to better manage system growth. More money to the classroom and more predicatability. This could mean they are moving to a 3yr rolling average. If you have substantial growth you may not see all the funding right away. The Minister has also commented that as we work on a new collective bargaining agreement, there is no new money for raises in the fiscal plan.

- Government Relations Committee – Jim – The drum beat right now is tough financial restraints. We have a good story and are compelling. We need to be thorough. The capital plan will need to be creative. There are people out there that want to see us successful. Dale is looking for an opportunity to get in front of the

minister in an organic way. We will continue to book meetings with some key stakeholders.

- TAAPCS – Ken – TAAPCS put together a Business Card and was looking to get feedback from all the boards. We are unsure as to why we are doing this again. The board rejects these business cards as presented as it needs a full re-work.
 - Capital Plan/Infrastructure Committee – Jim - Jim will send out a notice to the team tomorrow to organize the next meeting. Realistically we like the project that we have presented and like the added revenue streams. We have done the right sorts of things in managing what the space looks like after hours. We think there is even more opportunity for revenue with the new events centre. As such, we will be meeting with CMLC to see what that may look like.
 - Community Engagement Committee – Joshua – Joshua will submit a written report. As a quick summary, the committee met yesterday and Janice will take on the admin role in the committee, collecting letters, and the creation of a partnership matrix. This matrix will give us a breakdown of what we are getting from the relationship and vice versa.
7. Governance Committee – John – The overall governance is looking to move forward after the Alberta Budget is presented.
- D-2 Inclement Weather – Transportation Policy – The policy clarifies the roles of parents, staff and the principle as to when transportation will be canceled due to bad weather. Neil asked that we add a clarifying point on when they would be notified by.

Motion 3 (Jim) – Seconded Kathrine - To Approve the updated policy “D-2 Inclement Weather – Transportation,” as presented with one minor additional update – Motion Passed

8. Legal Report – Neil – No further update at this time.
9. Social Media Update – Joshua – Joshua presented the website. The link will be available to the board for further review.

10. School Council – Michelle – Cara is the new treasurer for the council. They have moved forward with the purchase of the new sound system at the Knob Hill location and it is currently being installed. Ken continues to meet with council informally to maintain good lines of communication. We have asked parents to share their stories of success and put it in a format that doesn't identify names. We hope that we can post it on the website as an inspirational message.
11. Arts Coordinator – Janice – Vertigo: We are having a reception and are sending invitations on February 11, 2020. Board members will be asked to sign those invitations to make them more personal. The next Cake Event is planned for Wednesday May 20, 2020.
12. In the last board meeting the AERR report was not complete. It has now been completed and is available for review. Please review and come back with questions.
13. Meeting Adjournment – 7:50pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School Events:

- February 11, 2020 – Meeting of the Board of Directors
- March 4-5, 2020 – Grade 8/9 Showcase at Vertigo