



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 15, 2019 Meeting Agenda  
Youth campus – Boardroom**

In Attendance:

Directors: Ken McNeill, John McWilliams, Linda Fox-Mellway, Neil Tichkowsky, Mary Anne Desmeules, Zoë Fullen, Joshua Dalledonne

Administrators: Dale Erickson, Janice Nigh, Cole Jordan, Dylan Thomas, Michelle Stonehouse

Other Guests: James Graham (School Council), Doug Frenette (Guest)

With Regrets: Todd Hirsch, Susan Wright, Katherine Taylor

1. Call to order – 6:14 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
3. Approval of November 20, 2018 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
  - **Motion 1 (Joshua)** - To approve the of November 20, 2018 minutes of Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - Passed Unanimously
4. Finance Update – Operationally we are on track with our budget. We still want to increase our reserve for High School. Previously we had approved \$100,000 for the purchase of a sound system, but we need to receive the remaining funds from AB Ed from the school build to move forward. Our line of credit is currently paid off. Thanks to Cole for all his work.
5. Advocacy Committee – Ken passed out the Advocacy Report. It catalogs everything done by the committee since the summer of 2017. This is to illustrate all that has been done by the group. We are wanting to build up our name in the arts community. It lists the goals of the committee, and that was discussed with the board to ensure they cover all the necessary goals. Neil commended the committee on the creation of these goals.

- **Motion 2 (John)** – To accept the objectives for advocacy committee as presented in Advocay Report. - Passed Unanimously

Ken discussed a report from 2004 about arts inclusion in the education industry. Arts in education forces kids out of silos and break down barriers and enriches the education experience. It requires visionaries in the leadership of the school. It is an amazing achievement that Dale created this here, and it is worth fighting for.

6. Kasian Update – Neil – An in-camera discussion was had.
7. Dale Contract Update Review - An in-camera discussion was had.
  - **Motion 3 (Neil)** – To approve a \$35,000 bonus to Dale Erickson, for his excellence and hard work during the last 5yr appointment as Superintendent - Passed Unanimously
8. High School Proposal Update – The High School proposal is close to being complete. In the report it talks about short term accommodation at the former Young Canadians studios. We would need to do some renovations, and it would accommodate up to 80 students. We are hosting our directors next week to go over the 3 year plan, and the High School plan. We have met all the requirements from Alberta Education. Dale has a meeting with David Eggan and Joe Ceci and a number of other superintendants to discuss the education budget. There is handout for what we will present to them illustrating funding differences amongst districts. This is the first occasion that Charter Schools have been included in these discussions. Dale and a number of other Charter School superintendents are also meeting the Deputy Minister to discuss other concerns.
9. Arts Coordinator – Janice provided a document illustrating what is happening with each of our partnerships. The school will be featured on the national news for the CBC music challenge. March 13 is the Mayors Luncheon and is a great opportunity to see and be seen. There was a discussion of having a cake event, and the overall consensus was to have it after the upcoming election.

10. Meeting Adjournment – 7:29

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

- February 12, 2019 – Meeting of the Board of Directors