

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 26, 2016

- Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Kate Russell, Ken Dunne, Don Erdbrink (on phone)- Ken Dunne is acting chair for tonight

- Excused: Mark Bograd, Judy David, Scott Mullane, Melanie Holden
- Call to order: 6:15 pm

- Public Comment: None

- Approval of Minutes – Strategic Planning Meeting (1/9/16) and meeting minutes from (1/5/16) - approved by all present- Amy will send to Renia for posting

- Chair's Report
 - Discussion regarding out of state tuition - currently at \$6000 - our current adequacy is \$5534.00/ per NH student- next year this will go up by \$1000 to \$6,534.00/ per in state NH student. Discussion regarding possibly increasing out of state student tuition to \$7000.00 for the 2016-2017 school year to reflect this change and continue with equal distribution/proportion- actually this increase proportionally will give a slight discount to out of state tuition students. Discussion. Kate made a motion that we set the out of state tuition for 2016-2017 school year to \$7000.00 to reflect increased operational costs, increased staffing, and to keep in alignment with in state adequacy increase, seconded by Don and approved by all present.
 - Audio video release form- we currently have the forms on file with each student. Don will review current form to ensure compliance.
 - Landlord update- Mark, Renia and Don are meeting with Joe F. on Friday to discuss possible new building. They have had an initial meeting to discuss- this will be a follow up meeting to discuss possible \$ figures. This information will be reported at the next board meeting. Mark and Renia with the help of Judy did a great job preparing the forecasted budget that was presented to Joe F. for discussion
 - Handbooks- have been reviewed in the past- edits were suggested- have these been done? Don will send updated handbooks for review with vote at the next meeting. Kate and Don as the HR committee will review these in detail.
 - Denise Sharlow agreed to terms that were discussed at strategic planning meeting. She had some further suggestions/questions- this potentially involve \$ out of GSAA

budget- all travel expenses need to be approved by the chairman of the BoT and would require a vote for case by base bases. This will be reflected in contract.

- Community Alliance for Teen Safety – CATSNH.org - located locally- they want to meet with us to discuss options for school- would like to form an association.
<https://catsnh.wordpress.com>- there focus is to: ***promoting safe habits for all youth by increasing awareness of high-risk behaviors, encouraging healthy choices, and fostering community alliances (taken from thier website).*** They will be invited to an upcoming board meeting.
- Amy requested an updated summary report as to updated class sizes and schedules with the start of the new semester. Kate suggested this could help with getting data on popular classes and resource management information. Don will request this.
- Head of School Report -- Mark not available - his report inserted:

Head of School Report

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Culture and Climate

- *End of first semester brought happiness, relief, and optimism with students in terms of difficult classes ending and new ones beginning*
- *Friday, January 29th, we have a school-wide field trip to see Star Wars at the Loop in Methuen. It is \$5 per ticket. Those who choose not to go will have an excused absence if parent calls.*
- *The Student Council has been working on a lot of ideas and activities including a fundraiser to duct tape the Head of School to the wall. They are going to use science to have students' guesstimate how many strips of tape it will take for the Head of School to initially be stuck and approximately how long based on height and weight will the Head of School stay stuck? They will be working with Dr. Neer with that part*
- *There is a Prom committee working with Mrs. Solomons for a school-wide prom. Unfortunately, we offered the seniors to help with this and they didn't want one. So a few underclassmen spoke with Mrs. Solomons and she is willing to help them.*

Facilities – no change

Staff

- *We have 2 new staff starting the beginning of Semester 2 – Ashley Hinton will be teaching one section of Geometry and one section of Pre-Calculus. Rebecca Dow will be teaching one section of Graphic Arts/Photography in conjunction with our yearbook.*

Enrollment and Outreach

- *At the start of Semester 2, we have 105 students.*
- *We had 4 leave us at the end of Semester 1.*
- *2 were Special Ed students who along with the sending school, we felt they would be better served at their sending districts.*
- *1 student enjoys music, but really is a science and technology type of student and is going to a new charter school in Penacook called TEAMS Charter School*
- *1 chose to leave because she felt the school was too small for her and wanted to go to a bigger school in her town.*

Other Information

- *The staff is discussing the idea of changing the daily schedule for the 16-17 school year. There are some who feel the 90 block time is too long for some classes and some of our students ability to concentrate for that period of time. We have been looking at traditional 8 period days and hybrid block schedules. We must make a decision prior to scheduling classes for the 16-17 school year.*
- *Year 3 of the Federal Start up grant is ready to be used. Renia and I would like to discuss how to balance using the money for the rest of this year along with money needed for the move and into the possible new building.*
- *We had 3 seniors finish all of their course requirements for graduation – Congratulations to Shelby Brucato, Samantha Labrecque, and Phoenix Dow. They will officially graduate on June 4th with the rest of their class.*

- Budget Committee Report – Don updated bank balances as provided by Renia. All bills have been paid for January. Two bills are being reviewed by Don at this time- no further information available. Next adequacy 2/1- should have \$ with in 2-3 weeks.
- Fundraising Update – Renia’s report (reviewed by Don as this was sent to his email)
 - Renia will be sending out email on Thursday with updated \$ total for the poker night totals.
 - Actively working to drive home the importance of family giving, art fees and gala. Gala ticket sales are low- need to push this.
 - Out of State tuition - \$3600.00 outstanding - some students are on a payment plan.
- Enrollment process has been updated on the website.

Kate made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91- A: 1-3- 7:35 pm

- Return to open session- 8:40 pm
- Ken discussed meat raffle- still looking for donations and working out details.
- Adjourn: 8:45 pm- approved by all

Next meeting date - Thursday 2/4/16 @ 6pm