

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 27, 2015

Granite State Arts Academy nurtures creative thinkers, active citizens, and independent learners with a curriculum that integrates the arts and academics. Our Vision is a high school that is dedicated to the arts. It will appeal to a broad cross section of students who are looking to discover the joy and transformational power of the arts and those interested in pursuing the arts in a professional setting. Our academic courses will strive to instill a sincere lifelong desire to learn. Students will explore real world problems, simultaneously developing cross-curriculum skills while working in small collaborative groups. During their time at GSAA students will attend art classes each day and will study at least two of the following studies: Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts. This will allow for personalized learning, creating conditions where students' talents can flourish. This positive approach to educating will empower students to dream and create every day.

- Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Mark Bograd, Ken Dunne, Kate Russell, Don Erdbrink, Melanie on phone for partial time
- Excused: Scott Mullane, Judy David
- Call to order: 6:06 pm
- Public Comment- None
- Approval of Minutes- October 13, 2015- Ken made a motion to approve- seconded by Melanie and approved by all. Amy will send to Renia for posting

- Chair's Report
 - Protocols- Don will resend, some adjustments made- Please review to vote on the next meeting. These have been sent to legal for review.
 - Processes to support the Handbook policies re attendance/safety / Board or HOS?
 - Policies approved by board and process is carried out by the HOS and admin. staff.
 - Board as Shadow of HOS? Suggest by a parent
 - Discussed
 - May be an option for parents if they are interested
 - Ken- discussed that this might distract from duties, confidentiality may be an issue
 - Mark is very open to this option
 - Mark will develop an outline of a potential day
 - Mark will reach out to the parent who suggested this.
 - Potential "day in the life of a student, teacher and staff"
 - Parent would be willing to write up a blog of sorts to report to the board.

- Deidre – able to bill districts for para duties for IEP students. The districts have agreed thus far. Deidre, Don and Mark continue to work on this. Don will have forms needed to mark tomorrow.
- Audit Update – Auditors requested a time extension to finish. Don and Mark submitted forms/fee needed for this extension.
- Discussed next semester needs- need 1 more dance class (at least 12 students as of right now). Potential math teacher (for 3 classes). Don reviewed the budget numbers that we could afford this but it would be tight but would be in the black still according to the budget. Keep in mind that current budget does not include fundraising/donation money. Continue to ask for family contributions .Ken made a motion to authorize Mark to post for the math teacher position and discuss this possibility of a second dance class with the current dance instructor- seconded by Kate and approved by all. Salary and hiring for these positions will be discussed in the future.
- Melanie discussed that current front desk volunteer might want a paid position- Mark will discuss with current front desk staff and report back to the board- table to next meeting.
- Melanie excused from the call at this time- 6:55 pm
 - After school programing- Don discussed. Melanie and Jenna have been working on this.
 - Let’s play music- possibility of a contract for lessons discussed. This would also give the students an opportunity to perform at their shows. GSAA student survey to be conducted to identify interest. Friday classes 1:15 pm-4:00 pm. Group and 1/1 classes. Some profit to the school.
 - Body painting class- 5 students needed for 8 week session. Discussed the possibility of a shorter class?
 - Jewelry/canvas class- awaiting final #'s
 - Reiki class- Melanie will offer this.
 - Yoga 1 and yoga 2 class- 3 week mini session in December- with possible 6 week class to follow. 4 students minimum needed.
 - Possible wood worker class
 - Website, marketing plan and payment options are being developed
 - Mark is reviewing emergency plans with Jenna.
 - Current teachers are open to offer classes. They should have right of first refusal before bringing in outside instructors.
 - Don will continue discussion with Melanie and Jenna

● Head of School Report -- Mark

- Quarter ends on Friday
- Mark is monitoring grades closely
- Powerschool grading is going well. Teaching staff updating every 2 weeks

- 68 parents have signed in to powerschool.
 - College - NHIA coming in to meet with art students to review portfolios. A few other colleges are coming in. Seniors have advisor with guidance to review common application. Students have signed up for SAT's
 - Second semester scheduling forms have gone out- due back Friday.
 - Staff observation meetings are ongoing- Don has participated in some of this.
 - A meeting was requested by students- regarding respect and cleaning habits. This is an ongoing process.
 - Family meetings will and have been occurring with the student's/parents that are struggling (HOS, guidance and special needs educator)
 - Student government- elections started today and will continue tomorrow
 - National honor society approved- faculty advisory group to be created to create bylaws and nominations. Criteria will be reviewed, students nominated and formal induction will take place.
- Budget Committee Report – current bank balances discussed. Grant \$ discussed (keyboards, spanish books). Next adequacy by December 1. Family pledge, gala and art fee push needed. Fundraising committee efforts will be ongoing. Kate will work on business annual appeal and ask to previous donors. Possible “poker night/non profit”- is being revisited (pending audit and school #)
- Closed Session - Ken made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91- A:3 II (A-J)- 7:50pm
 - New business: Ken discussed a media contact he is following
 - Kate, Renia and a parent are going to a local meet and greet with the community tomorrow.
 - Monday December 21st winter arts festival
 - April NYC trip (Saturday)
 - Returned to open session- 8:25 pm
- Next meeting date- November 10th 6:00 pm