

**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 1, 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, Kate Russell, Don Erdbrink, Melanie Holden (on phone- joined at 6:20pm),
- Excused: Scott Mullane, Judy David, Ken Dunne
- Guest: Patrick O'Day (school attorney ), Renia Radziszewski (School Administrative Assistant) for partial meeting, Jay and Jeanne (Let's Play music) for partial meeting
- Call to order: 6pm
- Public Comment
  - Jay and Jeanne spoke that they were happy to be here and feel mission and philosophy of both organizations closely match. Looking forward to forming a partnership.
  - We have contracted agreement already with Let's Play Music to offer after school programming in January. We need dates- this is in process. Potential information session/workshop on Friday January 8t @ 1pm. Jeanne and Jay will send info to Renia. Renia will post a flyer/info
  - Let's Play Music in Derry x 22 years- interested in hosting camps here at GSAA
  - Spoke about Rock Band camp (10 years old and up with 6 mo prior experience), theatre camps (possibly for the summer)
  - Potential for other camps- audio recording and songwriting camp, dance camp, art camps etc.
- Approval of Minutes- November 19th- Kate made a motion to accept the minutes- seconded by Melanie and Amy abstained - minutes approved
- Renia update:
  - Update on financials- bank balances discussed. No issues. All bills paid. Past debts on service plan and being paid
  - Fundraising update:
    - ebates- goes into the schools paypal account- \$112.79 so far
    - Funding factory (used ink factory)- \$166.60

- Braided Bread- \$234 so far
- Schoola- \$ 203 so far
- Gift wrapping event at bass pro shop
- Margaritas - \$175
- Upcoming games of chance event- Jan15th- 21st. Potential for large sums
- Upcoming Gala March 11, 2016
- Upcoming Spring Car Show
- Upcoming Meat raffle
- Upcoming In house fund raiser upcoming- "tape the principal"
- Family ask letter was sent by Don to Renia to review- ongoing
- Community Outreach for Saturday's open house- Info was sent to Birches and SCS.
- Winter showcase December 21st and 22nd
- Renia excused from meeting at 6:45 pm
- Non public session with Patrick O'Day RSA 91- A: 3, II c- 6:45pm
  - Kate made a motion to go into non public session based on above RSA- seconded by Melanie Roll call- yes by Melanie, Amy and Kate
- Return to open session- 7:49 pm

● Chair's Report

- Update on Auditor meeting- Mark, Renia and Don meet with Jared from the external audit Co. He gave some suggestions, areas of improvement- some of these changes have already been made. We have a clean report. We will receive a management discussion analysis ( MDA) with suggested changes. Our management then send feedback that get entered into the report.
- Strategic planning meeting- need agenda- tabled. Don will draft agenda and send by email.
- Renia still needs quickbook training - Don will work on this
- Some suggestions were made for possible grants now that we have the paperwork that is needed- Don will pass this information onto Ken

Head of School Report --

- Possible part time math candidate- met with Mark and Sheri today. Mark is recommending her. Per Don this money is available in the budget. This would be for 2 class periods. Ashley Hinton . Kate made a motion to hire Ashley Hinton for the second semester of the 2015/16 school year- seconded Melanie and approved by all present. Mark will contact her and Don will work on letter of intent.
- Civics and economics class - some students still need these classes for graduation- Mark reached out to possible candidate and that candidate declined. Ad will be posted.

- Hopes to expand Spanish/foreign language program for next year. Some students are using Rosetta Stone as an ELO. Some students have taken on VLAC, some are in a current Spanish class offered here at GSAA.
- December 21st and 22nd - winter arts festival
- Saturday first info session 10am-12noon
- Melanie discussed after school programming budget for advertising. Awaiting plan form consultant. Would like to advertise ideally before December 15th. Quick meeting Thursday December 10th at 3:30 pm to decide on this.

Next meeting: Tuesday January 5th @ 6pm

Strategic planning January 9th

Meeting adjourned: