

**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 10, 2016

Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Mark Bograd, Don Erdbrink, Ken Dunne, Melanie Holden, Judy David  
Excused: Kate Russell

Guest: Renia Radziszewski

- Call to order: 6:12pm
- Preview of video for gala tomorrow
- Public Comment: none
  
- Approval of Minutes- )1/26/2016 and 2/11/2016- Ken made a motion to approve the minutes- seconded by Melanie- approved by all. Judy David abstained as she has not had a chance to review
- Update by Renia R
  - Current bank balances reviewed- no issues, payroll through August 2016 available.
  - No outstanding bills- all paid up to date
  - Gala tomorrow night
  - Renia updated enrollment- would like to run an ad for 2 weeks - deadline prior to lottery is April 1, 2016. Enrollments accepted after as space is available and for wait list. Proposed options for local news papers presented. This is available in grant. Demographics discussed. Melanie made a motion to run enrollment ad in Derry news including Haverhill run and the nutfield news for \$1259.61- seconded by Ken and approved by all
- Chair's Report (15 mins)
- Update of Status Scott Mullane - Don talked with him this past Sunday- he would like to take a LOA- 3 months LOA to begin today.
- Melanie made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91- A: 1-3 at 6:51 pm
- Returned to open session- 8:12 pm
- Judy David excused at 8:13pm as she is not feeling well

Head of School Report -\*\*\*\*\*Inserted\*\*\*\*\*

**Head of School Report**

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**Culture and Climate**

- **Pirates of Penzance was a great success. Kudos to Mr. Viau and Mr. Gaydos and all of the students for their hard work and dedication**

- Students and faculty are working on a quilt to be raffled off. Each student and staff member has designed his or her own square and the Sewing Club will sew it.
- Sue Centner from CATSNH will be speaking with the staff on 3/11 to introduce her organization and how we can be a part of it.

#### Facilities - no change

#### Staff

- As of March 7<sup>th</sup>, we have 36 applications for the Humanities position for the 2016-2017 school year. The Administration team has reviewed them all and have 6 candidates with whom we want to interview. We have reached out to all 6 and want to start the interview process in the next couple of weeks.

#### Enrollment and Outreach

- Currently have 103 students
- Based on electronic applications submitted and assuming all current students will return, these are our classes for 2016-2017 as of today:

9<sup>th</sup> - 30

10<sup>th</sup> - 38

11<sup>th</sup> - 52\*\*\* this will need to go to lottery as max per grade is currently 40\*\*\*\*\*

12<sup>th</sup> - 24

#### Curriculum

- The staff will finalize the 16-17 daily schedule this week.
  - Course selection process will begin at the beginning of April
  - Our next meeting with Kim Carter is an all day workshop on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The goal will be to continue towards Competency Based Learning and possibly a new grading system.
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- Requesting the approval of the following items
    1. Teacher laptop upgrade - 8 staff x \$300 = \$2400 - can be reimbursed by the grant.- Melanie made a motion to purchase 8 new computers for \$2400- seconded by Ken and approved by all.
    2. Bus for NY trip - 21 people going including chaperones (only 15 GSAA students). The original price was \$275/person, the original company backed out, but we want to still offer the trip for the people who already gave deposits. Therefore we need to supplement \$1500, will earmark a future fundraiser to recoup the money. (i.e. car show, vending machine, spring showcase, etc.)- this was discussed- MArmembers of the board feel hesitation to front \$1500 for the remainder of the balance for a small percentage of GSAA students to benefit.

#### Other

- **Annual State Reports- due April 15th**

1. **School Board – Need names, addresses, email addresses and Term Expiration Dates**
2. **Teacher Salary Schedule**
3. **2016-2017 School Calendar has been formulated based 183 days (3 built in snow days)**

\*\*\*\*\*End of HOS Report\*\*\*\*\*

Fundraising Update – Renia’s report – Poker Night / Gala

Grant Writer update --- Priorities - Don

- By laws- Ken is still reviewing, organizing and revising all current issues of the bylaws d/t multiple amendments that have been made for clarity
- Next Meeting- Thursday March 31st @6pm
- Meeting closed - 9:15pm

Minutes submitted by Amy Sevigny