

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 19, 2016

Attendance: Kate Russell, Don Erdbrink, Amy Sevigny, Mark Bograd, Ken Dunne

Excused: Judy David, Melanie Holden

Call to order: 6:10pm

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes from April 5th meeting- Kate made a motion to accept the minutes from April 5th- seconded by Ken and approved by all

Chair's Report

- Gala for 2017 - current price is for 4 hours, the additional hour will be \$500- Don will continue to discuss with Deb and we will discuss at a future meeting
- Don has received feedback from our real estate attorney and these will be presented to the landlord for review- Don will continue to work on this and report back to the board
- Let's Play Music- would like to lease space from us in the future. Don will explore further details.
- Don has a contact that has donated 4 new guitars and 2 ukuleles - thank you Derek Bedala from Luna Guitars - these will be used next year. Don will ask Renia to send a thank you.
- Insurance options- Don has researched some insurance options with Shawn Caron that we could possibly offer the staff. Don will forward his research on to the board for the review. There are also allacart options available at no cost to the school- the board agrees these would be a good option to present. Don will ask Shawn to come in and discuss these options.
- Ken continues to work on the By Laws and will have them available to the board soon
- New cell phone policy- Sent to the board by email to review, discussed- Kate made a motion to accept the new cell phone policy- seconded by Ken and approved by all

Head of School Report -

- A request for 20 additional chromebooks- Per Mark some days all of the current chromebooks are in use. This would cost \$3,358 from the grant. Kate made a motion to purchase these 20 additional chromebooks- seconded by Ken and approved by all
- Staff evaluations have been complete by Mark

- Eight interviews from over 70 applicants have been completed for humanities position
- Don and Mark will continue to work on this
- Other open positions will be posted soon- Mark is working on the descriptions
- New student orientation was this past Saturday- 20 students were present
- This Friday, current students will be give course selection sheets.
- Sue Center from CATSNH - May 5th- to talk with the staff

Budget Committee Report

- Budget numbers and bank accounts balances reviewed. All bills paid through April. No changes in projected monthly bills
- Admissions: Phone calls are being made to those who have not returned their cards
- 38 applications (16 confirmation cards received)
- 39 (28 confirmed)
- 40 students (37 confirmed)- 12 on the waitlist
- 28 (25 confirmed)

Fundraising Update

- Update from Denise Sharlow- Detailed email was read out loud by Don. plans to meet with Mark for strategic planning. A dance grant has been submitted. Several grants are currently being worked on (drumming artist in resident, technology, furniture etc.) Denise would like to meet with the board for strategic planning.

Closed Session- Ken made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91- A: 1-3 @ 8:17 pm

Returned to open session- 8:57 pm

- During closed session the following vote was made: Ken made a motion to approve future profession development for the HOS and staff regarding education RSA standards in the state of NH- seconded by Kate and approved by all

Next meeting date :May 12th @ 6pm