

**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 5, 2016

ATTENDANCE: AMY SEVIGNY, KATE RUSSELL, DON ERDBRINK, MARK BOGRAD, KEN DUNNE, MELANIE HOLDEN  
EXCUSED: JUDY DAVID, SCOTT MULLANE (LOA)

- CALL TO ORDER: 6:16 PM
- Public Comment - none
- Approval of Minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting- Melanie made a motion to approve minutes- seconded by Ken and approved by all present (Kate abstained as she was not at the meeting)
  
- Chair's Report (15 mins)
  - Erdbrink loan document- loan forgiveness document presented and was signed by Ken and Don- The board would like to thank the Erdbrink family for forgiving their \$15,000 loan and thank you to the guests that attended the gala to make this matching loan forgiving opportunity possible.
  - Gala 2016 recap- Very successful with a total raised of \$22,454 - commision to students was paid from this. The matching loan of \$15,000 was also forgiven and a generous family match of \$1000 for ticket sales for approx. net of \$36,000. Atkinson would like to host us next year. Kate made a motion to reserve and put the \$500 deposit down to hold the room at Atkinson Country Club for March 24,2017, seconded by Melanie and approved by all.
  - Patrick O'Day- our legal counsel. Patrick is very generous to us with his time- he has given us many hours of pro bono time. He has had \$5000 of a retainer in the past. This was discussed, the board agreed that we need to offer Patrick an additional retainer of \$5000. Melanie made a motion to offer Patrick O'Day a \$5000 retainer- seconded by Kate and approved by all. He would also like to offer further consulting and board training.
  - Landlord update- Lease is under review of attorneys- to be sent to Don and board will review.
  - Keewaydin update- the staff and a few parents toured the building. A few concerns have been brought up- these will need to be worked out. There will need to be a solid plan for parking and pick up/drop off. There is some work that will need to be done- walls etc.. We will need 2 teams- one for new building and one to repair current building. The goal would be to get work started asap after lease details and fire inspection is done.
  - LPM after school lessons- a few students are interested. They would like to continue to work with us next year and potentially rent out space from us. Further discussion in future.

- Update on Scott Mullane- currently on LOA, he is interested in resuming his duties- Don will contact him- he could be a tremendous support in upcoming move
- Ken is still working on bylaws
- HOS update- Mark Bograd
  - Climate-
    - Chris Michaud (new civics) teacher has met with humanities department to discuss curriculum- he has been teaching this week
    - Ron Edminston is the long term sub science teacher- has also started this week to teach the science classes.
    - 2nd round of staff observations are ongoing and will be complete prior to April vacation. 3rd observation and review will be completed prior to the end of the year
    - Interviews ongoing for open humanities position for next year
    - National Honors Society Induction - Monday 4/11 at 7pm- 17 students. The group has met and voted officers
    - Weekly bake sales on Tuesday run by student council
    - Prom is at the yard in Manchester, NH on Friday May 20th- tickets are on sale now.
    - Sue - from CATSNH met with the staff to discuss ongoing collaboration
    - Recent loss of Dr. Neer- Mark and adm. Team have been working with students and staff through the grieving process.
- Budget Committee Report
  - Account #'s discussed- no issues at this time. All bills paid through March
  - Upcoming fundraising- 3 additional poker days to be scheduled, Renaissance faire, car show, and parent give for new building
  - Admissions update- lottery for 11th grade was performed and acceptance letter sent out
    - 37 freshman
    - 38 sophomore
    - 40 juniors- Lottery done (12 on waitlist)
    - 27 seniors
  - Denise Sharlow is hard at work on grants, Parent- Kelly Twiss has submitted a grant for us- thank you Denise and Kelly
  - Don received a call from family member of GSAA- info sent to Denise
- Closed Session- Ken made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91- A: 1-3, seconded by Kate and approved by all @ 7:40 pm
- Returned to open session- 8:55 pm
- No new business

Next meeting date: 4/21 @ 6pm

