

Granite State Arts Academy

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 28, 2015

6:00 pm

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.

AGENDA

Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Don Erdbrink, Stephanie Libby, Mark Bograd, Scott Mullane, Jennifer M

Excused: Melanie Holden, Kate Russell, Rene Martinez (staff)

Guest: Katie Sevigny (student), Barbara Deshaies (parent), Ken Dunne (parent)

- Don read vision and mission of school
- Public Comment: Ken thank board for doing a good job “thinking outside of the box”
- Approval of May 19th and 26th, 2015 Minutes – Scott made a motion to approve – seconded by Stephanie and approved by all
- Chair’s Report
 - Landlord Discussion- still in negotiations- we do not have that in writing yet- Don is working on this- per Don we should have this by tomorrow
 - CPA – Judy Edwards would like to join the board- charter, marketing kit, bylaws sent to her by Don. Would be conflict of interest as they are our current CPA- Don will contact her to discuss. (per legal)
- Head of School’s Report (Mark)
 - Payroll was processed today - payment through May 29th. Made possible from donations. (\$11,524) – Made possible by loan from Don Erdbrink loan of \$5000 (non interest) and donations from board members and parents.
 - Finals are being completed and last day is tomorrow. Mixed emotions from kids.
 - Report cards will be finalized- will be a report card/transcript will be sent in the mail.
 - End of year report will be worked on tomorrow
 - Whole school meeting in the am
 - Needs list being developed:

- Power school training (August)
 - Summer hours- Monday 10-2 (tours etc.) Can call email Mark or Renia. Rebecca Dow (sign up genius) For summer time tasks.
- Fundraising Report
 - Plans to increase enrollment- arts market, grocery store days, yard sales, tours, businesses, posting in areas that offer lessons etc...
 - Flyer to send home with report cards- re: fundraising, sign up genius to be created to sign up for summer events
 - Stephanie is working on short term and long terms plans/projections
 - Gambling (poker nights) - November (will be registered for 2 years with the Sec. of State) and then can sign up for that.
 - Duck Race- will need to wait until the spring
 - Gala- planning will begin
 - Summer programming- Stephanie has developed an application for facilitator. Stephanie hopes to get this out by tomorrow – deadline to return will be June 20th, publish catalog June 27th- classes to start first week in August
 - Yard Sale this Sunday 9-2.
 - Pancake breakfast in July.
- New Business
 - Don- After school programming- Stephanie is working on this.
 - Ken Dunne- would like to join the board- he is here tonight: Ken spoke- He works for Heavy construction academy. Bylaws could be changed per legal- this is ok. He has been on multiple committees (budget). Professional human resource experience.
- Closing Public Comments
 - Katie Sevigny
 - Spoke with Mr. Sharlow today- possibly require students to come to class with certain supplies (could word this as suggested supplies). Mr. Bograd discussed fees for certain classes.
 - She will give tours
 - Paint railings going up the stairs
 - How are we going to figure who is coming back- Mr. Bograd has a plan for this
 - Postcards should be modified to say grades 9-12
 - Asked about fundraising goals
 - Gala- consider students participating/going
 - For pancake breakfast- ask for donations of food etc.
 - Suggested more student involvement – Mr. Bograd suggested this this would be part of the community service plan
 - Barbara
 - 99 Flyer's –

- First year challenges- student productivity- she would like to have a con
 - Next year supplies- would like the teachers to develop an absolute needed list (specific).
 - Mark is going to suggest each teacher creates their own website
 - Powerschool- she likes google classroom. Mark explained all of this will be available on powerschool and more.
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- Closed Session- Stephanie made a motion to go into closed session per RSA laws- to discuss contracts, salaries – seconded by Jennifer and approved by all by roll call 7:25 pm
 - Returned to open session- 9:52 pm
 - No public comment
 - Adjournment -10:00 pm

Next meeting date/time/location confirmation: Monday June 1st @ 4:00 pm