

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 30, 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, Kate Russell, Stephanie Libby, Don Erdbrink (on phone), Jennifer Minicucci (on phone), Judy David, Ken Dunne
- Excused: Scott Mullane, Melanie Holden
- Guest: Renia Radziszewski
- Meeting called to order: 6:26 pm
- Public Comment - none
- Approval Minutes from June 23, 2015 (to add that Amy Sevigny was not in attendance and notes were taken by Kate Russell and typed and sent by Don, Ken regarding budget- Ken stated that we get past actuals (change to: in order to move forward with the budget process we need to reconcile past paid bills for the fiscal year 14/15) - Kate made a motion to approve minutes from 6/23 with those changes- seconded by Judy and approved by all
- Chair's Report:
 - Thanks to Stephanie- not renewing her term d/t personal issues and time commitments but is willing to help in the areas of grant writing, writing areas/projects that can be done from home.
 - Stephanie suggested volunteer match site to recruit new board members, perhaps a volunteer chair.
 - All board members should be looking for potential new members
 - Renia will add Judy David to trustee email
- Budget report – Ken Dunne and Judy David
 - Judy David needs more information – quick books etc. – Provided with thumb drive with this information.
 - Looking at historical information with the purpose of formulating the budget going forward. Budget committee will meet when this is done

- Don Erdbrink will get the bank records and get to Judy David for review
 - Credit card on automatic payment now for a negotiated rate until this is paid off
- Enrollment Update - 74 confirmed and 99 applications have been filled out. 5 open spots for freshman and sophomore classes. ? Possible ask the DOE if possible to go over the 40 per grade if needed. Don will email Michelle G. regarding this.
 - Fundraising Report- Renia is present at meeting- participation is down this summer. This Wednesday at 7pm starts meeting for car show. Potential date of 9/13. Yard sales every Saturday except 4th of July through July. Amy will call Brookstone to obtain permission for these and car show.
 - Don received email from Joe Murphy (? Audio recording class)- will contact when after school programs are set up
 - Stephanie Libby will continue to work on grants (will need specific needs- teacher and staff needs etc.)
 - Judy David left at this point 7:00pm
 - New Business-Renia will be working through summer (per previous minutes 6/23/15)

Closed Session- Ken made a motion to go into closed session per RSA 91- A:3 II a,c – seconded by Kate and approved by all by roll call

- Return to open session- 9:12 pm
- No public comment
- In closed session a vote was made to hire Mr. Mark Bograd as a consultant over the summer to develop curriculum, master scheduling, after school development, competency based system development etc.
- In closed session a vote was made to put our current legal council Mr. Patrick O'Day on a retainer.
- Kate Russell is working on a new video- asked board to send her some ideas/feedback as to what they would like this to look like
- Ken Dunne made a motion to close meeting- seconded by Kate Russell and approved by all

Next meeting date/time: Tuesday July 7 @ 6pm