

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 21, 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: Don Erdbrink, Kate Russell, Judy David, Ken Dunne, Scott Mullane, Jennifer Minicucci, Amy Sevigny
- Guest: Paul Sevigny (partial meeting)
- Excused: Melanie Holden (LOA)
- Call to order: 6:05 pm- vision of school read by Don
- Public Comment - none
- Approval of Minutes- Ken made a motion to approve minutes from July 14, 2015- seconded by Jennifer and approved by all

- Chair's Report (with Renia R input on white board)
 - Land lord- still in negotiations- Don is working on this
 - Enrollment- 89 confirmed, 12 pending unconfirmed
 - Fire inspection tomorrow 7/22 1 pm
 - Last yard sale this Saturday
 - EOY (end of year) report done- awaiting district approval and signatures
 - Blood drive this October
 - Car show- September- weekly meetings- ongoing
 - Summer BBQ 8/15/15
 - Electric bill- \$3,100 remainder until we are caught up. \$2,200 due on Friday- Don will put this \$2,200 on his card for reimbursement in the fall or as soon as money is available. Kate made a motion that it is ok for Mr. Erdbrink to provide utility company by Friday- the board agrees to pay him back when next adequacy payment is available- seconded by Ken and approved by all.

- Budget committee – Judy David is in the process of reviewing all numbers from previous year for the purpose of obtaining actuals for budget and preparing for audit. Started with July expenses – matching actuals with bank statement- and entering into QuickBooks. Judy has been in contact with our school CPA. This is detailed and time consuming but needs to be organized for audit and actuals.
- Budget Committee Report – Ken, Judy, Don, Scott- work is ongoing
- Ken made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91-a:3 a,c- seconded by Kate and approved by all- 6:54 pm

Returned to open session: 8:30 pm

- No public comment
- Ken Dunne- is working on long term lunch program- he has spoken with NH food bank, partner with a school district- Ken is in contact with Derry school department.

Next meeting date/time: Tuesday July 28 @6pm