

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 25, 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, Ken Dunne, Kate Russell, Melanie Holden, Don Erdbrink, Scott Mullane
- Excused: Mark Bograd (in building prepping for opening day), Judy David
- Guest: Paul Lutz
- Call to order: 6:25 pm
- Public Comment: none
- Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2015- Kate made a motion to approve minutes- seconded by Melanie and approved by all
- Introductions Meet Paul Lutz- Welcomed and thanked for a visit to the meeting- board members introduced. Paul spoke of his back ground- math/science teacher in Derry school system. Members of church board and Pinkerton advisory board. Retired police officer. Potential new board member- he will consider

- Chair's Report
 - Enrollment update – 108 students
 - Art fees- approx. 40% received thus far- encourage 100% participation
 - Insurance – Renewal confirmed. Retroactive payment as discussed was clarified

- Status of Committees –
 - Budget-
 - Mark has completed a 4-year strategic plan- should this be a new committee? To work on long range strategic planning. Kate suggested a potential survey to our parents
 - Don has worked this week on budget and has sent to budget committee-arranging budget committee meeting time.
 - Family ask planned for September- at open house

- Kate and Scott will work on survey and send out asap to seek out parent talents and skills for volunteering for committees and volunteer positions. They will review with board first. Plan to send a few days prior to the open house. Agenda for open house is in development
 - Don reviewed other committees- it is vital that these committees meet on a more regular basis and we will need our community support
 - Fundraising- Ken discussed the form he created and sent- feedback was positive- he has reached out to step. Ken is working on causevox. Car show is upcoming. Fundraising committee will begin meeting again with the start of the school after car show committee has been completed. Melanie would like to lead a fundraising committee with the students to put together a potential big ask to celebrities etc. Don is ongoing with a potential contact for a donation.
- Head of School Report - Mark is currently working on students schedules in preparation for opening day
- After school program- Don will continue to work on this and is in communication with some contacts. Potential to partner with local music store. Melanie will work with a local yoga contact.
- New vending machines coming (snack and soda) with – 20% of sales. Brendan vending of Manchester, NH
- Budget Committee Report – Ken, Don, Scott, Judy- as above Don has been working on numbers. Judy is not at this meeting but has completed reconciliation of numbers for the most part. Don is in contact with CPA to schedule audit.
- Closed session – Ken made a motion to go into closed session RSA 91- A:3 II (A-J). @ 8:00pm
- Returned to open session- 8:50 pm
- No public comment
- Review of Action Items- discussed
- Next meeting date – September 1, 2015