

**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 11, 2016

**ATTENDANCE: AMY SEVIGNY, JUDY DAVID, DON ERDBRINK, KATE RUSSELL, KEN DUNNE, ALICIA NELSON, ROB SOLOMONS, KELLI TWISS, JASON SWIFT (ON THE PHONE), TONY POLITO (ON THE PHONE)**

**EXCUSED:**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6PM**

**MEETING WAS RUN BY MR. KEN DUNNE (AS VICE CHAIR)**

- Public Comment - none
- Approval of Minutes from 9/27/16- Rob made a motion to approve minutes from 9/27- seconded by Alicia- approved by all
- HOS update
  - Finalization of curriculum requirements discussion regarding world language- this will help meet mission but could accommodate either way. Graduation requirements and modifications for transfer students and current seniors were discussed.
  - Dual enrollment would be encouraged- guidance and administration are actively seeking out contacts
  - Foreign language- Amy suggested that foreign language requirement be encouraged and placed in elective section as an option but not part of graduation requirements. Currently spanish is offered in house and other languages are available through VLAC. GSAA would love to offer more languages if funding allows in the future. This was a concern for many of the parents on the family's facebook page. Kelli agreed with this. Discussed. Many colleges require a foreign language - each student will be encouraged to meet with guidance to map out a program of study. Don made a motion to change wording of 1 foreign language requirement to a strongly recommended elective, changing the elective requirements to 6.5 credits, seconded by Rob and approved by all
  - Things are going well- 5 weeks in. Attendance #'s and tardy #'s look good with new attendance policy. The students are fabulous and are enjoying the structure. Impressed with student leadership.
  - Ribbon cutting tomorrow - 8am-9am. Tony would like to get students involved in this.
  - Advisory and extension periods- process ongoing, going well and a work in progress. Weekly meetings on this.
  - Health class for freshman via VLAC is not going well for all students- Sheri Callahan has volunteered to facilitate this class with the guidance from science teacher and the HOS. Stronger curriculum.
  - Mock elections will occur

- Student elections for student council already occurred. 2 Reps from each class. Mr. Sharlow is the facilitator for this. This went well, great leadership by Mr. Sharlow and the students.
- Teacher reviews will begin to assure compliance with rubrics etc. Mr. Politio has made many classroom visits
- Chair's Report
  - External Audit Schedule- target date first few weeks of November
  - Strategic planning November 12th
  - Enrollment update- current number = 130 kids (124 for adequacy for NH - MA students). 1 new senior, 1 new freshman and another possible senior. We had 139 total students on day 1
    - Budget was based on 150 students
    - Budget has been reworked by Renia, Judy and Don based on 124 students not including fundraising and end of year money. Adequacy #'s only
    - Derry building costs were slightly higher
    - Fundraising plans are in place- Denise Sharlow is meeting with Renia on Friday. Big ticket raffle items, buy a theatre chair. Games of chance planned again for this year. There is a chance for 3 additional days this year- Renia is working on this with Kelli. Gala is planned for March 24th.
    - Projected end of year deficit of - \$27,801.38
    - \$300 Art fee/per student (\$16,350) collected thus far - 53 families- invoices have been sent to unpaid families for suggested payment on this. There is payment plans in place.
    - Discussed low income forms have been sent- this may get additional adequacy money if family qualifies. Another reminder will be sent out.
    - Enrollment event in November (week before Thanksgiving), outreach to local middle schools ongoing.
    - Building status
      - Gary Harris continues to work on music rooms- thank you!!! Kiln room started today. Gary has been beyond generous with his time and his work is great!
      - Kiln - research is ongoing.
      - Theatre seating installed- thank you to Bill Viau and his volunteers.
      - Art Room sink
        - \$3,600 proposal - \$2,676.94 after further discussion. Labor cost and supplies. Kate made a motion that we allocate \$2,700 for the art room sink installation- seconded by Kelli and approved by all.
      - Light system for theatre is \$3,500 (we previously voted for this). Installation of electrical panel is approx \$5000. This system is capable of 90 lights- is this needed? Mike Smith is meeting with Brian Callahan

to discuss and revisit. First show for MACBeth is early November. They will report back to the board

- Chamber ribbon cutting 8am-9am tomorrow
  - By Laws- thank you Ken. This entire document has been reworked for organizational purposes and clarity. These changes are being reviewed by legal. Discussed changes. These will be voted on after legal and entire board has reviewed.
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- Logo Update
    - 20 proposed submitted logos were posted on the board room wall
    - Kate facilitated discussion and explained voting process
    - Each board member- voted for top 3 and the next top choices until the field was narrowed to 2. No decision was made. Final 2 artist will be contacted with feedback and these will be re worked. Jason has a student group at Plymouth State would like to work on this project. This will be relooked at in 2 weeks.
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- Rob made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91 A:3 (A-J)- seconded by Judy and approved by all- 8:23pm
  - Return to open session @ 8:43pm
  - Rob made a motion to seal closed session meeting minutes- seconded by Judy and approved by all
  - New Business- assign terms to new members
    - Kelli Twiss- term through September 2018
    - Alicia Nelson- term through September 2018

Next meeting date- October 25th @ 6pm

Meeting closed @ 8:48pm