

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 6th, 2016

ATTENDANCE: AMY SEVIGNY, ANTHONY POLITO, KATE RUSSELL, KELLI TWISS, ROB SOLOMONS, DON ERDBRINK, JASON SWIFT (ON THE PHONE), KEN DUNNE, DEIRDRE SMITH (STAFF REPRESENTATIVE)

EXCUSED: JUDY DAVID, ALICIA NELSON

GUEST: , PATRICK O'DAY (PARTIAL MEETING), BILL VIAU (PARTIAL MEETING)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 PM. MR. KEN DUNNE TO RUN THE MEETING

- Public Comment-
 - Bill Viau would like to host theatre guild at GSAA in the Spring (regional site). Discussed. Technical director has been into explore the space and was satisfied
 - March 25th
 - Preparation would begin now
 - Festival- 6-8 schools perform all day with opening, our students would host.
 - Costs associated are minimal - we would need a nurse on site, we may need a police detail. We would need to provide food but will be reimbursed.
 - Our students will be participating in one of the regional festivals
 - Leadership opportunities for our students
 - Bill will need to prepare information regarding our venue for January meeting.
 - Would need parent volunteers
 - Rob made a motion that GSAA host the NH regional theatre guild- seconded by Kelli and approved by all
- Approval of Minutes from November 15th meeting- Ken made an amendment to correct names in the vote for donated equipment. Corrected. Don made a motion to approve corrected minutes, seconded by Rob and approved by all. Sent to Renia Radziszewski for posting
- Don made a motion to go out of public session and into executive session to meet with legal counsel Mr. Patrick O'Day- 6:41 pm
- Returned to open session- 7:40pm
- Budget Report- presented by Don. Bank balances discussed.
- Fundraising
 - games of chance 1/15-1/21
 - Gala March 24th. Gala meeting 12/19 @ 5:15pm
 - Judy is working with Renia to improve our quickbooks process
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- Chair Report

- Jason updated on equipment- ready for pick up. Jason received communication that they would like us to pay for shipping. Jason will ask to shipping cost estimate. We may have volunteers to go to pick up. This equipment needs to be out of current building by the end of December
 - Emergency alert call system- discussed by Kelli- she strongly suggests that we have a system such as this in place. Tony states that this is available through power school as a paid service (he will research cost). Amy sent Tony a link to a free service. Cancellations will be posted on tv, email, and facebook.
 - Committees- Kelli discussed the need to redefine current committees. These have been inactive due to school move etc. This is a goal for strategic planning which is upcoming. Kelli suggested that keeping alumni involved is critical to long term survival.
 - Kelli discussed- student ambassador and parent welcoming committee. Tony will start to discuss and initiate this immediately
 - Lottery Process for 2017-18
 - Tony and Renia will further discuss and define this when they meet with the NH DOE this week. We will more than likely be in a lottery situation this year with the incoming 9th grade class.
 - Strategic planning meeting agenda- Tony is going to create an agenda/protocol to present to group. 3 meetings- will be ready the first of January. Updating current plan
 - Show performance profits- discussed. School is paying money out of the general fund during performance time. Should a percentage of profits go back to the general fund? Should all profits be placed in a PAC fund and not separated by each art discipline? Discussed.
 - Lighting system- discussed. The board has already approved \$3,500. An additional \$1000 is needed for coding purposes. This alternative system will require less electricity. Audio piece is an additional \$6000- this is a post lighting decision and discussion. Could we raise funds for an auto system/?grant
 - Don made a motion that we allocate an additional \$1000 to fund the lighting system to purchase an alternative lighting system that will meet electrical code, seconded by Rob and approved by all.
 - IBCP discussion - we had a presentation last meeting. Discussed. Tony has met with staff twice to discuss this. Staff would like to talk to other schools who have initiated this program. The board agrees that they would like more input from the staff before jumping fully on board with initiating the IBCP program. Tony will arrange for a meeting, hopefully prior to the next meeting.
- Head of School Report -- Tony
 - First quarter has completed. Tony is in the classrooms, looking at assessments- to ensure academic rigor.
 - Parent teacher night would like to have had more participation
 - Tony is meeting with departments to discuss course of studies and schedule for next year.

- Grading system is being looked at to determine current system is working.
- Friday- work day is planning Indian culture Event
- Infrastructure
 - Art room sink- needs to be tested. Work is complete
 - Kiln will arrive tomorrow- some final metal work is needed
 - Music room- may need soundproofing
 - ? Wireless thermostat- for better temperature control- Discussed. \$1482.00. Mike Conlon will install. Kelli made a motion to purchase wireless thermostats to replace non working current thermostats (\$1482.00) to be installed by Mike Conlon-seconded by Kate and approved by all
- Performances, school events
 - Semi- formal dance was very successful- \$1000 was made for prom subsidy. Students are planning a February dance
 - Spirit week was successful
 - Coat fundraiser is now going on with Anton's Cleaners to provide coats to kids and adults (run by SGA)
 - We have had three class meeting at the end of q1, one more with seniors next week. Reminders on social media, telephones etc. Very positive- wonderful kids!!
- Board info:
 - Deidre Smith was appointed by faculty to do be the board representative.
 - Faculty participating in strategic planning: Renia, Chrissy, Deidre, Frank, Anna and Sherri C.
- New business
 - Don made a motion to accept Deidre Smith as the staff ex officio member to the board of trustee- seconded by Rob and approved by all

Next meeting date:

- Strategic planning meeting 1/10/17 @ 6-8pm
- 1/24 @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:40 pm