

**Granite State Arts Academy Minutes
BoT Meeting – August 25,2016**

Meeting opened at 6:10 pm

Attending: Don Erdbrink, Bill Viau, Rob Solomons, Deidre Smith, Kate Russell, Tony Polito, Melanie Holden, Ken Dunne (joined late)

Excused: Amy Sevigny, Judy David

Minutes taken by Don Erdbrink

Public Comment: Bill Viau states that “Gary is the Man” and thanks Gary Harris for all his many hours of volunteer work in the school this summer.

Approval of minutes deferred for lack of quorum.

Bank update: No need to switch payroll companies because People’s United Bank sold off their payroll division and it is now Sage Payroll which will work with our new bank, Enterprise Bank.

Don Erdbrink will execute the loan closing Wednesday of next week after minutes are from 7-26-16 are amended to authorize him to sign. Current minutes authorize the loan but not the signer and Enterprise Bank has ask for the clarification.

Logo – Bill Viau reports that the proposed new logos should be ready for review next week. They will offer three choices for us to offer feedback on. It was decided that the Board will make the final decision together and the new logo should be available in 2-3 weeks.

Ken Dunne joins the meeting at 6:45 creating a quorum.

Theater lights – Bill Viau – The BoT already authorized \$1600 for purchase of the ETC smartpack, which allows the breakers in the theater to act as dimmers. To date the smart pack has not been purchased. Marathon Sound Systems lighting proposal is for \$3550 for equipment and installation of an entire system including an ETC sensor rack which allows for much more control over the lights. The \$1200 the students earned by performing at the Ren Faire will be dedicated to the light purchase as well.

Ken Dunne makes a motion to increase the amount allotted for purchase from \$1600 to \$3550, seconded by Kate Russell. All in favor and approved.

Ken Dunne made a motion to amend the 7-26-16 minutes to state:

*Mel, makes motion that we pre approve the Enterprise Bank, 60 month loan, pending further loan research with People's. if Peoples offers a better deal then Enterprise. **If Enterprise loan is the best deal we authorize Don Erdbrink, Chairman of the Board of Trustees to sign on behalf of GSAA.***

*Rob Solomons seconded vote approved by all.
(Date line is August 12 on Enterprise offer.) Meaning that we execute the
Enterprise loan agreement prior to Aug. Seconded by Rob. Jason calls
the question. Vote called and approved by all.*

Egress issue - Our current egress plan has us exiting thru the adjoining business, the Learning Path, a plan that is a “grandfathered” plan. The owner of Learning Path has been informed this might be an issue with her licensing.

Learning Path owner Donna has stated she will keep the hallway clear on the art room side of our egress. Brooks will move the fence and is working on further solutions to address this side of the building as per advice from the GSAA architect.

On the other side of GSAA, near the Science room, Brooks is looking at constructing a hallway to create a new egress. These changes may delay the opening of GSAA for the year by a few days. This is yet to be determined. The DOE has been informed of this possibility. If delayed GSAA’s longer days will prevent having to add days in June 2017.

GSAA will know by 8-30-16 what Brooks properties plan is and will make decisions at that time.

Jim Kronenwether has donated a fourth dumpster for our fit up. He is also providing 2-3 workers and himself to assist in working in the theater. Ken made a motion to authorize \$500 for Jim Rob seconded. All approved.

Dance Floor The floor will be moved and installed on Monday the 29th by Rob Solomon, Paul Sevigny and Jeff McMahon. Thank you!

AECOM - Our maintenance and operations plan for monitoring any asbestos in the building will be ready by 9-19-16. Joy Perkins from state will visit on the 21st.

Check Signatory - Rob Solomon made a motion to make Tony Polito a signatory on checks for the school at Enterprise bank. Seconded by Melanie Holden. All in favor and approved.

Budget Report - No changes since last meeting.

HOS Report - Tony presented a plan / schedule for teachers next week. Topics include: attendance and tardiness policies, cell phone and computer use, student advisory program and curriculum development.

Tony met with Robin Calitri who recommends we continue exploring IB. Robin will come in late Sept to discuss with the Board.

Tony spent 4-5 hours at DOE introducing himself and getting to meet people in various departments.

Tony reports that we are currently bound to our 160 charter cap but not to 40 per grade. Increasing enrollment in upper grades will limit freshmen enrollment so caution is advised by DOE.

Current confirmed enrollment is at 144 but this will fluctuate. The Board will re-visit the enrollment conversation once we get past the opening week and see where we are for numbers.

Tony reports that the DOE review, which we will go thru next year and is done by a private company, not the DOE. It will begin in the fall with the HoS and the BoT. A committee should be formed to work thru this process and the BoT will choose the members and a chair for that group.

Once the report is created GSAA will have an opportunity to review and correct the report. We will here in the summer if have been renewed.

Tony states that the DOE is very supportive of GSAA and he had a "very nice" meeting with the people there and they offered their help during the process.

Tony will go for training in September for I4See.

Strategic Plan - Don suggested that we need to address our Strategic Plan. It was suggested that the end of Sept, or beginning of Oct would be a good time to try for a meeting. Melanie will send out a Doodle to pick a date.

Closed Session

Melanie made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91 A:3 (A)
Rob seconded. All approved.

Returned to open session at 8:25

No new business

Melanie motioned to end the meeting at 8:35. Ken seconded. All approved.

