



**Granite State Arts Academy**

Board of Trustees Meeting

Feb 13th, 2018

**ATTENDANCE: KATE RUSSELL, ROBIN CALITRI, ANTHONY POLITO, DON ERDBRINK, AMY SEVIGNY, DEIDRE SMITH, KELLI TWISS (BY PHONE)**

**EXCUSED: KEN DUNNE, LEAH ROGERS, JUDY DAVID, ALICIA NELSON**

**GUEST: ALISON GANGLER (PARENT)**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:12PM**

- Public Comment - Allison Gangler is a parent who thanked the board for having her. Impressed with the school and stated staff is amazing.
- Approval of Minutes from 1/9/18- Kate made a motion to accept these minutes- seconded by Robin and approved by all
- Chair's Report
  - Para for IEP's - Presented by Deidre Smith and Mr. Polito. More help is needed for the students with IEP plans. This would be a Monday-Thursday position. Approx. \$3,500- \$6,000 for the remainder of this year- some of this is reimbursed through school districts. This would benefit all students. Pay rate is based on education and experience. Robin Calitri made a motion to approve a dollar amount up to \$5000 for the remainder of this 2018 school year to fund a paraprofessional, pay rate to be determined by Mr. Polito based education and experience- seconded by Kate Russell and approved by all.
  - Investment options for Employees- Don Erdbrink has done further research on this- discussed- Don suggests that we table this and discuss further. Target to start this for employees for the 2018-19 school year.
  - Enrollment- Fall 2018 conservative current projected enrollment number is 148 students. Mr. Polito states that we have had an increased number of mid- year transfer numbers. Current student number is 137

- DOE review and smart goals- Presented by Mr. Polito- discussed
  - Staff has completed their goals, Some members of the BoT still need to complete these and work with Mr. Polito
  - Syllabi being reviewed and will all be completed
  - Mr. Polito to meet with NH DOE during February break (previous 2 meetings cancelled b/c of snow)
- By Laws Document- Discussed at our last meeting. Reviewed with legal. Some changes made- discussed. Article V reviewed and discussed, edited. Robin Calitri made a motion to approve bylaws as amended - seconded by Kate Russell and approved by all
- Sponsorship Letter and Gala Follow up- Discussed, please continue to work on this.
- Budget Report
  - Enrollment numbers have fluctuated - this has impacted adequacy payments.
  - No projections for financial troubles
  - Continue to promote enrollment, gala, donations, fundraising and stay tuned for more information regarding games of chance fundraising.
- Head of School Report
  - Open house on 1/25/18 was our best yet- large attendance numbers and interest
  - Fall student acceptance letters have gone out
  - Parent curriculum information night 3/21/18 for grades 9-11
  - PSAT/SAT testing date 3/21/18 for grades 10-11. dismissal 12:15
  - Make up days- may need to add additional day if another snow day
  - IBCP- Bill Viau and Lisa Peterson scheduled for training
  - Goal of 10/2018 to apply for candidacy
  - Student academics
    - A few seniors at risk
    - Student grades have improved
    - At risk students are being worked with
    - Summer school will occur in July
    - SAT prep review course has started

- Don Erdbrink and Mr. Polito to meet to discuss staffing needs for next school year
- Senior day trip to NYC has been requested- details to follow. Students are meeting with the seniors to discuss.
- Kate made a motion to enter into closed session based on RSA 91 A:3 (A-J)- seconded by Robin @ 7:45pm
  - Returned to open session @8:45pm
  - Graduation policy discussed in closed session- to be added to agenda under new business

New Business: This will be Amy Sevigny's last meeting - the board thanked her for her time. Amy expressed her gratitude towards the support from the member GSAA.

- Next meeting: TBD- Don will follow up