



Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan 16th, 2018

ATTENDANCE: AMY SEVIGNY, DON ERDBRINK, ROBIN CALITRI, KATE RUSSELL, DEIDRE SMITH, ANTHONY POITO, LEAH ROGERS, ALICIA NELSON, KELLI TWISS

EXCUSED: KEN DUNNE, JUDY DAVID

GUEST: PATRICIA STEVENS

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 PM

- Public Comment- None
- Approval of Minutes from Last meeting- 11/14/2017- Kate Russell made a motion to approve minutes- seconded by Leah Rogers and approved by all

- Chair's Report
 - Investment Options for Employees – Presented by Patricia Stevens - Financial advisor for Enterprise Wealth Services- presented potential retirement plans for the staff of GSAA. Discussed.
 - Loan for year one back rent/CAM charges- \$26,000 approx. left on this- we are being charged interest on this. Leah discussed that Enterprise bank has offered a term loan with a possibility for an interest rate lower than this. This would provide GSAA with the ability to pay off Brooks Properties for all debt owed. Other negotiations with Brooks Properties have been completed.
 - Robin Calitri made a motion to authorize Don Erdbrink to apply for a loan with Enterprise Bank, negotiate and then close on the loan to pay off debt with Brooks Properties- seconded by Kate Russell and approved by all

- Enrollment- Current enrollment 136. Next open house 1/25. Approx 27 applications in place for freshman of 2018-2019. Admission information and guidelines are posted online. This year's application deadline will be set at 1/31/18 and then rolling Admissions, current 180 aggregate.
 - Robin Calitri made a motion to accept the application deadline for the 2018-19 school year to 1/31/18, seconded by Alicia and approved by all

- Low income verification forms - This form qualifies more income for the school. We have had low compliance with families filling this form out.
 - Alicia made a motion to offer families the opportunity to fill out this form and if they qualify the yearly art fee will be waived- seconded Kate Russell. Discussed. Question called- and approved by all.
- Graduation- Our graduation date at the Derry Opera house has been set for Monday June 4th @ 6pm
 - The students would like a senior banquet with parents prior to this- awards will be given, yearbooks etc. Thursday May 31st
 - Prom May 11th- Brookstone Event Center
 - Graduation rings- research is being done-students will be responsible for the cost

- DOE Review Process - Mr. Politio distributed and discussed board goals for recertification. All board members need to complete this form and return a draft to Mr. Polito by 2/1. Final draft is due to DOE 6/1/18
- By Laws Document- This was sent to the BoT for review again. discussed
 - Don will bring edits to legal counsel for review and vote will occur in the future.
- Sponsorship letter for Gala- Please continue to seek out donations.
- Let's Play Music Camp- Don is meeting with representative about summer camps.
- Donation from Verani Estate- local artist passed, her estate donated \$500 to the school- thank you!
- Budget Report- Judy was not available tonight- no current issues.
 - Game of chance in Salem,NH- 10 days this year.
 - Gala- March 30th

- Head of school Report
 - Parent/student curriculum info night 3/15/18
 - Student choice week- Invitation by the Governor to Art and Theater - student will perform at this event 1/23/18
 - Make up days- 4 snow day thus far- five built into the calendar this year.
 - Academics discussed- students at risk have been/will be talked to. Summer school in July. SAT prep class. SAT test 3/21
 - IBCP
 - Bill Viau and Lisa Peterson to attend English Lit/Performance training (2 year course for junior and senior class)
 - More discussion is ongoing for IB coordinator and other positions
 - Looking at October 2018 timeline for application of candidate
 - IB math discussion is ongoing
- Next Meeting- 2/13/18 @6pm
- Meeting closed @ 8pm