

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 13, 2015

Granite State Arts Academy nurtures creative thinkers, active citizens, and independent learners with a curriculum that integrates the arts and academics. Our Vision is a high school that is dedicated to the arts. It will appeal to a broad cross section of students who are looking to discover the joy and transformational power of the arts and those interested in pursuing the arts in a professional setting. Our academic courses will strive to instill a sincere lifelong desire to learn. Students will explore real world problems, simultaneously developing cross-curriculum skills while working in small collaborative groups. During their time at GSAA students will attend art classes each day and will study at least two of the following studies: Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts. This will allow for personalized learning, creating conditions where students' talents can flourish. This positive approach to educating will empower students to dream and create every day.

Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Don Erdbrink, Mark Bograd, Ken Dunne, Judy David, Melanie Holden

Excused: Kate Russell, Scott Mullane

Guest: Deb Zambello, Kim Carter (Curriculum Consultant)

Call to order: 6:11pm

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes - September 29, 2015- Ken made a motion to accept minutes- seconded by Judy and approved by all. Amy will send to Renia for posting.

- Gala Discussion – Deb Z:
 - Presented suggested event program for Friday March 11, 2015
 - We have a volunteer band
 - Atkinson CC will waive room rental fee (\$1000)
 - Possible menu presented
 - If we would like to move forward - we need \$500 up front
 - Food worth approx. \$30 pp- ticket sales would be raised above this.
 - Final payment would be due March 7
 - Final head count needed February 29
 - Atkinson CC will donate a round of golf
 - Fundraising committee will help organize (will need to develop a committee)
 - Display packet at the tables with auction items
 - **Melanie made a motion to place a \$500 deposit to hold the room at Atkinson Country Club on Friday March 11th, 2015- seconded by Judy and approved by all.**

- Curriculum discussion – Kim Carter
 - Kim was introduced by Mark.

- Has been working with the staff to ensure that we continue to meet compliance with DOE requirements and to discuss competency based learning.
 - Discussed NH minimum Standards for school approval
 - Discussed her key points to discuss her work with GSAA's faculty
 - Discussed what determines proficiency- what needs to be done to be competent.
 - Highlight application of learning to demonstrate competency
 - Over 100 + colleges that have shifted towards competency based learning. Kim discussed with her experience she has seen that students in a competency based school are well prepared for college
 - Kim expressed that GSAA is ahead of the game with competency preparation with our focus on the arts integration.
 - Strong focus on interdisciplinary learning and cross curricular learning
- Afterschool Program Update - Melanie
 - Melanie is working with Jenna. They are meeting this week
 - 3 potential classes starting in December and then full registration in January
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 - Audit Update - Don- no response yet. Audit will be completed within 30 days. 6 missing receipts- Don has reconnected within these companies and we now have duplicates for all but 1 receipt- this being the receipt from the pianos purchased in the summer 2014. guitar center is having trouble finding it- serial #'s from the pianos will be used to track it down. Don is working on this.
 - Strategic Planning Day Planning - Melanie sent out a doodle.com.

Head of School Report -- Mark

- Course selection forms for 2nd semester will be going out next week
- Quarter ending - October 30th- reports will be on powerschool- email to parents to look at Q1 on Powerschool. Q1 grades final to view as of Thursday November 5th
- Staff will begin discussion re: courses for 2016-17. Will also be reevaluating block scheduling
- First round of 3 staff observations will begin next week using the Danielson model (classroom management, curriculum etc..)
- Current lunch program is ending this week (not enough interest).
- Local Sandwich shop vending machine- sandwiches, milk, yogurt (changed at least every other day).
- Staff advertising for paraeducator- this will be paid for by home districts.
- Advertisement out for part time math teacher. Mark is beginning interviews.
- We currently have 104 students
- BOY (Beginning of the year) is complete and sent to the DOE

- School progress report due October 30th- Mark is working on this and will send to board before submitting.
- Blood drive last Friday- approximately 10 donors
- Andrew Gaydos is planning an all day trip to NYC- available to all students (there is a cost involved). MET, lunch and show.
 - Some discussion about a music retreat - weekend event- preliminary planning.

Budget Committee Report – Judy, Don, Ken, Scott

- Don reviewed current numbers that were presented by Renia to him. Judy is updating spreadsheet.
- Don will send Renia a request to advertise for increased family contributions as outlined at open house
- Mark and Renia are planning information sessions

● Fundraising Update –

- Kid's Co Op (Londonderry) sponsorship- ad in their programs (4). Melanie made a motion to take out a full page ad (\$495)- seconded by Judy and approved by all.
- Meat Raffle - upcoming event
- Golf tournament- Melanie is looking into possible dates and locations.
- Melanie made a motion to move into closed session based on RSA 91- A:3 (A-J)- 8:35 pm
- Returned to open session- 9:00 pm
- Next meeting: October 27th 6:00 pm