

**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 19, 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, MELANIE HOLDEN, STEPHANIE LIBBY, SCOTT MULLANE, MARK BOGRAD, RENE MARTINEZ (STAFF REP. TO BOT), JENNIFER M**

**EXCUSED: KATE RUSSELL**

**GUEST: KATHLEEN O'BOYLE (STAFF), PAUL SEVIGNY (PARENT),**

**MEETING TO ORDER: 6:05 PM**

**VISION READ BY DON**

Public Comment - none

Approval of May 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Minutes – Melanie made a motion to approve these minutes- seconded by Stephanie and approved by all

Chair's Report

Landlord Discussion –

- Don spoke with Joe F. – they will hold \$/sq foot amount until 2016 and add 5 years to the lease but we will again review in 1 year to see where we are and review again. (Rent (\$1,41.76, cam fees \$4,458.35 security deposit \$2,500) Plus utilities
- The arrears that owed – they will role owed rent into a note (a loan) that we can may over time- starting in September (details to follow). Will need to pay July and August- CAM fees are non negotiable.
- Security deposit- will remain
- CAM fee's non negotiable – taxes will still need to be explored
- Stephanie suggested that we negotiate and get in writing from Joe F. and have legal advice before vote – all agree

CPA- A CPA has expressed interest in joining the board- Don will email her bylaws, marketing kit  
Treasurer's Report:

IRS bill notification- Don and Scott are exploring this and will report back. Scott and Don will meet at the bank tomorrow to add him.

Fundraising Report- emailed by Amy today. Peoples united will give us the spotlight table in August, Ren. Faire went well and potential fundraiser in the future. Stephanie reached out to Salem and Derry, NH Chambers, we are joining pace. Stephanie researching charter school capital. Continues to explore grants. Grant calendar has been created. Stephanie will continue to work on long term fundraising plan. Stephanie continues to reach out to contacts.

#### Head of School's Report

- Enrollment- 3-5 not returning, 50 returning, 36 applications in (email with postcard sent today with some immediate response)= 86???
- Mark is working with alma on report cards, Vlac classes will be added to credit earned.
- Open Mic, Fisher cats, theater showcase, music/art show and graduation/end of the year celebration.

#### New Business

- Jennifer reached out to seacoast charter school – combine resources, CADA is also considering this. An idea to share utilities- risk to loose students/staff, would need to negotiate with DOE again etc. If this doesn't work out – perhaps explore this in the future with other charter schools.

#### Closing Public Comments

- Paul Sevigny- ask what this building would max out at- fire dept. approved for 160. Mark felt 120 would work.
- Kathleen expressed this space is tight with 20 kids per class
- Kathleen asked about sound proofing the walls, as music classes will be occurring all day. Rene agreed with this for the dance room.
- Scott will work on exploring this.
- Paul Sevigny- asked about Brooks sponsorship- Don said this was asked and he will continue to explore.
- Paul suggested that the budget be based on a less amount of students that is projected.
- Enrollment ads- Melanie will explore, ?google ads , newspapers
- suggested taking stock photos off website- Renia is working on this. Suggested asking other school what they are doing for fundraising to get ideas. Suggested we sent out a talent survey to future and current families.

Stephanie made a motion to go into closed session per RSA right to know law to discuss contracts, salaries, seconded by Jennifer and approved by all by role call 8:03pm

Returned to open session 9:45 pm- no public comment

Next meeting date/time/location confirmation: May 28 @ 6pm