

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 8, 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, Scott Mullane, Jennifer M., Ken Dunne, Don Erdbrink, Kate Russell, Stephanie Libby (on phone)

Guest: Judy David

Excused: Melanie Holden, Mark Bograd

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Mission and vision of school read by Don

- Public Comment: None
- Approval of Minutes: Kate made a motion to approve minutes from May 28 and June 1, seconded by Scott and approved by all except Jennifer and Don abstained as they have not reviewed)
- Security code: Jim Cavanaugh from American Securities- Don will change master code with him via telephone.
- Kate made a motion to have Don as the master code keeper, with Amy as a backup keeper. Don will then assign new codes to employees and approved affiliates to the school as appropriate – seconded by Jennifer and approved by all.
- Judy David introduced and spoke about her experience as a CPA. No conflict of interest as her firm does not do our tax return. Judy will consider joining board.
- Ken Dunne welcomed to our board
- Don- update from landlord- ongoing. Real-estate attorney still needed.
- Graduation- went very well first 2 graduates. Thank you to our guest speaker Matthew Cheney.
- Fundraising update: Stephanie and Renia
 - 99 fundraiser- \$323.48
 - Yard Sale June 13th

- ? car show/vendors/yard sale – Mary B. (parent) idea- future event ?
August/September
- Change drive- grade level competition
- Summer programming- no current applications- Amy sent out a reminder today.
Stephanie will be sending to some art organizations.
- Brick fundraiser- August- to beginning of school year
- Home Depot project team- possibly install this.
- Brad Delp foundation- Stephanie is researching- letter has been send with school information
- Lewis family foundation- information sent
- NH citizens for the art-email was sent
- Sign up going out for info booths- attempt to increase enrollment and collect small amounts of donations. Music, info cards
- Press release (enrollment, graduation, honor roll). Marketing Kit- Renia and Jennifer will review. Amy, Stephanie and Renia will resend out requests, Stephanie to draft a new cover letter.
- Thank you to the SAD Café for donations of some of their equipment
- Scott, Don and Mark will do an asset inventory
- New marketing video- Kate is working on this
- Public comment- Judy thanked the board for having her.
- Kate made a motion to go into closed session based on RSA laws to discuss contract and real-estate- seconded by Jennifer and approved by all (role call)
- Returned to open session 9:20 pm, no public comment - Jennifer made a motion to adjourn – seconded by Kate and approved by all

Next meeting date/time/location confirmation: Thursday June 11 @ 6pm