



**Granite State Arts Academy**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 27th, 2017

Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Ken Dunne, Rob Solomons, Deidre Smith, Alicia Nelson, Tony Polito, Kate Russell, Robin Calitri, Don Erdbrink (phone)

Excused: Judy David, Leah Rogers, Kelli Twiss

Call to order: 6:10 pm

- Public Comment : none
- Approval of Minutes from 6/13/17 meeting minutes labeled #2 - Kate made a motion to approve, seconded by Robin. Approved by all- Rob abstained as he was not at the meeting
  
- Chair's Report
  - HVAC / WiFi / Audio installation system updates- working is ongoing.
  - Don is waiting for an update on HVAC
  - WIFI work is ongoing- may be under budget
  - Audio installation- equipment arrived 7/26/17- work will occur next week
  - New printer- Renia is working on this. These will be new printers. per month cost is slightly more but per page copy cost is less by a significant amount- more details will be presented.
  - Storage needs- Bill V. is researching this. Storage for theatre equipment. A place has been found for \$80/mo. Mr. Polito states this is needed for at least a year. Rob made a motion to fund the 10/10 storage unit space for \$80/mo- seconded by Kate and approved by all
  - enrollment- 135 confirmed total students. 10 students are finalizing paperwork. (145 total). These are promising numbers! Daily phone calls for inquiry. Admission requirements and graduation requirements are reviewed strictly for each applicant.
  - Budget Report
    - No issues financially
    - \$41,237 in end of year adequacy was received
    - Our budget looks very good- we are in the black and have enough \$ to cover expenses through summer and into the beginning of the year until our next adequacy

- Enrollment numbers are very encouraging for a stable budget for the 2017/18 school year
- Fundraising efforts are ongoing- gala, car show, benefit concert, family and community contributions etc.
- Loan for the risers has been paid off in full! Thank you Enterprise Bank for working with GSAA on this.
- Line of credit in place if needed for future projects and for future growth of GSAA: will not be needed for day/day expenses. Thank you to Enterprise Bank
- Ken updated 8/10/17 that school sign will be installed. Mr. Polito suggested an official dedication of sign with chamber and community.
- International Baccalaureate Career- Related Program update
  - Mr. Polito attended training in Atlanta a few weeks ago
  - He feels as though he has a strong understanding of this after his training
  - Hand out and findings explained in detail
  - Multiple pathways available for students
  - Mr. Polito feels that GSAA will benefit from this program
  - IB builds an early recognition of life plans beyond high school- this is a large benefit for all students.
  - External and internal review for IB classes and program
  - IB test available for students to potentially earn college credits.
  - Possibility for student to earn both GSAA diploma and IBCP diploma at completion of graduation requirements and IBCP classes
  - The curriculum and rigor is available for all GSAA classes and for the staff to use as a resource in any class offered at GSAA
  - This program will be available to all students at GSAA
  - There is a cost involved for student: registration fee for class and IB assessment (this will be explored further)
  - Career related studies course to be offered throughout the student's time at GSAA to explore future interests with internship/externship opportunities
  - The core program will include at personal and professional skills class, service learning class, language development class and a reflective project. These classes include in depth paper writing which will benefit our students and ensure increase academic rigour is continued to be a goal.
  - Sample schedule was presented for review that incorporates the core classes and IBCP classes
  - Timeline: Discussed in detail by Tony and Robin
    - Consideration phase- now
      - Administrator and IBCP coordinator to be trained
      - IB teachers to be trained
    - Application for candidacy- ? April 2018. Would like to implement sooner than later
      - Audit of professional requirements
      - Preparation and training

- More teacher training
  - Submission of Application- TBD
  - 5 year evaluation after implementation
- Next step: Mr. Polito will bring to faculty for further discussion and planning

#### New Business

- strategic plan update- New and old plans will be merged- this work will resume in September.  
Potential meeting of facilitators in August
- Next meeting- Tuesday September 12th @ 6pm
- Meeting adjourned: 8:10pm