

Granite State Arts Academy

Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 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: Mark Bograd (guest consultant), Don Erdbrink, Ken Dunne, Judy David, Kate Russell, Amy Sevigny, Scott Mullane
- Excused: Melanie Holden (LOA)
- Meeting called to order at 6:15
- No public comment
- Minutes: Judy motioned to accept minutes from Tuesday July 28, Ken 2nd all in favor
- Jennifer M. stepping down from board; she has a new position in the Arts
Great big thank you to Jennifer for stepping in when the school needed her guidance and wisdom on charter school start-ups. We all appreciated your insights and leadership. Thank you!
- 93 students confirmed- tours still happening – First day of school August 26th
- Big thank you to everyone who worked on getting the school painted and cleaned up for the incoming students. Thank you to Dan Hoffman & Kelli Rossi who donated 5 gallons of paint
- Some of the rooms are being reconfigured to accommodate more students

- Deidre Smith working on folders and organization system for school files
- Power school training happened today for Renia and Mark.
Takes 90 days to get up and running but person from PS is going to accelerate the training and Mark says it will be ready start of school.

- The car show is picking up speed.
 - NH motor speedway \$660 tickets.
 - Car show coming along well! NH motor speedway donated tickets to raffle. We need more cars- spread the word!
 - Working on summer BBQ
 - Meeting with Balduci's next week- pizza place that provides lunches to Birches- you order from their website and they handle

- People's United Rep. will be in next week
- Insurance – Renewal – Don is working on this and will be renewed
- Rent – will be paid with EOY \$

- Budget Committee Report – Ken, Don, Scott, Judy
 - Budget committee met today- bank statements reconciled through the end of March
 - Judy will need the payroll records to further reconcile
 - Renia will be handling day to day bill paying with a new quickbooks program- Judy will help with this training
 - Board will be responsible long term planning- budget committee will need to meet and report to board at least monthly (preferable every 2 weeks)

- Closed session – Ken made a motion RSA 91- A:3 II a,c
- Return to open session- 9:00pm
- No public comment
- Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Next meeting date: Tuesday August 11 @ 6pm