

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 29, 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, KEN DUNNE, KATE RUSSELL, MELANIE HOLDEN, DON ERDBRINK, JUDY DAVID, MARK BOGRAD (ON PHONE)

EXCUSED: SCOTT MULLANE

CALL TO ORDER: 6:19 PM

- Public Comment - none
- Approval of Minutes - From September 17th. Add Don as being present and elaborate on school #. Kate made a motion to approve, seconded by Ken and approved by all.

- Chair's Report (15 mins)
 - Non – Curriculum Clubs - discussion regarding clubs- some discussion regarding religion clubs. Per research if we eliminate religious clubs then we would need to ban all other clubs (yearbook, chess club, ski club, fundraising etc.) Religious clubs if allowed- all religious clubs should be allowed (personal beliefs cannot be forced upon others). Religious clubs are “non-curriculum clubs and if you do not allow one you must not allow any “non- curriculum clubs”These clubs cannot violate school policies and no one can be forced into any clubs- needs to be voluntary and student initiated, staff could be present but not participate, they would be there as a chaperone. Per Mark we need clear guidelines- set meeting time with advisor. Kate recommended 1 place to advertise all clubs. Melanie will draft up policy with Mark. Students may start clubs after discussing with Mark.
 - Afterschool Program Update -- Melanie discussed meeting with after school coordinator Jenna Despres. Summary was developed by Jenna Despres- presented by Melanie to the board. will start with one day initially (Thursday). Jenna is developing a marketing plan. Look for volunteers first. Questions for budget committee- costs to keep building open, what is needed to make a profit, can students get credit, can others, background checks etc... Will need permission slips and liability waivers, teacher/facilitator contracts- Don

will help with this, communicate with legal and help to facilitate this. Melanie and Jenna will meet once a week.

- Audit Update -- auditors are in the building this week. Don, Mark and Renia are facilitating this.
- Protocols Update -- Don updated and sent to the board. Some changes were made to reflect current system in place. Board to review and suggest further edits/changes. Will be reviewed by the school lawyer
- Survey Monkey -- Purchase upgrade? - Discussed by Kate \$300 per year. Will allow for further survey to be more complete with improved results interpretation. Melanie made a motion to purchase survey monkey at \$300/yr - seconded by Kate and approved. Judy cautioned not to overwhelm community with the amount of surveys.
- Strategic Planning Day Planning - Perhaps Don will host this again. A planning retreat- Melanie will send out doodle with possible available dates
- Update on large donor - Don is working with potential donor. All members continue to explore.

● Head of School Report -

- Email was sent to community today about cell phone policy.
- Graphic design class second semester- Parent Rebecca Dow is donating her time.
- 2nd semester schedules are being worked on. Jenna would like to teach a second dance class (dance 2). Mid October numbers will be more clear when class sign up forms are given to the students for 2nd semester classes.
- Will need ½ math teacher for second semester
- 105 current students (shadow today)
- Pass system in place for last 30 min. of the day for extra help, enrichment with a staff member
- Classroom observations will start next week

● Budget Committee Report – Don updated current bank #'s. Next adequacy December. Judy is working with Renia.

- \$13,000 in art fee's thus far- cont. to encourage participation
- \$395.00- made by dance committee
- \$1,306- car show
- Our community has been very generous with donations of paper supplies etc.
- Our dumpster was upgraded

● Fundraising Update – updated by Don

● Celebrity Black Book - was bought by Amy and Kate- Amy will pass onto Melanie to work on this (possible fundraising club)

● Kate- discussed Gala- Atkinson CC is donating room and golf package, March 11, 2016. Band is donating time. Fundraising committee is meeting every other Tuesday. Parent Deb Z. is organizing- will present to the board in the future

● Arts integration- Mark will continue to work with staff to make sure this remains high quality and integrated into each class.

- Next Meeting: Tuesday October 13th 6pm
- Adjourned: 8:45pm