



**Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 16th, 2017**

Attendance: Rob Solomons, Amy Sevigny, Don Erdbrink, Anthony Polito, Kate Russell, Judy David, Alicia Smith, Deidre Smith, Renia Radziszewski (staff), Kelli Twiss, Ken Dunne

Excused: Leah Rogers

Guest: Robin Calitri

- **Call to order:** 6:04 pm
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Approval of Minutes from 4/11/17- Amendments made.** Ken made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob and approved by all.

- **Chair's Report**
 - Mr. Robin Calitri would like to join the board- he is a consultant for the IB program and a former principal.
 - Open House 5/18/17 - there is room in each grade now as the DOE approved for us to have increased enrollment. This has been advertised.

- **Curriculum Course Selection will occur on 5/23 for incoming and current students**
- **Science room and classroom changes 17-18 school year- work would need to be done over the summer.** Science room needs to be moved where water and plumbing is located. \$1,250 estimate for both rooms from Gary Harris. Rob made a motion to allocate the funds of up to \$1,500 to move and upfit the science rooms- seconded by Kelli and approved by all.
- **Audio rooms- 4 mixing/practice rooms available- wiring audio/visual to connect to theatre, dance and music room.** Main mixing room, 2 small mixing stations (we already have donated equipment). \$10,000 approx. for this work. Don would like to have Denise Sharlow explore grants for this. Kate has volunteered to help Don to work on the details of this project. Alicia made a motion that we approve to approach Denise Sharlow to explore a grant to assist in building up this audio/visual project- seconded by Kate and approved by all.

- **IB Training**
 - The process has started
 - Mr. Polito is going to Atlanta July 11th-13th to begin administrator training (\$1,100) - will need 3 days hotel and travel- total approx. (\$2000). Mr. Calitri will also be in this

area as a consultant and will help to facilitate. Mr. Calitri suggests that Mr. Erdbrink considering going to this training as well- Don will consider this. Discussed. Mr. Erdbrink will perhaps go to a future training. Kate made a motion that we approve travel and training for the IBCP program for Mr. Polito up to \$2,200, seconded by Ken - discussed and approved by all.

- “Rent” show Budget- approved \$500 already- this has gone over by \$200 to a total of \$700- b/c of painting cost, stage reinforcements. Discussed.
- “Front of the House” help- need help on Saturday night. Amy volunteered to help on Saturday night.
- Line of credit update- Leah is working on this with Don- process near complete
- Summer camps working with a Pelham art studio for marketing
 - 4 day camp for dance and visual arts (Mr. Sharlow and Jenna M. are working on this)
 - \$150 for the week.
 - This money will go back to visual arts and dance programs after paying the staff
 - Grades 8-12
 - Minimum of 10, Max of 20
 - Jenna M. to offer a flexibility class 1 day/week
 - Advertising on the web site, facebook and marketing assistance from Pelham art studio. ? Chamber.
- Graduation
 - Saturday June 10th @ 10am
 - Field of dreams (Salem, NH) with rain location of the PAC (would need to limit tickets in this case)
 - Tony needs to meet again with Alicia and Kate to finalize
 - details of graduation and senior week will be posted on website and facebook
- HOS report
 - State of the school assessment at June or July BoT meeting
 - Goals for 2016-2017
 - Completion of Strategic plan revision
 - Cultural changes
 - School Infrastructure
 - Teaching (curriculum, instruction, assessment, intervention)
 - Academic achievement and motivation by students
 - Parental understanding of their responsibility academically, financially (volunteerism), student attendance
 - End of year education stats (ongoing discussion with at risk students and plans in place for helping these students succeed)
 - Seniors
 - Interim report cards have been sent out.
 - Art fee and tuition- some still need to pay
 - Senior week remediation will need to occur for a few senior students - to give at risk students a chance to succeed
 - communication to at risk students and parents is ongoing.

- Underclassman (a few at risk)
 - Summer school if needed
 - Grade repeat if needed
 - Discussions with students and families is ongoing
- Budget report
 - Bank balances reviewed. No current issues. End of year adequacy will be sent at end of the year.

New Business

- Deidre presented light discussion again
 - 205 fixtures needed. Need to buy lighting in advance. Fluorescent lights to save on energy costs. This is a significant cost. Need clarification on actual costs vs. savings. Discussed. Deidre will continue to explore this and report back.

- made a motion to go into closed session based on RA 91 A:3 (A-J) @ 8:10pm
- Returned to open session @ 8:19pm
- The board voted in Robin Calitri to be a board member by a unanimous vote
- Next meeting June 13th @ 6pm- going forward BoT meetings will remain on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (possibility of not meeting the month of July 2017)

Adjourned: 8:22pm