

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 21, 2017

Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Rob Solomons, Don Erdbrink, Alicia Nelson, Ken Dunne, Anthony Polito, Deidre Smith (staff), Chrissy Caron partial meeting (staff), Kate Russell, Renia R, Kelli Twiss

Excused: Jason Swift, Judy David, Leah Rogers

Guest:

- Call to order: 6:05 pm
- Public Comment - none

- Approval of Minutes from Last meetings: 12/6/16 and 1/31/17
 - Ken Dunne made a motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Kate and approved by all

- Chair's Report
 - Admissions/Lottery Process – Renia, Chrissy, Don, Deidre and Tony have had a meeting with Michelle G. from the NH DOE. Our current admission policy has been closely looked at and additional detail has been added. Amended and revised admissions policy was presented and discussed. Based highly on charter to assure we remain true to our charter and mission and RSA laws. Thank you to this committee for their hard work to this.
 - Lottery to take place on 3/31/2017 by a moderator not affiliated with GSAA. Hope to video this and advertise on facebook live.
 - Ken made a motion to approve the admission policy as presented by the committee, seconded by Kate and approved by all

- The International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) – Teacher Feedback
 - Staff have meet with consultant Robin Calitri
 - Update presented by Deidre
 - Staff still has concerns regarding money (cost of this taking away from salary) and function of this program- will it deliver what is promises. The staff also has concerns regarding the time to implement and training. We need to continue to pay for curriculum development (this is ongoing)
 - This program would add 3 IB classes but curriculum across the board curriculum is available for all subjects and classes.
 - This is a well established program with a great reputation - can be used for marketing/promotional purposes.
 - The students will get an additional IBCP diploma at graduation

- Would increase rigor to the current curriculum
- Ken made a motion to proceed with IBCP exploration and application, seconded by Kelli and approved by all.

- Internet Issues update
 - It consultant is working with Mike Smith to correct issues.
- Equipment has been picked up from NJ- thank you to Mike Conlon and Ed Lang that drove to NJ to pick up donations from Jason Swift's contact.
- Federal Grant - Final \$50,000 has been allocated spent and submitted.
- Budget updated- Bank balances reviewed- no current issues.

- Head of School
 - Admission info night 3/16
 - Grade 9-12 student scheduling nights
 - Theater Guild
 - Saturday March 25
 - Will need BoT and parent volunteers (6:30a-2:30p and 1:30p- 9:30p)
 - Every room in the school will be utilized
 - School must be cleaned and reassembled by Monday morning 3/27- there is be a delayed opening Monday am 3/27
 - After much discussion on this - there is more costs/risks associated with this event than that was originally presented. Board has decided that dance room may not be used
 - Bill V. is meeting with theater guild representative Wednesday 2/22. Tony will send the board an email with an update regarding concerns
 - Make up snow days
 - 5 days needed- these would be ½ days
 - Mr. Polito is in contact with the DOE- regarding counting hours. We have enough hours but need permission from the DOE. This needs to be a written request. Mr. Polito is exploring this.
 - Current last day of school is 6/20- this may be extended

- New Business
 - Deidre Smith discussed switched lights to LED- this would reduce energy costs.
 - There are programs available - Deidre is gathering information on this. Liberty utilities.
 - Ken updated building signage - 3D cut design (school name and logo). Ken is waiting for final prices and details.

- Next meeting date: 3/21 @ 6pm. Going forward meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month
- Adjourned: 9:10pm