



Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School
Organizational Board Meeting

Monday, August 21, 2023

Board members present: Ryan Forsythe (secretary), Terry Davis, Angie Graves, Amanda Selden-Dixon, Kimiko Maglio (chairperson)

Guest(s): Adam Dixon-Selden

Facilitator: Terry / Minutes: Ryan

Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm.

- Welcome and land acknowledgment.
- Additions to agenda.
- Approval of minutes from July 24 meeting. Motion to approve by Amanda. Seconded by Angie. Approved.
- Approval of minutes from August 7 meeting. Motion to approve by Angie. Seconded by Amanda. Approved.
- Public comments. No public comments received.
- Election of Board Officers. Terry volunteers to serve as Treasurer. Angie motions that Terry serve as Treasurer. Kimiko seconds motion. Motion passes. Unanimous. Angie moves that Ryan serve as acting Secretary. Amanda seconds. Motion passes. Unanimous.
- Reports
 - Financial Report (Ryan)
 - Expenses, income, checking/savings account balances.
 - Balance at close of last statement, June 30, includes \$10,562.92 in checking and \$214.83 in savings, for a total of \$10,777.75.
 - Grants update/approval requests
 - Braemar Charitable Trust (Trust Mgmt). Ryan submitted a grant to Braemar, which is only available for us to apply to every 2 years.
 - Bloomfield Family Foundation, LOI. Ryan submitted a LOI to Bloomfield. If they like our LOI, they will invite us to apply for the full grant process.
 - Haines and Friends. Melissa submitted a request for art supplies.
 - Ryan would like to apply to Ford Family Foundation for a technical grant to support developing our USDA food program. Ford Family has been supportive of KCA in the past, providing a grant for Ryan and Kaci to attend the National Charter Schools Conference. Terry motions that the board support Ryan in his endeavor to pursue a technical grant from Ford Family Foundation for developing a food reimbursement program through the USDA. Amanda seconds. Motion passes.
 - Community and Culture
 - Enrollment Update. We are now up to 30 enrolled, which is the exact number we gave as an estimate to the school district. We are still waiting on some

registrations to come in, but we have surpassed our goal of 25 enrolled for the first year!

- Location/Facilities.
 - Our location is coming along really well. Boy put a lot of time into building a wall to give us a dedicated classroom. We'd like to recognize the work he did, volunteering his time to build us this space. Thanks, Boy!
- Governance & Compliance
 - Nothing to report.
- Staff Report
 - Science teacher. Elishua is very excited about teaching science and also about being a Teacher Leader. Ryan shared his quote: "I'm all in." Some board members have questions regarding his teaching background and whether he has past experience working with high school students. Note that the Teacher Leaders are enthusiastic about Elishua and would love to see him as part of the team. Suggestion to support the Teacher Leaders if they believe he is the right one for the team, but perhaps seeing a resume or having the opportunity to speak to him would be good. Angie motions that we hire Elishua as a part-time 0.5 FTE Teacher Leader. Amanda seconds. Motion passes.
 - Spanish. We've been talking to Padma about teaching in-person Spanish classes. We'd also like to offer a program where students who did not want to learn Spanish could be using a program like Rosetta Stone, and Kaci would be able to oversee/manage such a program.
 - Musical arts. Elishua plans to teach a class that would include some level of music appreciation, music production, and instrument making, among other things.
 - Food Program. Note that we've been struggling to work with USDA to figure out the reimbursement program. We plan right now to begin the year with purchasing and preparing the food ourselves. As noted earlier, we plan to seek a grant from Ford Family to try to help us with the process of getting set up with USDA so that we can be reimbursed going forward.
 - Three Rivers Yard Sale. We'd like to extend an acknowledgement and thank you to Three Rivers School District for inviting us to their Yard Sale last week. They allowed us to come and pick out furniture, sound equipment, paper and art supplies, and more, saving us a lot of money as well as time. Thank you, Three Rivers!
- Old Business:
 - Fundraisers
 - Cans For Kids. August 12 report-back. Amanda shared that it was pretty steady and quite successful. Thank you to Susan Gustafson for volunteering the whole time, and also thank you to Garland for helping too. Ryan shared that Amanda and Adam were some of the biggest contributors, so huge thank you to them for donating all those recyclables. Next one is September 16.

- Fundraiser Gathering Sunday, Sept 10. Plan is for late afternoon in Takilma. We would talk about the school, and then hope that people get the message and contribute financially.
 - Developing our policy manual. Kaci, Melissa, and Ryan have started narrowing down specific topics for policy manual. They will get the list to the Board next meeting.
- New Business:
 - Orientation. Kaci will be presenting a slideshow about school philosophy, but asks if the Board wants to present or be present. Angie will bring snacks—yay! Terry would like to share a little bit about what to expect with sculpture. Ryan suggests maybe Terry and Ariana can each talk about their classes for a few minutes, to help students choose an intensive, though it might be better at the student orientation on Friday.
 - Thank you/acknowledgements. At a previous meeting, Angie agreed to help with thank you notes. The info is in the school—we'll touch base after the meeting.
 - Discussion: Kimiko's role on the board. Kimiko has been unable to be physically present at all meetings and feels the need to step back in the next few months. She is hoping to continue chairing the board alongside a co-chair at least for the short term. For the future, she would like to remain on the board, but does not feel she is the right chair for the school year. She can continue to chair until a new person is found so hoping we can put feelers out to find someone. If we do find someone, she feels she would be able to put more energy into things she can do from afar, like grant writing. Ryan shared that Kimiko has been an instrumental part of the formation of the school for the past 3 years and that he would like to see her remain on the board.
 - Thank you to Adam for putting together school furniture (stools) during the meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- 5pm Monday September 25, 2023
- 5pm Monday October 30, 2023
- 5pm Monday November 27, 2023