

Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School
Organizational Board Meeting

June 9th, 2025

Board members present: Terry Davis (chairperson), Grace Hughes (treasurer), Ryan Forsythe (secretary), Cody Zook, Amanda Selden-Dixon, Angie Graves, Mindy King

Absent: Whitman Franklin (student representative), Kava Rose (student representative)

Excused Absence: None

Teacher Leaders: Kaci Elder, Melissa DeNardo

Facilitator: Terry/Grace / Minutes: Mindy

Meeting called to order 4:52pm.

- Welcome and land acknowledgment.
- Additions to agenda. **Mindy motions to approve the agenda. Amanda seconds. Motion passes. Unanimous.**
- Board seat elections: Gracie throws her hat in for Chair, Mindy throws hat for Secretary, Cody would like to do treasurer. Angie thanks everyone for their dedication. **Angie motions to approve all three positions: Gracie as Chair, Mindy as Secretary, and Cody as Treasurer. Amanda seconds. Vote passes unanimous**
- Approval of minutes from April 28 meeting. **Angie motions to approve April 28 minutes. Seconded by Cody. Minutes approved. Vote passes unanimous.**
- Approval of minutes from May 26th Special Session minutes. **Angie motions to approve May 26th minutes. Cody seconds. Motion passes. Vote passes unanimous.**
- Public comments. No comments received.
- Reports
 - Financial Report
 - Account balances. Ryan reported on our account balances. He shared that our bank account totals as of today included \$36,101 in checking and \$216,172.34 in savings for a total of \$252,273.53. He noted that we are in pretty solid position right now.
 - Statement of activity for April shared and reviewed, May 2023 will be shared at next meeting as with the end of the year field trip and grades, etc Ryan has not reconciled yet.
 - Grant updates:
 - No CSP updates.
 - Integrated Grants Program: Ryan shared that Jann Taylor would like to do a contract amount for 8 hours a week about 12,000/year. We have previously been doing hourly as we started late and weren't sure how much we would need. This falls within the grant and our allotted amount for that.
 - Taryn requested approval to apply for Haines Family Art Grant for art supplies \$1,000 to \$5,000. We were trying to get this grant a couple years ago and missed the deadline. Cody asked what

requirements were. Terry shared that he has received the grant before and it's just a matter of showing the art. Melissa shared that previously we were in a state of flux and didn't have a lot of pictures of our student art, where as now we are filled with it. Taryn clarified that it is for anything art. **Grace motions to approve, Angie seconds. Vote passes unanimous.**

- Community and Culture

- Enrollment

- We are at full capacity for next year! 64 students with 46 of them returning students! Freshman-11 Sophomores-16 Juniors- 19 Senior- 18 Staff has begun meeting new families

- Community connections

- Amy Lusson came to community class to invite us to participate in Second Saturday Art Walks, she has offered up her space behind the news office/her apothecary for student displays. We also have been offered a space to sell food in the Stellar Storage area, that money will go to Senior Trip for next year. Melissa is planning on manning that booth in June, Angie stated that she could do July and Mindy stated that she could do August. Some discussion about what to sell, food stuffs, KCA tshirts, stickers, photo booth?
 - Taryn shared that a group of students came in response to a last minute notice to come help clean out the expansion space. And that was really touching to see.
 - The camp out was great, they went to the aquarium, the seniors got a behind the scenes tour and got to pet a jellyfish! The seniors went to a fancy dinner. Michael's poetry class performed their version of Alan Ginsberg's "Howl" around the fire. Some of our students had never been further than 50 miles outside of CJ, a couple had never been camping, at least one had never seen the ocean and one of our senior's was having dinner in a restaurant for the third time in her life. We are really creating core memories for these kids.
 - We were featured in the IVCaDo newsletter and Lindsay Jones is bringing student voices to the table and being used for a focus group on how to grow our town, how safe it feels.

- Facility

- The space in back is cleared and ready for progress, the office space up front is pretty much ready for paint. The contractor has been really great, amicable to work with, very flexible.

- Student Report: None

- Staff Report
 - Taryn shared the schedule for Fall Semester.
 - Our cameras came in for security, Kaci did a lot of research and got enough to include the expansion. We need to inventory them before installation as they are property of Three Rivers School District. They are interior and exterior. Taryn is excited from a safety perspective and shared that the blueprints in the expansion include a circular hallway which is also exciting from a safety perspective, no dead ends.
 - The graduation ceremony was really lovely and the families stayed even after the sprinklers came on and until the camp host kicked them out at park close and Taryn felt that really showed how much our school enjoys being together, with their families too. Taryn shared that they thought it would be fun to include the families in the Merry Prankster Pomp and Circumstance performance.
- End of Year check in
 - Taryn shared that this was a tough year, a lot of trial by fire and a lot of growth. Taryn also shared that they are working on putting together student and staff handbooks so that next year starts with more guidelines and less fires. Melissa shared that her theme of the year was “take the training wheels off” there were a lot of adjustments, new space, new students, new teachers, and while it was all a lot she feels that the kids are starting to really appreciate their school and showing love for it. Kaci shared that the transition for our first year students, who were holding on to that first year experience, felt all those new ways Melissa talked about, and so it has been a year of adjusting for everybody, but also shared that the students who were chronically absent at IVHS are here everyday because this school is important to them and we are their community. Ryan concurs with what the other teacher leaders expressed, but also feels that looking back in the future this will be the hardest year in that so many systems are new but going forward the systems will be tweaked instead of created.

Regular meeting adjourned at 5:39

- CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS GUARDIAN COMPLAINT/PERSONNEL ISSUE

Upcoming Meetings

- July meeting: 4:30pm Monday, June 30, 2025 *
- August meeting: 4:30pm Monday August 4, 2025
- * = denotes meeting held on a different Monday this month (other than 1st Monday) due to holidays or school schedules.