

Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School  
Organizational Board Meeting

October 6th, 2025

Board members present: Grace Hughes (chairperson), Mindy King (secretary), Taryn Roberson (staff representative), Amanda Selden-Dixon, Terry Davis, Kelly Costin, Drake Peters (student representative), Lucy Becker (student representative)

Excused Absent: Cody Zook

Teacher Leaders: Ryan Forsythe, Kaci Elder (via zoom)

Facilitator: Gracie / Minutes: Mindy King

Meeting called to order at 4:38pm.

- Welcome and land acknowledgment.
- Additions to agenda. Gracie would like to add an item under New Business for Angie's resignation from the board. **Mindy motions to approve the agenda as amended. Grace seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
- Approval of minutes from September 8th meeting. Terry noted that his name was missing from those present. Mindy will amend the notes. Ryan clarified for our new student reps that abstaining from this vote was appropriate since they were not at the previous meeting to verify the accuracy of meeting notes. **Mindy motions to approve September 8th minutes as amended. Grace seconds. Motion passes 4 in favor (Grace, Terry Amanda and Mindy) and 3 abstentions (Kelly and new student reps).**
- 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 \$56,542.85 in checking and \$201,692.68 in savings for a total of \$258,235.53.
    - Statement of activity for August was shared and reviewed. Ryan shared that August expenses are higher because the teachers are buying a lot of supplies, as well as the extra equipment for our expansion. He also noted that we have some guidance monies noted as for the Project Youth Plus
  - Community and Culture
    - Enrollment
      - We have two spaces currently available. Our waitlist contenders are Juniors and Seniors and as our enrollment numbers are already high in those classes the Teacher Leaders are trying to wait to see if we have some freshmen or sophomores who decide to switch

from IVHS. We are about at the end of the time period when this typically happens but are hopeful.

- Community Connections
  - Taryn shared that a lot of our students volunteered at Barter Faire cooking and it sounds like everyone had a great time. Taryn discussed some ideas for next year as it really snuck up on us this year.
- Facility
  - Taryn shared that the roof is old and a new liner for the roof is in the works. They shared that Taylor's is footing that bill as it is building maintenance not a requested upgrade.
  - Taryn shared that the internet updates that we discussed last month are happening this Friday.
- Student Report:
  - We welcomed our new student representatives, Lucy is back for her second term and Drake is excited to be joining our board. The board introduced ourselves to the students.
  - Lucy shared that they went to the trade fair last week at Seven Feathers that was really big and tomorrow is a college day field trip at the RCC campus in White City.
  - Drake shared that we had spirit week last week and shared some of his favorite moments. The school as a whole had a discussion about the bathrooms and they are already easier to use, less crowded and messy.
- Staff Report
  - Taryn shared that Ryan, Melissa, Kaci and themselves will be going to Ypsilanti Michigan for a Teacher Powered School Conference. Ryan will then be doing a Math Teacher Conference in Atlanta.
  - Taryn shared that we are going to post the cleaning position so that the cleaning person is on pay roll which also gives us more control over what safety equipment gets used, what hours they can be here, etc. then when it is a contracted position. Grace inquired if we would just be able to transition our current cleaner to the payroll position, Taryn explained that the job has to be posted but our cleaner has been encouraged to apply. We are also going to be posting the counselor position, Drake asked who we have in mind (Taryn clarified it also has to be posted). Lucy asked if that meant the grant money had been released. Taryn explained that we are expecting the funds and were also informed that it is a reimbursement situation anyway so we are going to start looking now.
- Fundraising Committee Report - Gracie has done an initial fundraising for the senior trip and has raised \$460 so far. She also shared that she has coordinated

with Grocery Outlet for three different weekends (one in October, November and December) and will match what the kids raise there. She also has some containers for the students to decorate and put out at different businesses for passive donations. She has also booked a table at the Dome School Bazaar and has supplies for the students to make Holiday Center Pieces and has ideas for sticker packets, buttons, etc to also sell there.

- New Business
  - Garcie shared that Angie Graves has turned in her resignation as her physical limitations have gotten to be too much for her to continue her service on the board. Big thank you to Angie for all her work and support of the school as a board member!
  - Taryn shared that the school is needing a back up generator as it is chaos here when the power goes out, aside from lighting the internet also goes out. Taryn shared some options that they have looked into but would also like to ask the board to take on the task of finding and fundraising for a back up generator. Kelly will ask Daniel as he has some experience with generators.
- Old Business
  - Taryn is inquiring how to go about revising the Student Handbook. Two examples are one that is more of an edit where it refers to Fridays as the end of the school week and one is Kayla would like to add something about lunch drop offs. Grace felt that the edit can be done without reapproval as it is a minor edit not a change to policy. The board discussed the larger policy items and decided that an annual review would be most sensible with individual policies adopted throughout the year if one is needed immediately and could then be incorporated at the annual review. Mindy will get together with Kayla to find out the parameters of what she is looking for and will draft a policy for the next meeting.
  - The Student Conduct Handbook was discussed, our student representatives had some questions as they had not seen the document yet. The board decided to table the vote on that to give our student representatives a chance to read and review it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

#### Upcoming Meetings

- November meeting: 4:30pm Monday, November 3, 2025
- December meeting: 4:30pm Monday, December 1, 2025
- January meeting: 4:30pm Monday, January 6, 2026