

Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School
Organizational Board Meetingmm

January 5th, 2026

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

Excused Absence: Grace Hughes (chairperson)

Teacher Leaders: Ryan Forsythe, Kaci Elder, Sara Kinstler

Community Teachers: Forest, Shannon

Facilitator: Drake Peters and Lucy Becker / Minutes: Mindy King

Meeting called to order at 4:34pm.

- Welcome and land acknowledgment.
- Additions to agenda. Ryan would like to add a Personnel Policy Meeting that could go under Financial Reports. **Lucy motions to approve the agenda as amended. Mindy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
- Approval of minutes from December 1st meeting. **Drake motions to approve December 1st minutes. Kelly seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
- Public comments. No comments received. Drake inquired how someone goes about making a public comment and the board explained the various routes.
- Reports
 - Financial Report
 - Account balances. Ryan reported on our account balances. He shared that our bank account totals as of December 31st included \$151,701.42 in checking and \$6,693.70 in savings for a total of \$158,395.12. Ryan noted this is about a \$30,000 drop from last month and wanted to clarify that this month has two rent checks, our yearly payment for Project Youth Plus was made so we are expecting a refund of that \$17,000, there was also the beginning of payment to Journey Home as well as a large insurance payment.
 - Statement of activity for November was shared and reviewed. Sally asked what the insurance cost was, Ryan clarified that it is the property and liability. Drake inquired if the reimbursement to Journey Home is grant money, which was confirmed.
 - Ryan discussed that we have changed our payroll process for our Community Teachers going from a set payment to an hourly payment and there are some Personnel Policies that need to be updated to reflect that

change. Ryan is requesting a one time Personnel Policy Ad-hoc Committee: Drake, Kelly, Lucy, Mindy, Shannon and Forest will join Ryan who will email those persons to coordinate a time.

- Community and Culture
 - Enrollment: 11 freshmen, 14 sophomores, 20 juniors, 18 seniors
 - Just had a sophomore request today and so if they enroll we will be back up to 64 students. This week is the last week of the semester and so we will discuss with the student if they will join us for our intensives or wait til the Spring semester starts.
 - Community Connections
 - Just back from Break
 - Drake shared that while he was networking around town over the winter break, he talked to some folks and had a lot of positive feedback about the school.
- Student Report:
 - Students had a White elephant gift exchange before break that was really fun.
 - Drake ran us through what intensives are being offered this winter and the second week will be the school wide Whirlwind Festival!
 - Students did a google review for their classes last semester and really enjoyed the opportunity to provide some feedback to their teachers.
- Staff Report
 - Not much to report, everyone is tired.
 - Many were sick, vacations were had.
 - Kaci shared that the teacher leaders met with District heads and while nothing is set in stone, it looks like our contract will be renewed for 5 years
 - Ryan would like to inform the board that he has completed his masters program and will be starting his student teaching with Sara as his mentor teacher
- Fundraising Committee Report -
 - Sara shared that there is some extra money from Project Youth Plus, about \$1000-\$2000 that they will be giving us for our Redwood Foundation account. This will meet the goal we had to be able to offer two scholarships this year and keep some in account to keep accruing for future graduates. Shannon also raised \$85 at the Dome School Bazaar selling pictures that she helped the kids take, design different backgrounds and print.
- New Business
 - IV News Partnership - Kaci shared that Dan Mancuso approached her last year about KCA running the newspaper, and has repeatedly come back to her trying to develop this idea. Kaci clarified that it would not be our fiscal responsibility to run it, but to keep our community paper alive. Kaci is today seeking our approval

to draft a MOU (Memo of Understanding) with IV News via a special session of the board in conjunction with the teachers in about two weeks. Forest and Shannon, who are community teachers with specific skill sets for this are heading up the publishing side and walked the board through what they have in mind. Essentially a partnership that would allow for the creation of a separate entity to run the paper, incorporating our students and lending our name to the project. Sally wanted to clarify that our organization would be adopting the paper but the name remains the same, KCA is just a partnership? Yes was the answer and Forest clarified that he would like it to be more than a silent partnership and include student writing, while not turning it into a student paper. Mindy asked whether the news is currently a non-profit and Forest clarified that it is not but walked through how we would get to establish it as a 501c in large part to the partnership with the school which would allow for grants to be applied for under our 501 while theirs is established (which can take up to a year and a half). Drake felt this was a cool idea, but wondered how the students would be involved. Shannon gave some insight into the graphics/layout opportunities, internships, etc and Sarah shared that she has taught a Journalism class at IVHS and is going to be teaching one here next semester regardless if we move forward with the paper and would easily incorporate student work into the paper. Sally asked if there was a reimbursement to Dan, Forest said that Dan has asked for \$10,000 for the paper but would take payments and is open to however long that takes and it would come from the proceeds of the paper. He would like to stay on as a consultant to ensure that the paper remains balanced and objective. Kelly asked if our board would be the IVNews board, which it will not be. Drake expressed his support, the rest of the board is also feeling supportive, although our president is missing today. Sally requested that a rough MOU be drafted and shared with the board for review before that meeting. Mindy proposed having a special session on Tuesday January 13th at 4pm, this time works for the rest of the board.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- February meeting: 4:30 pm Monday February 2, 2026
- March meeting: 4:30 pm Monday Mar 2, 2026