

**MINUTES of Oakland School for the Arts  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 04, 2017, 6:15 PM**

**6:15 pm Call to Order/Roll Call/Establish of Quorum Ms. Eisen**

\*Quorum Established

Present: Rebecca Eisen, Mike Barr, Steven Borg, Elise Darwish, Jonathan Dharmapalan, Matthew Novak, Randi Protopappas, Dr. Dianne Woods

Absent: Dr. Bruce Lawrence, Ken Brooks, Lucella Harrison, Carol Isen

**6:16 pm Public Comment: 2 minutes per speaker Ms. Eisen**

\*OSA parents Paulina Gonzales, Lauren Smith, and Carolyn Watson commented about 504 and IEP programs. They presented a letter to the BOD.

**6:24 pm Consent Agenda Ms. Eisen**

**Approve Meeting Minutes February 16, 2017**

**Approve Meeting Minutes March 23, 2017**

\*M/S/A ~ all approved unanimously

**6:25 pm Pillar IV - Sustainability**

**- Gala Update**

**Mr. Köhn**

The Gala was financially successful. The student performances were showcased extremely well. Meaningful connections have been made through this event. Kathryn Keslosky was commended on how beautiful the venue was and how well the evening flowed.

**- 2016/17 Financial Snapshot**

**Mr. Faustine**

OSA is doing well against plan. We had fewer students than our budget was based on but we were able to lower salary cost, reduce planned expenditures, and Development has done extremely well at raising money.

Art School funding depends on family contributions; participation is less than 50%. We need to increase family participation significantly for 17/18.

**ACTION ITEM:** A clear explanation and breakdown of funding needs to be delivered to the families earlier in the year.

**- 2017/18 Enrollment Snapshot**

**Mr. Faustine**

\*780 students are enrolled for the 2017/18 school year, with over 200 students on the waitlist. 150 of these students are new to OSA (most comprise the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class). Schools that are High School only programs suffer by not having students feeding in from Middle School.

**- 2017/18 Budget –first reading**

**Mr. Faustine**

\*The budget is based on ongoing expense reductions. Salaries/raises for 2017-18 have been protected. However, payment into the Teacher Retirement Fund and Benefit costs has been increasing.

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**- Facilities strategy & progress update**

**Mr. Köhn**

\*OSA has been looking at what its enrollment growth potential may be based on current audition and waitlist numbers. ED, Brian Köhn and members of the Facility Committee have been speaking with numerous developers & investors over the past few months..

**ACTION ITEMS:**

\*BOD asking for a financial model based on 1200 students for the next meeting

\*Becky Eisen would like Ken Brooks' insight on this option

\*Dr. Woods suggests that Brian Köhn speak with Joshua Simon about bond initiatives

<b>7:50 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn to Closed Session to discuss Student Issues</b>	<b>Ms. Eisen</b>
<b>8:03 pm</b>	<b>Reconvene from Closed Session &amp; Report Out</b>	<b>Ms. Eisen</b>
<b>8:05 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Ms. Eisen</b>

**BOARD CERTIFICATION**

I, Carol Isen, Secretary of Oakland School for the Arts Board of Directors do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of Oakland School for the Arts Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on May 04, 2017 as approved by the attending members.

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Signature

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Date

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