

MINUTES
Joan of Arc Academy
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 20, 2016 @ 6:30 P.M.

Present: Patrick Foody, Chair
Tara Blasioli
Dana Dingman-Bailes

Regrets: Melanie Adrian
Ken Davison
Murray Johnson (Former Chair)
Les Walden
Joss Walsworth

Also Present: Pierrette Poliquin, Head

AGENDA ITEM
1. CALL TO ORDER
The Chair Patrick Foody called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Quorum was not declared.
2. PRESENTATION BY CONNIE SPRINGFIELD, STAFF MEMBER
Staff member Connie Springfield presented to the Board an overview of JOAs Character Development and Leadership Program. The purpose of the presentation was to provide the Board with an overview of staff-run

initiatives focused on promoting student leadership and involvement in the JOA community. This initiative stems from parental feedback in the 2015-2016 parent survey, where parents identified the promotion of character development as a as an area of key importance.

3. UPDATE ON THE ELECTRICAL PANEL/VAULT

Smith and Anderson Consulting have completed the draft report which reviewed the electrical capacity of the school's vault, and also looked into the possibility of adding the proposed soccer field lighting to the existing panel. The conclusion of the report suggests that the school's existing system could not handle the additional electrical load of the proposed soccer field lighting, based on the data reviewed. More work can be done to see if the panels could be "tweaked" to allow for this load addition, but this is not recommended due to the age of the vault, and the likelihood that the system would require maintenance that would be costly and difficult to undertake. Tara to follow-up to confirm whether the recommendations of the report change, considering the lights would only be operating at times when electrical usage at the school is quite low.

4. REPORT FROM THE HEAD

The Head provided an overview of the school and updated the Board on the status of enrollment at the start of the 2016 school year and updates on the Strategic Plan goals as well as compliance items.

The Head also gave an overview of staff changes that took place over the summer. This overview included the departure of former Assistant Head Derek Rhodenizer over the summer and introduction to new Asssistant Head Nathalie Charest and Business Officer Valeria Papin.

5. OTHER ITEMS

Given the staffing changes the Head will require a new credit card be issued in the name of Nathalie Charest, the current Assistant Head, to replace one obtained for former Assistant Head, Derek Rhodenizer, after a resolution of the Board in June 2016. As no quorum was declared for this meeting, the item was tentatively rescheduled for discussion at the October meeting, pending bank confirmation that a new resolution is needed to issue a card in Ms. Charest's name.

IN CAMERA SESSION

No in camera session was held.

8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will take place on October 18, 2016 at 6:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm
