

**FINE ARTS COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**Meeting of Thursday October 2014**

Called to order by President David Fettes at **9:12 am**

**Present** - David Fettes (Chair), Gayla Worden (Past President), Lindy Rasmussen (Treasurer), Gaye McVean, Tammy Watt, Stacey Richards, Mike Wheeler, Shannon Panchuk, Renee Dowling, John Poulsen, Katherine Wells, Andreas Berkos, Samuel Yamamoto, Diane O'Rourke (secretary)

**Regrets**— Jennifer Eiserman, Kathy Robinson, Erin McDonald, Greg Jeffrey

Item	Action
<p><b><u>1. Additions to the Agenda</u></b></p> <p>1) Conference 2015</p>	
<p><b><u>2. Adoption of Agenda and Receipt of Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved, that the agenda be adopted as amended and that all reports listed be received.</b>  <b>Motion: Gaye McVean</b>  <b>Carried.</b></p>	<p>Adoption of Order Paper and Receipt of Reports</p>
<p><b><u>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Resolved, that the minutes of the FAC Council Executive Council meeting held 2014 09 13 be adopted as printed.</b>  <b>Motion: Gaye McVean</b>  <b>Carried.</b></p>	<p>Adoption of Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>4. Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Treasurers' Report</b>  - See reports</p> <p><b>b. Secretary's Report</b>  - Mail received</p> <p><b>Resolved, that the reports are accepted.</b>  <b>Motion: John Poulsen</b>  <b>Carried.</b></p>	<p>Adoption of reports as printed</p>
<p><b><u>Committee Reports:</u></b></p>	<p>Adoption</p>

- **President**
- Thank you for Wednesday evening's meeting and discussion
- Gave away two conference packages at Beginning Teachers Conference (Mike and David presented)
- Table Officers approved FAC sending invitation letters to Minister of Education and Minister of Culture to attend today's meeting...but only on this past Monday (too late to actually invite).
- **Music Rep.**
- Hopefully a rep to be found this conference.
- **Art Rep.**
- See report
- We have met (and exceeded) our goals/obligations; continuation of AFA partnership is considered a good idea, but AFA also needs to spread the word about this valuable resource across the province.
- Tammy's last act as Art Rep.: write final report for AFA grant, Tammy to take a sub day to accomplish task.
- **Drama Rep.**
- Nothing to report
- **Dance Rep.**
- See report
- **CARFAC**
- Conference 2014 – we are not going to lose money on this conference...might even make a bit!
- Andreas to create a survey for Conference feedback (on Survey Monkey – since we are already paying for the service)
- **EARFAC**
- **SARFAC**
- SWATCA – talked to them about presenters for Convention, found three Fine Arts Presenters, all music, seeking presenters from other disciplines.
- Southern Alberta PD Consortium: contact with John Laurier – developing a plan for Fine Arts PD in the area, excited about partnering with FAC
- Obstacles: prototype of Fine Arts curriculum, four disciplines under the same umbrella of Arts; looking for a strong voice for each discipline.
- Bank account re-established, David to write letter to complete process.
- Erin George Samuel – to be SARFAC president in Sam's absence.
- **FINE FACTA Editor**
- January 15<sup>th</sup> due date for next submissions
- Reps to write a report about Conference 2014 to submit for next issue
- Possibility to distribute Fine Facta to Fine Arts Schools around the province
- Please let Renee or Shannon know if you were in a session worthy of publication (including handouts...)
- Next year – Jonathon to bring extra Facta copies to Conference 2015
- **U of Lethbridge**
- Lots of institutions offering B Eds...(even online)
- Still a strong need for teachers to mentor a student teacher

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- Please email John if you (or someone you know) would like a student teacher from U of L
- **U of Alberta**
- Absent
- **U of Calgary**
- Absent
- **Alberta Education**
- Still in the process of reviewing submissions for curriculum prototype. Reviewing four different ideas of what it could look like. Currently looking very general for the Arts.
- New Premier wrote a mandate letter – priorities he sees for education – emphasis on foundational knowledge. Arts education – not a huge interest from the minister at this point.
- Revisiting how they are looking at curriculum design, currently projected timeline has not changed, but 2016 is not realistic.
- Fine Arts needs to sit outside of the politics of curriculum redesign – it’s so old (some resources aren’t even available anymore), needs to be readdressed like other programs of study.
- Ideal: flexible and open curriculum, understandable, interpretation of the document will vary depending on who is reading it
- This is Kate’s last meeting before maternity leave!
- No details about Kate’s (temporary) replacement as yet
- **AFA**
- Absent
- **Staff Advisor**
- FAC Exec forms
- PEWTS event
- Anti-Spam Legislation
- Student Learning Assessments – some teachers are feeling really supported, others are not, concerns are being passed on to the government – these need to be valuable for teachers/schools. Tell your grade 3 teachers to go to the ATA site to give feedback regarding SLAs.
- Workload – C2 (board level committee that looks at tasks and determines which can be eliminated/new tasks that would be beneficial) delivering marginal results at best. This is coming out of legislative talks of two years ago...previous minister chose not to make workload a priority. We need the government to realize that this is a priority.
- C3 – province wide, third party study, regarding work load study – feedback is critical! Legislated by government.
- Ministerial order – no teacher should be assigned to more than 907 hours of instructional time (not assignable time)
- Province-wide meeting campaign – better education together, [www.bettereducation.com](http://www.bettereducation.com) – aim to get parents on side with what we’re talking about. Opportunity to share a story about an excellent teacher.
- **PEC Liaison**
- Absent

**Resolved, that the reports are accepted as presented and printed.**

**Motion: Gayla Worden**

**Carried.**

**5) Business:**

- a) Budget (to be presented at AGM)
  - See report, Fine Arts Council 2014-15 Budget
  - Presenting a balanced budget at AGM
  - Add to budget PD money for new Generalist position? Next year.
  - PD money changed from \$2250 to \$1875/year (half of full entitlement)
  - See latest Budget for changes/current balance
  - Policy Manual to be changed
  - Conference Budget: framework for conference committee to work with.
  - Question: add money to 'Entertainment' to Council budget to pay for President's Reception for Conference (2015)

**Motion to recommend budget at the AGM made by Gaye McVean.**

**Carried.**

- b) Conference 2016/2017
  - Destinations: Helms Briscoe (Leanne Calderwood) looking for destinations for 2017
  - 2016 options: Banff Park Lodge, The Banff Center, Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, Canmore to be added to list of considerations.
- c) Survey Update (John & Andreas)
  - 90 responses to date
  - Request for an extra night at the January retreat to complete work on survey

**Motion for FAC to allocate maximum of \$750 for Andreas and John to spend a day/night pre-January retreat to continue work on survey and article for A Fine Facta, made by John Poulsen.**

**Carried.**

- d) January retreat
  - a. 3 yr plan
  - b. Apply for ATA grant (\$2000), FAC matches with \$2000, approximate cost of retreat is \$4000 (we have done it for less).
  - c. Thought: Dakota Lodge, Pigeon Lake, Canmore, Engadine...
  - d. Dates: Friday February 27, Saturday February 28, Sunday March 1 2015
- e) iTunes partnership
  - a. ATA piloting partnership with iTunes U to develop subject specific curricular materials for posting on "Alberta Teachers on iTunes U" affiliate site
  - b. Tammy and Shannon are interested, will confirm.
- f) Next meeting
  - To be decided on Saturday.
- Call a meeting on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> to figure out future meeting dates for Conference, retreat locations, iTunes U project.

**6) Adjourn**

**Movement to adjourn made by Gayla Worden**

**Carried.**

**Adjournment: 2:30pm**