

## KCA Organizational Board Meeting Minutes

Monday October 24, 2022

6pm @Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89409099974?pwd=QzNXZGY1Z1h0TIRmaGQ2YmduVU0vQT09>

Facilitator: Kimiko

In attendance: Ryan Forsythe, Melissa De Nardo, Kaci Elder, Kimiko Maglio

Absent: None.

*Meeting called to order 6:20pm*

### Welcome and land acknowledgment

Kimiko reads the original land acknowledgement

Ryan notes the land acknowledgment was revised today (10/24/22)

Kimiko reads the revised land acknowledgement:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rq\\_7NIEvOMLGe3laFAnICSoKCkGamgS5hz\\_PPz1OV\\_E/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rq_7NIEvOMLGe3laFAnICSoKCkGamgS5hz_PPz1OV_E/edit)

### Additions to agenda?

In the future, the monthly agenda item “Committee Reports” will change to “Reports”

In the future, a monthly “Staff Report” will be added to the “Reports” category

### Approve minutes from August and September board meetings

Approved.

Public comment: please limit your comments to 2 minutes. If you cannot attend, send written comments in advance to [KalmiopsisCommunityArts@gmail.com](mailto:KalmiopsisCommunityArts@gmail.com).

No comments.

### Financial Report (Kaci/Ryan)

Cans for Kids earned \$550.32 (July) and \$542.05 (August). The Four Way Community Foundation check for \$10,000 arrived. Ryan submitted an application to Roundhouse on 9/30, but they don't usually support charter schools and schools that charge tuition. He wasn't able to submit a letter of inquiry to the Miller Foundation. Ryan continues to research grants.

### Fiscal Management (Ryan)

Ryan informally met with Kenny Houck and they plan to meet formally soon. As our budget was approved by TRSD in August, no revisions are needed now. Ryan and Kaci are meeting to complete the annual 990 tax form and CT-12 Charities form; both are due Nov. 15.

### Community and Culture (Kaci)

Kaci met with Amy Lapora of Earth Scouts! to co-design a whole-school Wilderness Skills course for next year's final intensive, which will include camping or backpacking. Kaci and Ryan have also informally met with Laura Mancuso (community service through IV Wellness Resources, and helping the homeless/transitional housing project, possibly by helping with the community garden), Kate Dwyer (working directly with the kids as a community teacher and advisor); Charles Churchill (industrial and wood sculptor — intensive classes only); Georgia Churchill (professional storyteller), and Kelpie Wilson (biochar business and her Kalmiopsis-related novel, *Primal Tears*, and the planned sequel).

We are tabling at the Dome School Holiday Bazaar again — Ryan designed KCA's first sticker, which will be available at the Bazaar!

### Governance & Compliance (Kimiko)

The committee has not met. Kristen Miles sent a draft contract, and TRSD will take the next step in finalizing the contract.

### Location (Melissa)

Melissa reached out to First Community Credit Union to inquire about their vacant building. She is also contacting St. Anne's in Grants Pass, which will connect her with the priest of St. Patrick of the Forest Church. She is still contacting Fire Mountain Gems.

On 10/21, Melissa, Kaci, and Patty met at Rusk Ranch Nature Center to begin the permitting process, which will be completed through Rusk Ranch, as they are the proprietor. Rusk already has a Conditional Use permit, Approach permit, and Development permit, yet it needs to be determined whether those permits are valid for the development of KCA. The precise location of the school buildings has been selected — close to the electric pole and near the well adjacent to Rusk Road. The land has already been leveled and just needs to be cleared. School buses and school traffic will not use Rusk Road, both because it would require an additional ODOT Approach permit and it would inconvenience neighbors living on Rusk Road.

### Staff Meeting Report from the Work Party

We met Tuesday October 11 to draft a list of potential founding board members, revise our staff roles, and discuss Teaching and Admin FTEs.

### Founding board recruitment update

Kimiko, Ryan, and Kate will meet to discuss board development; for now, pause conversations with potential founding board members. We will invite potential founding board members to the December board meeting.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.*