

TCDSB Staff Arts Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026.

5:00 p.m.

Lisa Drago's House

Attendees:

Lisa Drago (Chair), Anne Bolger (President), Lisa Malcolm (Vice President), Natalie Yurkewich (Secretary, through phone call)

Counsellors: Linda Vachon

Regrets: Dawn Burke (Vice Chair), Andreas Allgeier (Treasurer), Anthony Cavaiola (Counsellor), John Ryall (Counsellor)

Item	Comments	Action
Prayer, Intentions, and Memorials	Lisa Drago led the prayer. Intentions for Eric Hauser, Mary Lou Sicoly, and Laurie Burke. Memorials for Samir De Oliveira.	
Approval of Agenda	Motioned by Anne Bolger, seconded by Lisa Malcolm. The agenda was approved.	
Approval of Minutes	Motioned by Anne Bolger, seconded by Lisa Malcolm. The minutes were approved.	
Treasurer's Report	Chequing Account balance: \$50, 206.48 Long-Term Deposit balance: \$11, 640.96	
Updates	53rd Annual Choir Concert 2026: • Conductor: Anne Bolger • Producer: Anita D'Mello • Final rehearsal: Monday, November 30, 2026 at St. Margaret	

	• Dress rehearsal: Thursday, December 3, 2026 at St. Paul's Basilica • Performance date: Friday, December 4th, 2026 at St. Paul's Basilica • Brass players have been booked. • The budget is similar to previous years at this point. Mystery Play: Clue • Director: Anna Maria Lo Bianco • Producers: Lisa Drago, Rachelle Mills, Anna Maria Lo Bianca • Performances: February 4 - 6, 2027 • Location: Brebeuf College School • Rehearsals: Fridays, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Brebeuf College School • Budget Update and Approval: We are giving a budget of \$7500.00. Musical 2026: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat • There was a profit of around \$11, 197.29. • Debrief with Director Nicole Toogood: Michael Braschel was excellent with the band on stage. Some sound issues that will need to be looked at further during the next production. Lots of positive feedback and reviews from the cast and community.	
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	Musical 2027 • Producer: Dawn Burke • Location: Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts • Director Search: 2 ads distributed, social media campaign ongoing, zero expressions of interest to date. A contingency plan will be made if no directors express interest by November 2026. • Potential Music Directors/Conductors: Michael Braschel, Samuel Tak-Ho Tam • Dates Booked at Cardinal Carter: ○ Weekend 1: Friday, June 11, 2027 (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, June 12, 2027 (2:00 and 7:30 p.m.); Sunday, June 13, 2027 (Matinee) ○ Weekend 2: Thursday, June 17, 2027 (7:30 p.m.); Friday, June 18, 2027 (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, June 19, 2027 (7:30 p.m.) Warehouse, Costumes, Props, and Set Storage Update: • The Board needs to put together a crew to help sort and organize all of the items in storage. Any materials no longer needed can be donated to schools through the Arts Department. Archives: • Status: Most musical videos have been transferred to a digital hard drive. The photos in	
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	the photo albums still need to be scanned and organized. The archives are expected to be completed by the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Awards: • Barry Diemert Award: Nominations are still coming in. • Paulina Effer Award: Criteria for the award will be decided by the Board and then announced some time in the Spring 2027. Communications: • Website: The website has been updated over the summer. • Social Media: The Board needs to choose someone to continue to go through the community email lists and update them throughout future productions. Governance: • Harassment Policy: Updated and posted on website. • Code of Conduct Proposal: Review proposal reflecting current best practices for participants, volunteers, production teams, and Board members. A new Code of Conduct policy will be made by the Board and put in place for all future	
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	productions. It will update and clarify the expectations of Staff Arts members. Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026: • Date: November 4, 2026 at 7 p.m. • Location: St. Margaret Catholic School • The Board will review budgets and discuss the upcoming season with the Staff Arts community in attendance.	
Other Items	AOB: • There is a piano to be donated to St. Margaret. The Board will help cover the transportation and tuning costs. The old piano from St. Margaret will be removed or moved to a different room as decided by the principal. • The Board was given an option to buy the keyboard we rent from Remenyi for the Choir Concert every year. It is expensive and very heavy which makes it hard to store and move. At this time, the purchase is not worth it. • Honorarium for Cardinal Carter: The Board will provide Cardinal Carter with \$1000.00 to assist with ongoing improvements to their theatre. • Staff Arts Band: Dan Found has started a Staff Arts Band with the Board's approval. A location is being determined and rehearsals will begin shortly.	

Next Meeting	AGM on November 4, 2026.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Yurkewich