



Calgary Arts Academy School Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Total Participants: 13

Attendance

CAA Administration:

Sarah Birch, Principal

School Council Members

Hayley – Chair / President

Bob – Treasurer

Cathy – Secretary

Blythe – Director of Governance - regrets

Nancy – Director: Casino

Carrie – Social Media Coordinator - regrets

Erin – Fundraising Coordinator

Guidelines on Zoom Meetings:

- Cameras on for meetings this year!
- If you would like to bring something up, please email council ahead of time so that it can be added to the agenda.
- If you are speaking, please make sure camera is on.

1. Welcome and Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Hayley at 6:34 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Sherry

Seconded by: Janelle

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2025

Motion: Jason

Second: Janelle

4. Colours of Spring – May 30

Vendor tables are organized and set up; lots of interest.

The students are excited about the things that they have made to sell. Adult booths are also available to purchase.

It is an unsupervised event. Parent/guardian supervision required for your children between school dismissal and during the event.

Save the date: May 30th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rosscarrock Campus

5. Principal's Report – Sarah Birch

As our 15-year Charter is coming up for review, we are starting the renewal process. The feedback received highlights our program success and positive school community. We are very grateful to everyone (teachers, staff, students and parents!) The Charter Review is posted on our website under Accountability.

At the last PD Day, staff continued to cultivate curiosity. There was an Art crawl, creative challenges, photo challenge there and then staffed were bused them to another location for a celebration to share the Charter Review.

One thing that was identified in the Charter Review is Council is going to need to be restructured. There needs to be a separate council for each campus, with a large group meeting afterwards. There will be 3 separate meetings as breakouts, and then we will connect as one big council, but really focus on each campus. We are looking for volunteers for each campus to run initiatives that are campus specific. If you have kids at multiple campuses, you could participate in more than one council group or can choose only one. If you are interested, please reach out to council or campus administrators.

Part one of the High School Showcase was at the Vertigo Theatre. Music students will perform at the Ironwood Stage next week.

At the Rosscarrock Campus, PATs for Year 6 and 9 students are starting at the end of May. We have a poet in residence, Wakefield Brewster, at RC this week. The Year 4/5 showcase will be at the RC gym on May 28 and 29.

At the Knob Hill Campus, Kindergarten and Year One students are embarking on their last contract of the year. Year 2/3 hosted a sharing assembly right before April break. There is currently a rash outbreak, and parents received a letter from AHS. If your child is displaying any symptoms connected with a rash, please call 811. Please notify the school so we can report to AHS.

We want to share with parents some advice and warnings from RCMP regarding social media (bulletin attached). Please be aware of platforms your students are on, such as Roblox and Minecraft. You can reach out to campus administrators for more information.

6. New Council Structure 2025/2026 - Nancy

As CAA has grown, we now have three campuses, and are able to operate as three separate entities under one umbrella. This allows for us to have three casinos. In order to access three casinos, we will need to have three separate councils. This means we will need three chairs, three treasurers, three secretaries, three vice chairs, and so on. We normally receive \$80,000 from our one casino. This could mean another \$160k for our schools!

Once we have our two new councils set up, we would apply and submit applications for two new casinos.

Please help us get the word out, as we need volunteers to access the additional casino funds! We hope to get our new councils set up and send in applications by September. Please contact council with any questions!

7. Council Fundraisers – Erin

Growing Smiles fundraiser is being delivered this week. Please be sure to pick them up as we are going into the long weekend and the plants may not survive the weekend.

Cocoa Brooks fundraiser is closing tomorrow. The menu is quite large and more than just pizzas!

Final fundraiser that we have for the year will be at the colors of spring – Nancy to announce!

8. New Business for Next Meeting:

We are recruiting for amazing parents/guardians who want to volunteer!

Reach out to council if interested!

Any suggestions for things to discuss, reach out to council or put some ideas into the chat for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 7:08 p.m.

Next and Final Meeting for 2024/2025

June 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Zoom Chat

00:01:30 Cathy Schwenning: Cathy Schwenning

00:01:35 Michael Hurd: Michael Hurd

00:01:53 Ellery Chzyk: Ellery Chzyk

00:02:47 Jason Avramenko: Jason Avramenko

00:04:22 Wangdue: Wangdue Gyalpo

00:04:33 Bob McEwan: Bob McEwan

00:04:45 sherry: Sherry Chiang

00:06:02 Markus's iPhone: Jennifer Blair

00:06:32 Janel: Janel McLaren

00:06:36 Tyson Bolduc: Tyson Bolduc

00:06:42 Sarah Birch: Sarah Birch (Principal)

00:06:46 Jason Avramenko: Aproved!

00:06:52 Janel: Janel Seconded

00:07:07 sherry: Approve

00:07:17 Janel: Seconded

00:08:30 Jason Avramenko: The typo.... "Has a food truck"

00:24:23 Jason Avramenko: Sorry...I missed it.....if someone (me) wanted those two extra hanging baskets, who do I contact?

00:25:01 Jason Avramenko: PS: Junior High Girls Soccer Team got third tonight!

00:25:16 Michael Hurd: What date will pancake breakfast be?

00:25:23 Sarah Birch: Reacted to "PS: Junior High Girl..." with 🙌

00:29:32 Jason Avramenko: Casino awesomeness! So much awesomeness! But....lots of commitment from parents.....

Is there any way we can make these positions paid? Not joking. The work is worth something.....

Maybe \$500 gift card?

00:32:44 Michael Hurd: So there would be 3 separate council meetings each month depending on campus?

00:34:29 Jason Avramenko: I move to change the bylaws to pay people!

00:35:52 Tyson Bolduc: AGLC only allows compensation for reimbursable expenses from casino proceeds. Anything else is prohibited. But I believe it's specific to casino proceeds...

00:41:51 Janel: Janel McLaren

00:41:54 Michael Hurd: Michael Hurd

00:41:54 sherry: Sherry Chiang

00:41:55 Tyson Bolduc: Tyson Bolduc

00:41:57 Janel: Approved

00:42:12 sherry: Second

00:42:21 Jason Avramenko: Jason Avramenko

00:42:37 Tyson Bolduc: Second

00:43:45 Nancy: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/caaspring2025>

00:44:02 Janel: Reacted to "<https://www.rafflebo...>" with 👍

00:45:04 Sarah Birch: I have a quick question for Bob

00:45:24 Jason Avramenko: I just bought my 100 tickets! So winning is on its way!

00:52:08 sherry: Thank you for all the information 😊.

00:52:08 Ellery Chzyk: Thanks!

00:52:11 Janel: Thanks!

00:52:18 Kerry Stewart: Thanks!

00:52:18 Markus's iPhone: Thanks