

# **CAA School Council Meeting Minutes**

## **May 4, 2021**

### **Attendance:**

CAA Administration:

Rhonda Morrison (Administrator, Knob Hill Campus)

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President

Cara Overholt, Vice President

Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer

Erika Holter, Secretary

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Additional School Council members present: 22

Total parent attendance: 27(ish) – See Chat Log

Quorum established. (Quorum minimum = 4 School Council members, including at least 2 executive members)

### **1. Welcome & Call to Order**

Christy Ford called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Christy Ford moved to approve the agenda. Blythe Butler seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

### **3. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2021 School Council Meeting**

Christy Ford moved to approve minutes. Blythe Butler seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

### **4. Chairperson's Report**

The ASCA general meeting was held last weekend. There will be concerted effort going forward on addressing misinformation around charter schools.

The Growing Smiles fundraiser was a success, and was the final fundraiser of the year. Thanks to Nikki Toone for her support in this year's fundraising activities.

### **5. Principal's Report**

It was just announced this evening that K - 12 will be moving to online learning until after the May long weekend.

Calgary Reads donations will be accepted until Friday.

Thanks to everyone who completed the Alberta Education survey. A Calgary Arts Academy survey is coming out shortly. Reminder that yearbook orders are due this week.

### **6. Updates**

### **School Council Advocacy/Upcoming Conference AGM**

Calgary Arts Academy had 14 parents sign up for the ASCA AGM. Our motions did not pass, however the process was fair and transparent, and there will be additional advocacy work forthcoming. One motion received nearly 50% approval, which was a win. Thanks to everyone who participated in the weekend.

### **Growing Smiles**

\$3,500 was raised for Council. Pick-up instructions will be confirmed via email.

### **In-Class Filtration**

Stephanie Westlund has researched some more of the particulars around in-class filtration, and will share her research findings with the CAA Board of Directors. Parents were encouraged to reach out to their MLAs on this matter.

### **Jubilee T-Shirts**

Pick-up was originally scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>, and updated pick-up details will be provided in a future newsletter.

### **Garden Committee**

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for gardening activities over the summer or for any planting days can reach out to Finnessa Adams at [finnessaadams@gmail.com](mailto:finnessaadams@gmail.com).

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Library Budget/Calgary Reads**

CAA will be working with Calgary Reads to update the Knob Hill library. The school feels that it's important for students to have ownership of the library upgrade and we want students to be able to visit the Calgary Reads Reading House before making the physical changes. In the meantime, Ms. Birch will be working on building up the book collection and culling old books. Council is looking forward to financially supporting the purchase of new books and also supporting the physical upgrades when the time comes.

### **b) Garden – Tool Collection**

Tool donations are being sought for the garden.

### **c) Skip the Depot**

Skip the Depot is a bottle pick-up service. Any parents using Skip the Depot can allocate that their bottle proceeds (or a portion thereof) can be donated to Calgary Arts Academy.

## **8. Parent Discussion and Questions**

Rhonda Morrison was asked to comment on the in-school situation for the 2021/2022 school year. Questions on this will be included in the upcoming CAA survey to gauge interest for online learning, and this will help to dictate what that will look like next year. Knob Hill will be K – 4, and Education Centre will be Year 5 and up.

## **9. Adjournment**

Christy Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held over Zoom on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

## Appendix – Zoom Chat Record from CAA Council Meeting

18:32:07 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone : Welcome everyone. If you can type your name in the chat for attendance that would be great. thanks!

18:32:18 From Sandra McNeil to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message) : Svea and Skye say Hi to Tess!

18:32:20 From Todd Stewart to Everyone : Kerry Stewart

18:32:23 From Rhonda Morrison to Everyone : Rhonda Morrison

18:32:25 From Jannett johnson to Everyone : Jannett Johnson

18:32:30 From Sandra McNeil to Everyone : Tammy McDonald

18:32:32 From Justin Smale to Everyone : Justin Smale and Jackie Puff

18:32:32 From Finnessa Adams to Everyone : Finnessa Adams

18:32:35 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone : Stephanie Westlund

18:32:39 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone : Joanne Pinnow

18:32:39 From Rachael Frey to Everyone : Rachael Frey

18:32:41 From Erika Holter to Everyone : Erika Holter

18:32:42 From Samantha Bradford to Everyone : Samantha Bradford

18:32:44 From Erin Wright to Everyone : Erin Wright

18:32:44 From Chelsea Aikman to Everyone : Chelsea and Craig Aikman

18:32:45 From christyford to Everyone : Christy Ford

18:32:45 From Anderson Johnson to Everyone : Anderson Johnson

18:32:49 From Brooke to Everyone : Brooke Button

18:32:51 From maria.shenk to Everyone : Maria Shenk

18:33:00 From Greg Massey to Everyone : Greg & Amanda Massey

18:33:04 From Qamar R to Everyone : Qamar Rasheed

18:33:12 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Sandra McNeil (Direct Message) : hi Skylar and Svea

18:33:16 From Laurent Ferron to Everyone : Magali & Laurent Ferron

18:33:28 From Nikki to Everyone : Nikki Toone

18:33:57 From Nancy to Everyone : Nancy Koutselas

18:35:09 From S Y to Everyone : Sayako Yamamoto

18:35:29 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone : Blythe Butler

18:36:42 From Frances Ewington to Everyone : Frances Ewington

18:38:23 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone : Don't forget to log your hours on the link from the CAA website!

18:41:15 From S Y to Everyone : Thank you Blythe for the reminder.

18:47:36 From Brooke to Everyone : Great fundraiser!! ☐

18:47:51 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone : Congrats! Thanks Nikki!

18:50:55 From Nikki to Everyone : great idea to contact our MLAs! Thanks Stephanie

18:51:49 From Finnessa Adams to Everyone : If you're interested in being a garden volunteer, please email: finnessaadams@gmail.com

18:56:08 From Yumiko Ito to Everyone : Yumiko Ito

18:56:21 From Susan Arnold to Everyone : Susan Arnold

18:57:39 From Samantha Bradford to Everyone : Oh darn! I just took everything back 😞

18:57:45 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone : Awesome idea

18:57:53 From Ben Addleman to Everyone : Ben Addleman/Stacie Banks

18:58:05 From Ben Addleman to Everyone : Samantha just empty more...

18:59:48 From Sandra McNeil to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message) : My family has to log off... thanks folks. Sandy's school has another positive case so she needs the computer.

19:03:15 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone : Agree Christy, the teachers that switched quickly did amazing.  
19:03:31 From Nancy to Everyone : I agree too!!!  
19:06:19 From Finnessa Adams to Everyone : Perfect, thank you!  
19:06:52 From Samantha Bradford to Everyone : Haha Ben. Solved!