

# CAA School Council Meeting

## March 8, 2022

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal/Deputy Superintendent)

Kimberly Hoey (Principal)

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President

Natalie Lau, Vice President

Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Dallal Taylor, Secretary

School Council members present 7

Total parent attendance: 31 – 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 6:31 p.m.

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

Christy Ford motioned to approve the agenda. Nikki Toone seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

### **3. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022, Council Meeting**

Christy Ford motioned to approve the minutes. Natalie Lau seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

### **4. Updates & Topics**

#### **Christy Ford (Chairperson Report):**

- We are welcoming volunteers back into the schools this week.
- The sign-up sheet was attached in the Council update
- All of the hepa filters are now installed
- We have added three units. There was a small additional cost to purchase power bars.
- The Year 6 leadership team has been meeting and brainstorming ideas for May Days. They will be in charge of parent and student tables and activities ideas. If anyone would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Council. We will discuss budget at our next meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Year 4 and 5 students have been coming up with tons of ideas for the outdoor classroom
- The Purdy's fundraiser is still open for purchasing Easter treats.

## 5. Michelle Stonehouse (Principal's Report):

- **Admin Update:**

- First of all, I would like to say, "Happy International Women's Day"
- We are looking forward to having parents attend the school for the student led conferences. More information will be sent out regarding booking in groups so we can keep the groups small (10 parents per time slot)
- This is a good time for students to show parents all the projects they are working on. It has been two years since parents have been in our schools.
- The Education Centre campus has held off showcases at the moment as we are deciding if they will be held in person or virtually. We would like to engage students and staff in person as this is truer to who we are.
- Currently, the Red Paper Clip is happening and it is amazing to watch. It has started with Year 9 students where they are trading to get something grand at the end to sell or donate. We are also helping students with their selling pitch.
- We will be going back to camp in May and June. This year, students from the KH campus will attend. This camp is in partnership with Connect Charter school and is one hour outside of the city limits.
- There is a lot of information about the Education Centre space and where we are at (letter shared in chat from board and superintendent to Premier Kenney and Minister LaGrange.
- The board and the superintendent have met up with the Premier and Minister advocating for equal funding for charter schools which receive less funding than larger public jurisdictions.
- You may have read in the news; a more equal funding has been granted to charter schools.
- There is a misconception that charter schools don't have higher need students attending verses public schools. The government has now recognized that charter schools have just as many special needs students attending as the larger public school jurisdictions.
- There have been many ups and downs regarding the topic of campus space needed.
- We have not received an answer regarding the Rosscarrock School, which is currently vacant since August 2021.
- A letter (shared in the chat log) was sent out last week and the board and the superintendent will be following up with the need for space and the increased budget for infrastructure.
- The board and the superintendent have two priorities: 1. Short term space for program requirements at the high school level and support for overall student growth. 2. Capital Plan approval. They have been putting in a lot of work.
- There has been no announcement regarding space to date and we understand this is very difficult for parents planning for the next school year.
- We have communicated that this delay in information has been damaging to our relationship with our parents.
- If we do not get the Rosscarrock School, we will look into leasing a commercial space.
- Regardless, once there is a plan in place, we will communicate this to our community. We believe in the spirit of transparency with parents

- Questions
  - If we get the new space (Rosscarrock School), what will this look like? The plan is to have grades K-3 at the KH campus. The breakout space will be for dance and art. Years 4-9 will be at the Rosscarrock location. The Education Centre campus will be for Years 10-12.

**Kimberly Hoey (Assistant Principal's Report):**

- **Admin Update:**
  - Overall, we have transitioned well into the March 1st new COVID guidelines
  - We are looking forward to the Spring when parents can attend the school for student led conferences
  - We are sending out a call out for parents to volunteer to organize the supply cupboard.
  - Books have arrived and we are excited to get those out to students
  - K to Year 5 students have really enjoyed the baton experience. We hope your children have shown you some of the tricks they have learned.
  - Alien Inline has been rebooked for June
  - Year 4 and 5 students have a new learning contract

**6. Updates and Topics:**

**1) Purdy's – Nikki Toone (Special Events and Fundraising Coordinator)**

- Parents are still able to place orders. (Link put into chat)
- Looks like we will raise approximately \$550.00
- On a side note, the Growing Smiles fundraiser is in the works

**2) Healthy Hunger – Christy Ford (Chair)**

- Parents have been asking if we will bring back the Healthy Hunger program.
- A vote was held in chat, parents agree to bring it back.
- Christy will look into starting the program again.
- Volunteers will be needed.

**3) Babysitting Course – Christy Ford (Chair)**

- For parents who are interested in signing up their children, please email Council to help decide if this will be taught in person or online.
- The course is approximately 10 hours and will be split into two classes.
- Students need to be at least 12 years old to sign up for the course.
- The Home Alone course will be coming up

**4) Outdoor Classroom - Christy Ford (Chair)**

- Designs are being drawn up and planting will begin next week.
- Looking into finding a someone who can discuss vermiculture. In previous years, we had the worm lady join us and it was enjoyed by everyone.

## 7. Parent Discussion and Questions

## 8. Adjournment

Christy Ford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The next School Council meeting will be held over Zoom on **April 5th, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

### **ZOOM CHAT LOG FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FROM 6:31 pm to 7:01 pm:**

18:25:35 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: Dallal Taylor  
18:31:44 From Angela to Everyone: Angela Haffenden  
18:31:47 From T Pereira to Everyone: Tammy Pereira  
18:31:47 From Angela to Everyone: Bradley Goodyear  
18:31:51 From Virginia to Everyone: Virginia Buckley  
18:31:52 From Nat to Everyone: Nat Lau  
18:31:53 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Blythe Butler  
18:31:54 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone: Stephanie Westlund  
18:31:54 From Susan Arnold to Everyone: Susan Arnold  
18:31:54 From Natasha to Everyone: Natasha Selby  
18:31:55 From Jodi Segura to Everyone: Jodi Segura  
18:31:55 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Adrienne Wall  
18:31:57 From maria.shenk to Everyone: Maria Shenk  
18:31:59 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: Nikki Toone  
18:31:59 From Melissa Tran to Everyone: Melissa Tran  
18:32:02 From bobmc to Everyone: bob mcauley  
18:32:08 From Ben Addleman to Everyone: Ben Addleman  
18:32:22 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone: MichelleStonehouse  
18:32:31 From Tom Cox to Everyone: Tom Cox  
18:32:39 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: The link for volunteer hours is on the CAA website under "Parents"  
18:33:10 From Justin Halwa to Everyone: Justin Halwa  
18:33:32 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: School volunteer form:<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lq-SSa437j6krsWQy1bLIZ2LZ2ZuSOsdNwj3ZHlkxOY/edit#gid=1714619603>  
18:33:34 From Melody Hazelton, (she/her) to Everyone: Melody Hazelton & Josh Dempsey  
18:36:21 From Tawna moura to Everyone: Tawna Moura  
18:37:13 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Here is the volunteer tracking form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc\\_rADB805FjV31iUkMYYYKliGA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc_rADB805FjV31iUkMYYYKliGA/viewform)  
18:37:19 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: Jannett and Anderson Johnson  
18:38:49 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: yay!  
18:38:51 From Virginia to Everyone: Yay! Nice work  
18:55:01 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1497306-92414>  
18:56:43 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: YES PLEASE!!  
18:56:51 From Nat to Everyone: We also need volunteers as well  
18:57:06 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Yes!!  
18:57:07 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: That would be great  
18:57:11 From T Pereira to Everyone: Yes please would love it to come back

18:57:15 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone: Yes!  
18:57:18 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Soleil wants it too! Sheâs not on the call tonight :)  
18:57:18 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Worth looking into!  
18:57:21 From Susan Arnold to Everyone: yes!  
18:57:21 From Melody Hazelton, (she/her) to Everyone: would be nice to have it back  
18:57:26 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: only three months left really.....im neutral on it.  
Definitely next year  
18:57:38 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone: Qamar Rasheed  
18:57:45 From Melody Hazelton, (she/her) to Everyone: yes - agreed - I'm good for next year  
18:57:59 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone: yes for healthy hunger  
18:58:16 From Craig Aikman to Everyone: Craig and Chelsea Aikman  
18:58:46 From Wangdue to Everyone: Wangdue Gyalpo & Dechen Lhamo  
18:59:48 From iPhone to Everyone: Justin Smale/Jackie Puff