

CAA School Council Meeting

January 11, 2022

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal/Deputy Superintendent)

Kim Hoey (Knob Hill Principal)

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President

Natalie Lau, Vice President

Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Dallal Taylor, Secretary

Additional School Council members present 45

Total parent attendance: 39 – 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 motioned to approve the agenda. Tom Cox seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2021, Council Meeting

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

4. Updates & Topics

Christy Ford (Chairperson Report):

- Before we start the meeting, we understand that at this time everyone is dealing with very stressful days and we want to remind everyone in the spirit of community to use kindness as we are all here for the same reasons.
- Thank you to Nikki and Dallal for handing out the Meat fundraiser.

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal's Report):

- **Admin Update:**
 - Thank you for everyone attending. It is lovely to see so many participants.
 - At this time, it is very challenging for the staff and administration team.
 - Michelle acknowledges it is also hard for parents regarding information from the school and government and the limbo we are in at times and sometimes having no information.
 - CAA met with Alberta Education last week and did not get direction

regarding returning to school plans until Friday at 5:00 p.m. which has left the staff and administration scrambling to get information out.

- At CAA we wanted to reiterate that there is no judgment regarding whether parents are sending their kids to school or keeping them home.
- The most noticeable changes are the changes to the COVID form. Wording from individual contacts has been changed to household contacts and whether these contacts are fully immunized or not immunized.
- Fully vaccinated students can attend school if they display no symptoms, but their household contacts are showing symptoms. Non vaccinated students must isolate for 14 days from the first date in which they had contact with a household contact who has tested positive.
- Vaccinated students who have displayed symptoms and test positive can return to school after 5 days of isolation as long as they do not show any symptoms. Non vaccinated students who test positive must isolate for 10 days and can return to school as long as they are symptom free.
- We understand the new rules are confusing and are trying to make them as clear as possible but please look out for further communication as things are changing day to day.
- We need to trust each other and make the best decisions regarding our students and staff and what the safest decisions are. We are all learning together.
- Michelle will take questions at the end of answering the following questions below.

- **1. Lunch time and Snack Plans (Example would all of one pod be eating lunch together)**

- At the EC – Instead of snacking when hungry, students have a window to have a snack. They are still eating lunch all together. Supervision is an issue and we may be able to work around this and are open to making it work.

- **2. Masking policy and school's position on students refusing to wear them. Are students allowed to remove their masks while seated?**

- Staff and students are masked at all times with the exception of snack time and 20-minute eating time. If a student needs a mask break, they can ask the teacher and step into the hallway.

- **3. Are students required to wear masks during gym?**

- Students are required to wear masks during gym time. If they require a mask break, they can sit out.

- **4. Will teachers be removing their masks while they teach?**

- Teachers will be wearing masks at all times.

- **5. Will CAA be receiving funding for updating school ventilation?**

- No, there is no funding. Dale has sent out a detailed email regarding ventilation. Studies have shown if the portable hepa filters are not maintained properly, they could do more harm than good.
- Regarding the portables at the KH campus, the best solution is to open the windows and the staff have been doing this

before and after classes. To revamp the whole HVAC system at the KH location could cost upwards of a half a million dollars and will not likely happen.

- The EC campus is a newer building and is working at max capacity.
- **Parent questions:**
 - Stephanie Westlund mentioned there was some confusion to the non-vaccinated students returning after their isolation, those students are required to mask for five days after their return and cannot remove the mask. How will this be possible to eat or drink? Michelle will need more clarification on this and will be sending out an email tomorrow.
 - Tom Cox thanked the staff and asked if the portables at the KH campus are not at acceptable CO2 readings, what can be done? Michelle thanked Stephanie for the CO2 reading devices in the portables. Staff members are insuring there is ventilation happening in the morning before the students arrive and after the students have left for the day.
 - Dallah Taylor asked if the students do not want to wear the school masks which will eventually be provided by AHS, can students use masks from home as some students have sensory issues with certain masks? Michelle said yes, as long as they are medical grade masks or cloth masks with 3 layers, one being a filtered layer.
 - The school has not received any masks yet or rapid tests at this time. The plan is to give each student a mask per day who will wear it for the day, and take another one home for the next day.
 - Parent asked if students could eat outside? This is weather dependent and could be a possibility.
 - The COVID rapid tests will be sent home with students when they are received. Parent asked if students need to test every 72 hours? Michelle will send out more detailed instructions when they are sent out but at this time, they are to be used when a student has any symptoms, they are to be monitored for 24 hours, if they still display symptoms, do the rapid test.
 - Parents asked about N95 masks? Michelle explained to customize an N95 mask would be too time consuming and costly. What we are sent is what we will distribute.

Updates and Topics:

1) Classroom Ventilation - Stephanie Westlund (Treasurer)

- Earlier in the day, an email was set out to parents regarding ventilation and CAA would be concentrating in the portables at KH. Currently there are portable ventilation units in the portable classrooms.

- Stephanie laid out the costs in case there is future need for any more portable ventilation units. The costs would be as follows: The KH campus could use 2 in each classroom, 2 in the library and one in the office for a total of 19 units. The EC campus could use three per classroom and 1 in the staff room for a total of 32 units. The cost of these units, not including the ones Council has already purchased would be approximately \$10,000. The cost for replacement filters, approximately to be changed every six months would be \$1,200.00. The total cost would be approximately \$11,200.00.
- Council suggested purchasing N95 masks for the teachers and staff. Stephanie and Christy will look into purchasing these items if they are available to purchase. At the moment, they are hard to find.

2. Parking Update - Christy Ford (Chair)

- Council has purchased 6 extra pylons and staff have been placing them strategically blocking off crosswalks and fire lanes. So far, this is working wonderfully and the issue has been resolved. There have been no community complaints. Great job staff and parents.

3. Volunteering

- Washroom volunteers are suspended at the moment due to COVID. Things will return once things have settled down.

4. Fill Your Freezer Update - Nikki Toone (Special Events and Fundraising Coordinator)

- \$1,500 was raised for this fundraiser. Thank you to Dallal who helped hand out to parents and thank you to the parents who ordered as the Council reiterated it is not obligation to purchase. Although it was a chilly afternoon, everything was handed out by 4:30 p.m.
- The Purdy's chocolate fundraiser has started. Due to flooding and staffing issues, the delivery date could be March 30th or as early as March 24th. We will keep those who purchased items posted to try and get you those treats for Easter. Again, there is no obligation to purchase.

5. Parent Discussion and Questions

6. Adjournment

Christy Ford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

The next School Council meeting will be held over Zoom on **February 8, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

ZOOM CHAT LOG FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FROM 6:32 pm to 7:11 pm:

18:31:25 From Nat to Everyone: Nat Lau
18:31:27 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: Jannett Johnson
18:31:28 From Tom Cox to Everyone: Tom Cox
18:31:29 From Nancy to Everyone: Nancy Koutselas
18:31:30 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: Dallal Taylor
18:31:31 From Kerry to Everyone: Kerry Stewart
18:31:31 From Dee-na (she/her/elle) to Everyone: Deana Hintze
18:31:31 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone: Qamar Rasheed
18:31:31 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Blythe Butler
18:31:32 From Melody (she/her) to Everyone: Melody Hazelton
18:31:34 From Jodi Segura to Everyone: Jodi Segura
18:31:35 From christyford to Everyone: Christy Ford
18:31:36 From Angela to Everyone: Angela Haffenden
18:31:36 From Stephan Duguay to Everyone: Stephan & Megan Bowering
18:31:37 From Natasha to Everyone: Natasha Selby
18:31:38 From Chelsea.Aikman to Everyone: Chelsea and Craig Aikman
18:31:41 From Virginia to Everyone: Virginia Buckley
18:31:42 From Jessie to Everyone: Jessie McNamara
18:31:43 From Allison Hunter to Everyone: Allison Hunter
18:31:47 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone: Stephanie Westlund
18:31:49 From Lauras iPhone to Everyone: Laura Leyshon
18:31:51 From Agnes Eusebio to Everyone: Agnes Eusebio
18:31:57 From Bob to Everyone: Bob McAuley
18:32:00 From Serena to Everyone: Serena Wells
18:32:49 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone: Michelle Stonehouse
18:32:52 From Rebecca to Everyone: Rebecca Rowley and Chris Philipow
18:33:00 From Erin Wright to Everyone: Erin Wright
18:33:07 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Adrienne Wall
18:33:36 From Melody (she/her) to Everyone: Josh Dempsey
18:34:22 From Nikki to Everyone: Nikki Toone
18:35:16 From iPhone to Everyone: Justin Smale
18:38:19 From Kim Hoey to Everyone: Sorry! I got booted off and just logged back on.
Apologies!
18:45:29 From Jessica Kwong to Everyone: sorry for late entry causing the sound blooper!
18:49:23 From Jessie to Everyone: Will the school be providing a new mask to each child every day since they are now required to wear the medical masks?
18:50:55 From Nikki to Everyone: Will these new changes to masking be reviewed once we see downward trends of COVID infection in the community?
18:50:56 From Virginia to Everyone: Hi Michelle, thanks for the update! Did you say that the portables at Knobhill do not have acceptable ventilation? If not, is there a plan to move the kids? Sorry, I may have misheard/ misunderstood. Thanks, Virginia
18:51:00 From Dee-na (she/her/elle) to Everyone: Could the students eat outside?
18:51:29 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Ditto Tom. Such gratitude for all your work for our kids.
18:55:30 From Jessie to Everyone: Ok thank you!
18:56:01 From Virginia to Everyone: Yes thanks!
18:56:10 From Serena to Everyone: When/if Covid test kits come in are they going to be sent home with students?
18:56:23 From Jessie to Everyone: I did not completely understand the email about testing either, are the children required to take an at home test every 72 hours?

18:59:31 From Jessie to Everyone: Great thank you

18:59:43 From Serena to Everyone: Medical masks give approximately 50% protection, will better masks be available?

19:01:58 From Ben Addleman to Everyone: Unfitted N95 masks have been tested and are superior to medical masks though, and much better than cloth masks. VERY unlikely the school will be sent any, they are hard to find!

19:02:41 From Ben Addleman to Everyone: : (

19:09:32 From Nikki to Everyone: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1497307-92414>

19:10:24 From Stephan & Megan Bowering to Everyone: Thank you!