

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2020

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse, Principal

Rhonda Morrison, Elementary Campus Administrator

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President

Cara Overholt, Vice Chair

Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer

Erika Holter, Secretary

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Additional School Council members present:

Total parent attendance:

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

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Christy Ford at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Christy Ford motioned to approve the agenda. Jannett Johnson seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of November's Meeting Minutes

Nicky Toone's name needs to be corrected in the minutes.

Christy Ford motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Stephanie Westlund seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4. Chairperson's Report

Had a successful Growing Smiles drive – thanks to all the volunteers who assisted. There are three red poinsettias, five white poinsettias, and a pink poinsettia are left over and available for sale. Decision was made to no longer accept cash payments going forward.

5. Principal's Report

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)

Parents have been notified about the first COVID case within the CAA community, in a year seven class. If any student has tested positive and has been at school, CAA needs to be notified and they will inform Alberta Health Services. Should another case arise, CAA will inform the community. Year seven students are isolating, and year six students are at home but not required to isolate.

Years seven to ten have moved to online learning as of yesterday. There were internet challenges today.

In lieu of the usual Jubilee Auditorium evening, there are plans to release a Jubilee video that will highlight student learnings. The CBC music challenge will also be included in the video.

Parent-teacher conferences went well. The mitten tree has been started. Parents were encouraged to send mittens for the tree to school with their children.

The loonie/twoonie drive has been slow moving, because there are limited people in the building. Further details on the drive will be coming out this week.

6. Updates

a. Bow River Meats

This next fundraising drive is through local butcher Bow River Meats, and the details were circulated today. It was noted that the meat is sourced locally from Alberta. The pick-up date is December 17, between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. It was emphasized that pick-up is mandatory, since the meat cannot be stored over the winter break. Meat that isn't picked up will be donated.

b. Growing Smiles

The Growing Smiles fundraiser was a success.

c. School Council Advocacy

Cara Overholt reported on a charter school advocacy meeting that she attended last month as a result of the passage of three resolutions at the ASCA AGM:

- Request that Minister define public education as public, francophone and separate systems only
- Define themselves as public education
- Request that charter schools be integrated into the public education system

There was also a proposal to remove funding – this motion was tabled for a later date. There were only five charter schools in attendance at the AGM, plus 126 ASCA members.

A volunteer is required to be present at these meetings going forward. Blythe Butler agreed to take on this volunteer role.

d. Bathtub/Garden Clean Up

The bathtub has been cleaned out and primed, so this space is ready to be utilized in the spring. Mrs. Kearney's class will be painting the bathtub.

e. Educational Support Items

The items that were approved at the September meeting have been purchased and delivered, except for two cables that are enroute. Thanks to Homestead IT for helping out with the Dell monitors.

Technology needs for 2021 will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. New Business

a. Water Coolers for Year 8/9 pods

This will be revisited after the break.

8. Parent Discussion and Questions

A parent had emailed inquiring whether they can send their own hand sanitizer with their child. Alberta Health Services has specifically provided this approved sanitizer for use in the schools, so it must be used, however if there are any skin issues materializing from the sanitizer they should wash their hands.

9. Adjournment

Christy Ford adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Appendix – Zoom Chat Record from CAA Council and Council Society Meetings