

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2021

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)
Rhonda Morrison (Administrator, Knob Hill Campus)

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President
Cara Overholt, Vice President
Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer
Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Additional School Council members present: 26

Total parent attendance: 30(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 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Christy Ford motioned to approve the agenda. Cara Overholt seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2021, Council Society Meeting

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

4. Updates

Christy Ford Update

Many events going on:

- Winter gear picked up and washed and dropped off at KH campus
- Nikki – big shout out for supporting fundraising efforts
- Melanie – launching babysitting course
- Stephanie – treasurer
- Blythe – advocacy & governance
- Cara – supporting all the back end!

Thank you to everyone!

We have some fundraisers in the works and our staff appreciation lunch coming up.

Admin Update:

Michelle Stonehouse

- Lots going on but different from last year.

- Just completed our first high school report cards – a brand new system under Alberta Education.
- COVID-19 – no real update other than we know the variant is coming. COVID-19 is not currently in our school. Province has early identification and response team.
- February is Black History Month. Provincial curriculum mentions Black history 2 times (Gr 5 – underground railroad; Gr 7 – black communities who contributed to Canada), therefore it's very lacking. We are doing our best to share history, or learn and relearn history. We are really focusing on social justice and getting resources that are decent for that.

Rhonda Morrison

- KH – kudos to the families – we can't avoid COVID-19 coming in, but we can stop the spread, so thank you to all the families for doing what you are doing to limit the spread!
- Really looking at inclusion and diversity – Cheryl Foggo is going to connect us to the Shelley Moore video. We are really looking at inclusion and what it means.
- Valentine's Day cards are being quarantined. Thanks to parents for sending them early.
- PJ Day Feb 5 - Staff bought pink hoodies and sweat suits – all the staff will wear the new uniform for PJ day!
- Red Shirt day Feb 12
- Pink Shirt day Feb 24

Advocacy – Blythe Butler

- Ongoing, we have tabled three motions with the ASCA
- April 25th is the ASCA AGM – please attend if you can
- Taking executive Council members and then parents by Zoom

Babysitting Course

- Full and full waitlist for next round; we are looking at offering another one.
- Two sessions of 5 hours (two Saturdays from 12 – 5) – Would anyone be interested in teaching it? Please e-mail Council to let us know: council@caaschool.com
- March – we are planning to offer another round of the Home Alone course.

6. New Business

a) Fundraiser (Nikki Toone)

Fogger \$49 per unit, comes with vital oxide sanitizer solution and silicone case

b) New projector (Michelle Stonehouse)

Quote for a new projector for the Education Centre was \$14,196.47. Government is giving us \$8,219.76 for that, and we are hoping that Council might be able to help out with the rest: \$5,976.24

The projector will be for the gym. Need to have it hardwired in, versus a portable projector. We use the Education Center as a rental space, and people often request an AV solution.

We will vote on those funds when we get to the Society portion of the meeting.

c) Sound system (Michelle Stonehouse)

- We would like to purchase a sound system for the Education Centre.
- The full quote is around \$50,000 for PA, mixer, wireless systems for ear sets, instruments, microphones etc.
- We have received two quotes from Long & McQuade & SoundArt.
- We used Sound Art for the system at Knob Hill, so we were looking at giving them the EC business as well. They system would work well with the new projector.

d) Jubilee Shirts

Some parents have contacted Council because they are missing their Jubilee shirts. One parent e-mailed about wanting to make a quilt from her kids' Jubilee shirts. So we are planning to design shirts for this year, so that parents missing their Jubilee shirts could order shirts while also raising funds for Council.

e) Garden Committee

We need help with the Knob Hill garden. Even though it's only February, it's not too early to think about what we can do there. We can plant with non-edible in the wood boxes. Flowers and veggies can go in the trough bins. We need volunteers, please let us know if you are interested: council@caaschool.com

7. Parent Discussion and Questions

Questions and Discussion about Projector and Sound System

- Permanent fixture for performances? Michelle Stonehouse: All speakers, etc. would be mounted. Would be permanent.
- Have the video and audio people been on site? Michelle Stonehouse: Yes – looking long term, also had them on site to look at lighting and sound for the three pods. They are wired for performances in the pods, so they have come to look at that as well.
- Cost seems steep – Council is concerned about the timing of Casinos. We were planning to only spend half of what is in our casino fund for this year. We are slated for a certain time – but AGLC also needs to make up for everyone who hasn't had a casino due to pandemic closures. We have a slot, but that isn't permanent until table games re-open. The casino may be bumped into the following year.
- Michelle Stonehouse: The government gave CAA grant funding for special projects – part of ours was the kitchen and the pathway, parking lot, etc. at Knob Hill. They will allow us to use the rest of the money for school improvement, which we plan to put toward the projector.
- Is school asking for the full \$50,000 to cover the sound system? Michelle Stonehouse: No, whatever Council can help with.
- Michelle Stonehouse: we had three quotes on the projector, and the government knows. The one we chose is AVI-SPL Canada Ltd (government approved).

Other Questions

Q: Who is designing the Jubilee t-shirt? A: Christy Ford is designing it, working with Janice on the "Art of Learning." If you have ideas, send them our way!

Q: Plant fundraiser: would love to help. When will the fundraiser be? A: Will be between April - May. Company is "Growing Smiles."

Q: When will next Casino be? We are slotted for the last quarter 2021, but we may get bumped. Or everyone may be lumped together, which means we would get about a quarter of the funds we normally get based on a need to share with others who have also missed their casino. We wouldn't see the funds until February 2022 at the earliest. We were planning to spend only half of the casino funds this year, and save the rest for next year.

Q: Home Learners: Is there another entry/exit date? A: Around the middle of March, based on the reporting schedule and when learning contracts wrap up. We are anticipating that home learning will continue, but we don't know what the Minister of Education will say.

8. Adjournment

Christy Ford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held over Zoom on Tuesday March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

ZOOM CHAT LOG FROM 6:30 to 7:21pm:

18:34:02 From Justin Smale to Everyone : second
18:34:22 From Roy Miguens to Everyone : Roy Miguens
18:34:22 From Nikki to Everyone : Nikki Toone
18:34:24 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone : Stephanie Westlund
18:34:24 From Tom Ashton to Everyone : Tom Ashton
18:34:26 From AndersonJohnson to Everyone : Anderson Johnson
18:34:26 From Nancy to Everyone : Nancy koutselas
18:34:27 From smear to Everyone : Qamar Rasheed
18:34:27 From Justin Smale to Everyone : Justin Smale
18:34:28 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone : Michelle Stonehouse
18:34:29 From Rhonda Morrison to Everyone : Rhonda Morrison
18:34:29 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone : Joanne Pinnow
18:34:29 From Jannett johnson to Everyone : Jannett johnson
18:34:29 From JP González to Everyone : Juan Pablo González
18:34:31 From christyford to Everyone : Christy Ford
18:34:32 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : Blythe Butler
18:34:34 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone : Tammy McDonald
18:34:36 From Susan Arnold to Everyone : Susan Arnold
18:34:38 From toddstewart to Everyone : Kerry Stewart
18:34:41 From jackie to Blythe Butler(Direct Message) : Jacqueline Puff
18:34:42 From Chelsea Aikman to Everyone : Chelsea and Craig Aikman
18:34:44 From Anita to Everyone : Anita Ho
18:34:47 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : cara oveholt
18:34:54 From Angela Bliss to Everyone : Angela Bliss
18:34:57 From Yumiko Ito (Shukuda) to Everyone : Yumiko Ito (Shukuda)
18:35:18 From Terry Heilman to Everyone : T Heilman
18:35:35 From am's iPhone to Everyone : A. Hirose
18:36:34 From jackie to Everyone : Jacqueline puff
18:37:02 From Tuled to Everyone : Tuled giovanazzi
18:38:40 From Tannis Dyrland to Everyone : T Dyrland
18:44:16 From Tuled to Everyone : Cheryl F is fantastic!
18:45:19 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone : Rhonda- would you mind posting the names of the author and video names of the inclusion folks.
18:50:11 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : For sure!
18:52:36 From willem to Everyone : Willem Van Gogh

18:52:42 From Rhonda Morrison to Everyone : The author is Cheryl Foggo and the video presenter is Shelly Moore. I have to double check on the presenter's name.

18:52:53 From Natasha Selby to Everyone : Natasha Selby

18:53:01 From christyford to Everyone : Thank you Rhonda

18:53:51 From Rhonda Morrison to Everyone : Should be Shelley Moore

18:55:13 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone : Thanks Rhonda

18:56:26 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : sounds like 5,976.71

18:56:45 From Tuled to Blythe Butler(Direct Message) : I might be able to teach the babysitting class. can we connect about details to confirm what's required? maybe after the meeting?

18:57:40 From Blythe Butler to Tuled(Direct Message) : Yes! Thank you! The best person to connect with is Christy! council@caaschool.com

18:58:08 From Tuled to Blythe Butler(Direct Message) : got it. thank you 😊

19:03:50 From Angela Bliss to Everyone : Yes.. That sounds amazing

19:04:09 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone : That's awesome.

19:04:52 From jackie to Everyone : which campus is the gggarden?

19:04:58 From Susan Arnold to Everyone : Great idea!

19:05:13 From jackie to Everyone : oh 😞

19:06:51 From Roy Miguens to Everyone : I do

19:07:23 From jackie to Everyone : question about this plant fundraiser

19:08:13 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone : is the school asking Council to fund the entire amount for the sound system?

19:09:49 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : We are slotted for last quarter 2021

19:10:42 From christyford to Everyone : Cara we could get bumped correct, until we know when table games open back up

19:11:24 From Roy Miguens to Everyone : Thanks Cara!

19:11:24 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone : No- we are looking at what Council could help with.

19:11:34 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone : No expectations for the full amount.

19:15:09 From Nikki to Everyone : Jackie the plant fundraiser brochure from Growing smiles is here:
<https://www.growingsmilesfundraising.com/resources/spring/2021/Brochure.pdf>