

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

Attendance

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal/Deputy Superintendent)

Kimberly Hoey (Principal)

Executive Member Attendance:

Natalie Lau, President

Carla Christie, Treasurer

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Dallal Taylor, Co-Vice Chair

Helen Yee, Secretary

School Council members present 5

Total parent attendance: 49 – See Chat Log

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

1. **Welcome and Call to order – Natalie Lau (Chair)**

Meeting called to order by Natalie Lau at 6:34 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Natalie Lau motioned to approve the agenda. Tom Cox seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

3. **Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2022, Council Meeting**

Natalie Lau motioned to approve the minutes. Blythe Butler seconded the motion. Agenda minutes approved.

4. **Updates and Topics**

Chair Report - Natalie Lau:

- Thank you to all the volunteers for Pancake Breakfast!
- Radon Testing update
 - We have gotten our report back.
 - Levels are very low; budget has already been approved.
- Welcome to Council
 - Secretary – Helen Yee – welcome Helen!
 - Treasurer – Carla Christie– Welcome Carla!
 - Chair – Natalie Lau – Natalie Lau will be taking the Chair/President position
 - Co-Vice chairs – Dallal Taylor. Council is looking for a second Vice-Chair. If you are interested, please contact Natalie or Dallal at council@caaschool.com

- Looking for a Lead Coordinator to volunteer for Halloween Dance. They will be responsible for the following:
 - DJ (Mr. E said he was available)
 - Craft Table, purchasing decorations, organizing a snack shack.
 - Potential date would be Friday, October 28, 2022. Tentative time of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - This would be for K-3 and possibly Year 4-6
 - We would maybe need security to be on the premises.
 - The older students have not come to the dance in previous years due to space.
 - The older kids may head their own planning through their Student Council.

5. Michelle Stonehouse (Deputy Superintendent's Report):

Admin Update

- Thank you for the Pancake Breakfast and to who all was involved. Was lovely to see our CAA Community back together.
- All three campuses are getting ready for Parent Conferences.
- It's great to see all the parents who have come out tonight to support Council. There are 49 parents currently on right now (at one point 52) - very exciting to see this amount show up.
- Bus delays - Southland needs to hire more people. Some parents are struggling to download the Bus App. Feel free to call Southland directly.

Parent Questions:

The new Year 8 class at Rosscarrock - how will this be integrated? A new Year 8 class started last Wednesday. Teacher was hired the week previously. Next year we will have the Year 8/9 at Rosscarrock. Currently the Year 8's are connecting with the Year 7's through their options, as well as being encouraged to be leaders. The students are happy to be part of the school.

6. Kimberly Hoey (Principal's Report):

Admin Update

- Speaking on behalf of Knob Hill, thank you for the Pancake breakfast.
- Staffing updates. Lots of Professional Development on structured literacy and literacy intervention.
- Year 1 contract, Design of Me, will be a virtual class art Gallery. Year 2/3 Contract, Us on a Map will do a deep dive into "Who am I" and will construct a large geographical globe.

7. Updates and Topics:

1) Casino – Nancy Koutselas (Director of Gaming)

- Dates for the Casino will be Saturday December 17 and Sunday, December 18 at Cowboy's Casino.
- We may need additional volunteers due to the possibility of these dates landing on a home Flames game.
- Council will compile a babysitting list for those volunteer parents who might need childcare.
- Nancy Koutselas - already has 19 volunteers signed up. Casino shifts cannot be split, and you can only sign up for one position.
- Casino money benefits the school as a whole, some examples are the outside room at Knob Hill, filtration units and filters at Knob Hill.

2) **Healthy Hunger – Natalie Lau (Chair)**

- Every Wednesday students have the choice to order a hot lunch.
- We still need volunteers to separate and bring to classrooms.
- At least one volunteer per shift, two would be best, per school. Sign up can be found in the chat to sign up.

3) **Parent Volunteering – Natalie Lau (Chair)**

- All parents are required to do 10 hours of volunteering.
- More field trips will be starting up - attending these will count towards hours. Casino and Council also contribute towards volunteer hours.
- The Google Doc can be found in the parent zone - it is very important to update the hours in this.

Parent Discussion and Questions

Kids that are busing in and out. Some Year 1 students are busing from Knob Hill to the Education Centre, back to Knob Hill then to Bowness with no bathroom break. Is there an opportunity for them to be supervised in the gym? If parents can come together to hire someone.

The bus is set-up so that it is like a milk run. Kids should be asking an adult to get them into the Education Centre.

How bad does the busing need to be before the busing is improved? We run the transportation at a loss. We don't receive the same grant as a rural community that CAA needs compared to community schools. We talked to Council and parents, and we are doing the maximum we can with the amount of money we have. Agreed - Busing is a concern.

Feeling some frustration that they will need busing after finding out that some grades will be moving campuses next year. They felt the intention was to get the Year 8/9 students to the Education Centre and now are learning they are being moved to Rosscarrock for the 2023/2024 school year. Neighborhoods were chosen to live based on the location after 3 years of being told it would be at the Education Centre. Would like to have a follow up in person about this and understand the frustration. The challenges of a Charter school are that the space isn't always confirmed, and we need to lease out other buildings.

Other charter schools charge \$1,200 for busing. Parents other can ask for School Council to help waive partial fees for lower income families. My question - The comments on the Parent Conference Sign Up are not private, it would be easy for parents to have a place to put a confidential comment that we could use for the "topic". CAA currently has waivers for school resource fees.

8. Adjournment

Natalie Lau motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The next School Council Society AGM meeting will be held over Zoom on **October 4, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please join us.

ZOOM CHAT LOG FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FROM 6:34 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.:

From Shelley Alexander to Everyone 06:30 PM Shelley A here for Leo and Jack Purdy
From Dallal to Everyone 06:30 PM Dallal Taylor
From Angela Haffenden to Everyone 06:31 PM Angela Haffenden
From TPereira to Everyone 06:31 PM Tammy Pereira
From Jannett Johnson to Everyone 06:31 PM Jannett Johnson
From Jodi Segura to Everyone 06:31 PM Jodi Segura
From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone 06:31 PM Michelle Stonehouse
From Anderson Johnson to Everyone 06:31 PM Anderson Johnson
From Andrea Reynen to Everyone 06:31 PM Andrea Reynen - Adelaide Reynen Year 1
From Tessa LeCappellain to Everyone 06:31 PM Tessa Lecappellain
From Adrienne Wall to Everyone 06:31 PM Adrienne Wall
From Lee Nordstrom (She/her) to Everyone 06:32 PM Lee Nordstrom
From Tiffany Freeman Harper to Everyone 06:32 PM Tiffany Freeman
From Yaela Tal to Everyone 06:32 PM Yaela Tal
From Tom Cox to Everyone 06:32 PM Tom Cox
From Jason Avramenko to Everyone 06:32 PM Jason Avramenko
From Me to Everyone 06:32 PM Helen Yee
From Yuri and Sammi to Everyone 06:32 PM Yuri Trinh
From The Aikmans to Everyone 06:32 PM Craig Aikman
From nk to Everyone 06:32 PM Nancy Koutselas
From Josh Dempsey to Everyone 06:32 PM Josh Dempsey
From Tamara to Everyone 06:32 PM Tamara Corbacioglu
From Jatin Grover to Everyone 06:32 PM jatin Grover (father of Kavin Grover)
From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:32 PM Blythe Butler
From Janette to Everyone 06:32 PM Janette Antezana
From Antonella to Everyone 06:32 PM Antonella Goulet
From EWright to Everyone 06:32 PM Erin Wright
From carla to Everyone 06:32 PM Carla Christie
From Michael Hurd to Everyone 06:32 PM Michael Hurd
From Levi Frehlich to Everyone 06:32 PM Levi Frehlich
From Shelley Alexander to Everyone 06:32 PM Camera off as I am driving btw sask and Regina
From Silvana to Everyone 06:33 PM Silvana Rodriguez
From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:38 PM Sorry Carla!! My mistake.
From carla to Everyone 06:39 PM LOL all good!
From Jackie Puff to Everyone 06:39 PM I have no audio since I joined. Leaving and trying another way to log on. Everyone looks so happy and excited at least!
From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:40 PM AGM is Oct 4th!
council@caaschool.com is the Council email.
From Yaela Tal to Everyone 06:41 PM Just for the Knob Hill?
From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:41 PM Yes, just KH for now.
From Yaela Tal to Everyone 06:42 PM Thank you
From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone 06:44 PM Sometimes the older kids create their own event through student council
From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:45 PM WOOO HOO! YAY CASINO!!!
www.signupgenius.com
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CACA823A6FA7-casino>
From EWright to Everyone 06:45 PM Can the casino shifts be split?
From Jennifer Tremblay to Everyone 06:47 PM Thanks for posting - got signed up!

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:52 PM For everyone who signed in a bit late, please enter your name in the chat so we can track attendance. Thank you!

From Siobhan Snyder to Everyone 06:53 PM terrific news...

From Donna Romano to Everyone 06:53 PM Donna Romano

From SHEKHAR to Everyone 06:54 PM Hi, Shekhar Arya / Priya Arya

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:54 PM 👍

From Siobhan Snyder to Everyone 06:54 PM siobhan M snyder

From K K to Everyone 06:54 PM Katya Heinrich

From Yuri and Sammi to Everyone 06:54 PM is parent teacher conference online? I am new to the school.

From Susan Arnold to Everyone 06:55 PM Susan Arnold

From Dallal to Everyone 06:58 PM Hi Yuri, they are in person. An email should have been sent out to sign up using sign up genius

From Kim Hoey to Everyone 06:58 PM Parent/teacher interviews this week are in person! Book a 15 minute slot on the classroom teachers SignUp Genius (which should have been emailed out).

From Yaela Tal to Everyone 06:58 PM Unrelated to the topic, but wondering if there are any parents here from the Woodbine area, that might want to carpool? Please send me a private message.

From Tamara to Everyone 06:59 PM What if we did not receive an email?

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 06:59 PM Best to connect directly with your teacher for the link.

From Tamara to Everyone 06:59 PM Thank you! 👍

From Michael Hurd to Everyone 06:59 PM Feedback is the GPS for the late bus A didn't update till driver had already dropped off my son 2 hour late. I was constantly refreshing the app. Was ready to pickup at school when saw bus pop up at stop 7.

From Lee Nordstrom (She/her) to Everyone 06:59 PM Did you say that grade 9's will be at Rosscarrak next year?

From Natasha to Everyone 07:00 PM Natasha Selby

From TPereira to Everyone 07:01 PM My bus app hasn't shown the bus location the past few days... should I email Julie or call Southland? I don't mind now but in winter I don't really want them waiting out there for ages.

From Tom Cox to Everyone 07:02 PM With apologies, I have to leave the meeting to board a plane.

From Siobhan Snyder to Everyone 07:02 PM later Tom...happy flight

From Yuri and Sammi to Everyone 07:06 PM so the grade 8 will be moving to a different school next year? We also registered my girl because of location. Our family do not have a vehicle... hope there are more discussions on this.

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 07:07 PM VOLUNTEERING
CAA families have an expectation of performing 10 volunteer hours per year at the school. Record your volunteer hours here. See below for more information.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc_rADB805FjV31iUkMYKliGA/viewform

From JannettJohnson to Everyone 07:08 PM is it 10 hours per family or per student

From Dallal to Everyone 07:08 PM Per family

From Tonia to Everyone 07:08 PM Tonia Pope

From TPereira to Everyone 07:09 PM Yay thank you for healthy hunger! My kids and I are so happy!

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 07:09 PM
Knob Hill K-3 Sign Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4AA28A0FCC16-healthy>

Rosscarrock 4-7 Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4AA28A0FCC16-rosscarrock>

Education Centre 8-12 Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4AA28A0FCC16-education>

From carla to Everyone 07:09 PM You need Police Clearance Correct?

From Tonia to Everyone 07:10 PM How do you order healthy hunger? We are new grade 8's

From Kim Hoey to Everyone 07:10 PM Yes you do need a police clearance to volunteer.

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 07:11 PM

Healthy Hunger <https://healthyhunger.ca>

From Jackie Puff to Everyone 07:11 PM There was a Healthy Hunger thing sent in a previous newsletter. It has a link and you go through there.

From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone 07:12 PM You can order on this site and choose "Calgary Arts Academy" and your campus to order.

You will need to register/create a log in for yourself on the Healthy Hunger site.

From Dallal to Everyone 07:13 PM Council will add the PDF on how to order healthy hunger at the next council update

From TPereira to Everyone 07:13 PM If 8/9 will be at rosscarrock next year it might help bussing as no busses will likely go to EC

From Jackie Puff to Me (Direct Message) 07:15 PM Great question

Thank you for bravely asking. Last year I tried to breach this subject and was shut down completely.

From Yaela Tal to Everyone 07:15 PM yes, my daughter takes the bus and it takes her 1.5 hours to come home in the afternoon.

From Angela Haffenden to Everyone 07:18 PM My son previously went to a charter school that had a parent provided transport option, with \$500 provided to the parents for the year.

From Adrienne Wall to Everyone 07:18 PM That might be a good thing to consider for next year as we are moving the 8/9s to Rosscarrock. Families who weren't planning/prepared for that move could apply for bussing fees to be waved!

From Tiffany Freeman Harper to Everyone 07:20 PM Do Charter schools have different AGLCC spending requirements from CBE? The funding couldn't be used for that (bussing) within the CBE guidelines. curious

From Jennifer Tremblay to Everyone 07:20 PM I do appreciate sign up Genius. Previously had to deal with PowerSchool at the CBE which was a nightmare! :)