

# **CAA School Council AGM Meeting Minutes**

## **October 27, 2020**

**Attendance:**

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse, Principal

Rhonda Morrison, Elementary Campus Administrator

**Executive Member Attendance:**

Christy Ford, President

Stephanie Westlund, Secretary

Cara Overholt, Treasurer

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Additional parent council members present: 26

Total parent attendance: 30

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

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Christy Ford at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Christy Ford motioned to approve the agenda. Blythe Butler seconded the motion.

Agenda approved.

**3. Approval of 2019-2020 Minutes of CAA School Council AGM Meeting**

Christy Ford motioned to approve the minutes. Blythe Butler seconded the motion.

Minutes approved.

**4. 2019-2020 Chairperson's Report**

We had a strong start last year, with the Pancake Breakfast and Halloween Dance.

Unfortunately, the later part of the year got derailed by Covid-19 and we didn't manage to have all of our planned events.

We are looking forward to moving forward with different things this year – mostly through Zoom instead of in person. For example, flower boxes, vegetable boxes, and Spolumbos orders. We are still looking for ways to keep us connected as a community, even though we can't be physically together.

**5. Principal's Report**

**Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)**

There is a lot going on this year – it is truly an interesting and challenging year. We're managing to do it and, so far, we've had 0 cases of Covid-19 in the schools. Students and families have been very supportive. The At-Home Learning program is up and running, and many positive things are happening. The teachers have hit their stride.

On Monday, Year 8/9 students moved to the old Young Canadians performing studio – we are calling it the "Arts Barn." Students and staff are settling in, and the building brings the urban/rural feel that is a goal of the Calgary Stampede.

Council purchased lunch for the staff on the PD Day after October break, which collectively lifted spirits. Thanks so much for that. And thank you to Council for help with supporting the At-Home Learning teachers. Teachers and CAA staff are feeling the love.

**Rhonda Morrison (Assistant Principal)**

We created a new class for Year 2/3 students – it is going well. The change from 28 to 20 students per room has been a really great change.

Halloween is coming up. As a school, we are trying to brainstorm how to have fun. We can't do an in-person costume parade this year but we will do a Zoom parade and show off costumes one class at a time.

The rose ceremony video was completed today – very sweet.

Kindergarten and Year 1 students finished their community walk and created buildings, which were set out in the gym.

**6. Acclamation of School Council Executive Members**

Christy Ford put a call out for any additional nominees for Vice Chair and Secretary. If you put your name forward for nomination, we ask that you be committed to a two-year term. No additional nominees come forward for these positions.

**a. Chair - Christy Ford**

The Chair position is not open this year as Christy Ford is in the second year of a two-year term.

**b. Vice Chair - Cara Overholt**

Christy Ford moved to nominate Cara Overholt as vice chair. Blythe Butler seconded the motion. All in favour for Cara Overholt as Vice Chair. Majority in favour. None opposed. Approved.

**c. Secretary - Erika Holter**

Christy Ford moved to nominate Erika Holter as Secretary. Cara Overholt seconded the motion. Majority in favour. None opposed. Approved.  
Welcome to the team Erika Holter.

**7. Introduction of additional School Council Volunteer Positions**

We are looking to fill the following non-voted in positions:

**a. Volunteer Coordinator - Call out for Position**

Teachers will be able to contact the volunteer coordinator if they need help coordinating volunteers for their classroom needs – ideally one parent for each campus.

**b. Parent/Student Workshop Coordinator**

This volunteer will coordinate workshops and courses this year through Zoom, such as home-alone courses, babysitting courses, etc.

**c. Drives and Special Events Coordinator**

This volunteer will be responsible to get out our drives (we don't fundraise). Any drives are aimed at providing a service to the community (Spolumbos, etc.) Council still brings in a small amount of money from these drives, which is then used for special events at the school, such as teacher appreciation.

If you are interested in learning more, please email Council: [council@caaschool.com](mailto:council@caaschool.com)

**8. Calendar of Events**

We will have a calendar of events shortly – these will be online.

**9. New Business**

Several teachers have emailed Council about students needing winter gear. We have thought about doing a drive for winter gear. This is complicated by Covid-19 protocols. It may be easier if the teacher were to contact Ms. Stonehouse directly about specific needs, and then Council can put a call out to parents about specific items that are needed.

**10. Community Discussion & Questions**

**Ms. Stonehouse:** If there are specific questions about FreshGrade, email, etc., please contact the teacher. Unfortunately, FreshGrade is late coming online this year, but should be ready soon.

**Parent:** My daughter is in one of the portable buildings. She says that it is cold in there unless you are sitting by a heater. Can anything be done about this?

**Rhonda Morrison:** We recently had HVAC look at the heating system in the building and it should all be working. I will ask our facility operator to check on the space.

**Christy Ford:** If you have time to volunteer for washroom supervision, that would be really helpful. There is also a table set up outside the washroom where you can also work on things that teachers need help with. Please consider volunteering.

**Parent:** Question about casino: Are casinos open again?

**Answer:** Yes, table games did open and they are asking for volunteers again. We will talk more about the casino in the society meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

Christy Ford adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

18:04:08 From tbonner : Question - you all can likely help. How do I get access to FreshGrade and how does my daughter access her school email?

18:07:23 From Blythe Butler : Hello everyone, the meeting starts at 6:30 we will see you then!

18:31:30 From tbonner : Does someone know the answer to my questions ;). Did I just miss the instructions

18:32:36 From tbonner : What about email?

18:46:48 From tbonner : yes

18:46:58 From Curtis Arnold : yes

18:47:06 From Toone : Yes

18:47:23 From Tannis Dyrland : Sorry I am late

18:47:27 From Yumiko Ito : yes

18:47:37 From Toone : yes

18:47:45 From Emily : yes

18:47:45 From Curtis Arnold : in favor

18:48:05 From Erika Holter : Thanks :)

18:48:17 From Blythe Butler : Welcome Erika!

18:53:05 From erinwright : Happy to chat about the Volunteer Coordinator position for Knob Hill

18:53:56 From Blythe Butler : Thanks Erin!

18:54:05 From Toone : I would like to talk about the special events coordinator. It's Nikki Toone

18:54:22 From Blythe Butler : Thanks Nikki! We'll follow up with you.

18:55:58 From tammymcdonald : I am happy to do laundry if we receive clothing that needs to be laundered.

18:56:12 From Blythe Butler : Thanks Tammy.

18:58:50 From Finnessa Adams : Question:how will the casino be done this year seeing as it's a covid year.

18:59:58 From Finnessa Adams : thank you

19:03:04 From Blythe Butler :  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc\\_rADB805FjV31iUkMYKliGA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc_rADB805FjV31iUkMYKliGA/viewform)

19:03:16 From Blythe Butler : This is the link to track all your volunteer hours

19:03:40 From Curtis Arnold : Curtis Arnold

19:03:41 From tbonner : Tim Bonner

19:03:41 From Toone : Nikki Toone

19:03:42 From Brooke button : Brooke Button

19:03:42 From Samantha : Samantha Bradford

19:03:42 From Sara Caplan : Sara Caplan

19:03:42 From Tannis Dyrland : Tannis Dyrland

19:03:43 From tammymcdonald : Tammy McDonald

19:03:44 From erinwright : Erin Wright

19:03:44 From Stephanie Westlund : Stephanie Westlund

19:03:45 From Ben : Ben Addleman

19:03:46 From Hayley Nicol : Hayley Nicol

19:03:46 From Sara Caplan : Jamie Caplan

19:03:47 From Maya Saunders : Maya Saunders

19:03:48 From Erika Holter : Erika Holter

19:03:48 From AndersonJohnson : Anderson and Jannett Johnson

19:03:49 From Blythe Butler : Blythe Butler

19:03:50 From Willem : Willem van Gogh

19:03:52 From Chelsea Aikman : Craig Aikman

19:03:52 From Nancy K : Nancy koutselas

19:03:52 From Finnessa Adams : Finnessa Adams

19:03:56 From Lisa Eyamie : Lisa Eyamie

19:03:57 From Jeff Barefoot : Jeff and Megan Barefoot

19:03:58 From Rhonda Morrison : Rhonda Morrison

19:04:03 From Greg JMasse : Amanda Massey

19:04:03 From christyford : Christy Ford

19:04:05 From Finnessa Adams : Joshua Adams

19:04:05 From Qamar : qamar rasheed

19:04:24 From Yumiko Ito : Yumiko Shukuda

19:04:56 From Tina : Tina Taing

19:06:17 From Tannis Dyrland : I would like it @Tannis11@yahoo.com

19:07:38 From Toone : yes

19:07:45 From Tannis Dyrland : yes

19:08:11 From Tannis Dyrland : thank you

19:08:56 From Chelsea Aikman : Chelsea Aikman is attending this meeting as well.

19:09:50 From Finnessa Adams : yes

19:09:57 From Toone : yes

19:10:27 From Finnessa Adams : yes

19:10:32 From Ben : yes

19:10:34 From Toone : Yes

19:10:45 From Samantha : in favour

19:11:26 From Lisa Eyamie : lisa Eyamie can second  
19:17:24 From Ben : yes  
19:17:28 From Finnessa Adams : In Favour  
19:17:30 From Ben : yes  
19:17:39 From Samantha : in favour  
19:17:41 From Jeff Barefoot : in favour  
19:18:17 From Blythe Butler : To email Council you can use this email: CAA School Council <council@caaschool.com>  
19:19:06 From Jeff Barefoot : in favor  
19:19:12 From Willem : in favour  
19:19:14 From Samantha : second  
19:19:19 From Ben : yes  
19:19:19 From Samantha : in favour  
19:19:21 From Finnessa Adams : In Favour  
19:19:22 From Curtis Arnold : In favor  
19:19:53 From Emily : can I bring my son who's starting next year, with me to do washroom volunteering?  
19:19:55 From Toone : in favor  
19:20:00 From Willem : seconfd  
19:20:12 From Samantha : in favour  
19:20:15 From Finnessa Adams : In Favour  
19:20:19 From Curtis Arnold : In favor  
19:20:22 From Emily : Emily Smith  
19:20:30 From Emily : in favour  
19:20:37 From Jeff Barefoot : in favor  
19:21:46 From Emily : ok thank you, you can reach me for washroom volunteer  
19:25:51 From tammymcdonald : Where does the casino revenue end up getting tallied?  
19:26:39 From christyford : Casino funds are in a different account : )  
19:33:56 From Erika Holter : In favour  
19:33:56 From Samantha : in favour  
19:33:58 From Curtis Arnold : In favor  
19:33:59 From Jeff Barefoot : in favor  
19:34:04 From Toone : in favor  
19:34:09 From Emily : in favour  
19:34:48 From Finnessa Adams : That's very interesting that we need to spend the casino money within a certain time frame....can we get an actual ok for if we can hang on to casino money for longer than the preferred time.  
19:35:16 From Finnessa Adams : Just to be sure that money we are banking on is an actual thing.  
19:36:37 From Finnessa Adams : Maybe a lump sum into a new building?  
19:37:01 From Finnessa Adams : thank you : )  
19:37:33 From Brooke button : Thanks Cara!  
19:38:11 From Finnessa Adams : that's very interesting....thank you : )  
19:39:00 From Qamar : Thank you all,  
19:39:05 From Finnessa Adams : Thanks!!!  
19:39:08 From Nancy K : thank you!  
19:39:11 From Michelle Stonehouse : Thank you so much everyone! Stay safe out there!  
19:39:11 From Jeff Barefoot : Thanks!  
19:39:13 From Tannis Dyrland : thank you  
19:39:16 From Emily : thank you! your smile looks great  
19:39:19 From AndersonJohnson : thank you  
19:39:36 From Ben : good night everyone  
19:39:44 From Curtis Arnold : Good Night!  
19:40:50 From christyford : Thank you everyone have a wonderful evening