

# CAA School Council Meeting December 7, 2021

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)

Kimberly Hoey (Administrator)

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 39

Total parent attendance: 32 – 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. Natalie Lau will chair meeting.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

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

## **3. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2021 Council Meeting**

Natalie Lau motioned to approve the minutes. Tom Cox seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

## **4. Updates & Topics**

### **Christy Ford (Chairperson Updates):**

- Growing Smiles fundraiser was successful. Thank you to the parents and Nikki who helped and made sure everything ran smoothly.
- The staff lunch was a huge hit. Teachers were very appreciative and again thank you to Nikki for helping.
- The Secret Santa for seniors was also a huge success. Parents were overly generous, and the Society did not have to use the \$1,000 allocated to help fill boxes. Everything on the list was donated and there was extra to help fill other boxes.

## **Admin Update:**

### **Michelle Stonehouse**

- Discussion under updates

### **Kim Hoey**

- It was fun watching the children record for the Jubilee performance. The kids were very excited.
- Children at the Knob Hill Campus are excited to create and share the immersive hallway art. There is a lot of excitement regarding the holidays.
- There will be holiday crafts next week.
- Inline skating is coming up. Consent form will be sent out.

## **Updates:**

### a) AERR Results – Michelle Stonehouse (Principle)

- The AERR annual report, which the government provides requirements, has changed a bit due to the change in government. Now it will be reported twice a year.
- Based on Alberta Education standards, the survey is sent out to staff, parents, and students. This year's survey asked for more local results and measures.
- Part of the process is to have accountability to the schools such as how well schools know their school.
- The results and report have been posted on our website and were reviewed at the School Board AGM.
- The survey was given out in May of 2021 to parents and Years 4 and up.
- This was a good opportunity to tell Alberta Education about our school regarding who we are and what we do.
- Reviewed chart results.
- PATs will return this year
- Please will the overall results, CAA scored 88.8% satisfaction verses 85.6 Alberta Education
- CAA scored 91.7% satisfaction in Citizenship, CAA Education was up from previous year with 93.1%, Welcoming/Caring was 94.0% which was up from last year.
- We scored a little less for parent involvement from the previous year.
- Overall, very pleased as our results were higher than the province.
- Strategies are on the website – May 2021

### b) Radon Testing update – Bob McAuley (Parent)

- We have received two estimates. They are both around \$1,000 more than estimates. Looking at a cost of around \$2,000 for each campus.
- This cost could increase due to needed duplicate tests in each room to eliminate any dud readings. Also, we may need more or less detectors.
- Gord Donovan will have access to the schools over the winter break.
- Units will stay on campus for 91 days (around the end of March 2022)
- The lab results take approximately 6 weeks and we should have the report at the end of April 2022 or May 2022
- Increase in budget will be voted on in the Society portion

- A parent questioned if there was ever any radon testing done at the time of construction? The buildings were not new builds and this information is unknown.
  - Bob will double check with Gord to see if there was any testing done at time of construction.
- c) Growing Smiles – Fill Your Freezer Update – Nikki Toone (Special Events Coordinator)
- Thank you to the parents who purchased from the Growing Smiles fundraiser. We raised \$1,000. Thank you to Christy and Natalie who handed out items to the parents.
  - Currently, we are running the Fill Your Freezer fundraiser. You can order until 11:00 p.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be at the Knob Hill Campus.
- d) Secret Santa Update – Natalie Lau (Vice Chair)
- Thank you to the parents who donated so many items. We had extra and were able to fill other boxes.
  - The Society did not have to use the \$1,000 allocated to spend on this event.
  - Thank you to all the children who made Christmas cards. We had enough to put three in each box.

#### **Admin Update:**

- a) Update on CO2 monitoring – Kimberly Hoey / Michelle Stonehouse
- There have been great improvements made once the portable units were put into the classrooms.
  - Currently there are two units in the portable classrooms.
  - The levels are green at the start of the day and do move to yellow once the children are in the classrooms. We are trying to air out the units as much as possible with the cold weather.
  - The Society did budget for three units per room. Michelle will check to see if we could add another unit to the portables.
  - Stephanie Westlund offered to make extra units if needed.
  - Questions regarding if CBE was out to check portable levels, Michelle will check with Dale to find out.
  - Parents mentioned children complaining about headaches. Michelle assured this is most likely a virus issue as there is a flu circulating. The school would have to be problematic at 10% to contact AHS. This has not been the case.
- b) Baseline Requirements for assessment information on Fresh Grade – Michelle Stonehouse
- In previous years, hard copies were sent out. Fresh Grade has replaced this.
  - The CBE requires 2 report card terms
  - CAA issues 3 report card terms.
  - It is a better assessment to have three report card terms
  - Fresh Grade is intended for the students to share their work without waiting for report cards as well as self-reflection on their progress.
- c) Is there PD or supports available for those students who are below Grade Level – Michelle Stonehouse
- At the moment, we are not funded for anymore supports to students.

- The math intervention program continues to be a priority for students below grade level.
  - Staff are trying as best as possible to help students who are below grade level.
  - The pandemic has caused, across all school systems, student loss in wellness and mental health. This is a global education issue.
  - Parents can email if they have any concerns.
  - Christy Ford mentioned that Council could apply for parent workshop grants regarding at home help. Emails will be sent out to parents.
- d) Will there be a review of PAT results against report card assessments – Michelle Stonehouse
- At this time, PAT results are not helpful
  - We are looking into where we need to go for next year.

## 5. New Business

- a. Parking Knob Hill – Christy Ford (Chair)
- Parking and drop off is a huge concern at the Knob Hill Campus.
  - Parents are still parking in crosswalks or areas they should not be parking.
  - There is a lack of visibility for the children
  - Parents are not utilizing the kiss and drop area
  - Parents are asked to volunteer for 30 minutes before and after school to help monitor the situation. Parents can sign up and will be provided a high visible vest.
  - Christy asks parents for any ideas. See log.
  - Pylons were disappearing or damaged.
  - Maps on where to park will be sent out again.
  - Neighbours have voiced their concern for the safety of the children.
  - Police have been called but parents follow rules when they are present, issue still persists when no police presence.
  - The church has asked that the in their parking lot to be fixed
  - Lights for the crosswalk would cost \$70,000 for the city to install.
  - Parents agree, children should be dropped off or walk in pairs to prevent parking and congestion. Bylaw should be called. Blythe Butler gave bylaw contact. See Log.
  - Ongoing conversation.
- b. May Days / Colours of Spring – Christy Ford (Chair)
- Planning on running May days in 2022.
  - Emails will be sent out regarding the event.
  - Carnival atmosphere and lots of fun for everyone.
  - Previous year's vendors have offered a 50% reduction for 2022
  - Tables will be available for parents (\$10) and students (free). Look out for future email.
- c. Outdoor Classroom and Garden Expansion – Christy Ford (Chair)
- Teachers are interested in the expansion.
  - We will remove the pressure treated flower boxes and will make room for seating and teaching board. Waiting for quotes on stumps for

- seating.
- If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact Council.
- Would like to get started once the ground thaws.

## 6. Parent Discussion and Questions

- Parent concerned about next year's plan for room needed for children CAA. Also, wanted to know if we will be pursuing portable classrooms again. Felt there was not enough discussion or planning for the current school year.
- Michelle Stonehouse explained that we are still in limbo regarding space and once CAA is informed, parents will be informed.
- If parents have any concerns or questions, they are encouraged to reach out to Dale.

## 7. Adjournment

Christy Ford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The next School Council meeting will be held over Zoom on **January 11, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

### ZOOM CHAT LOG FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING FROM 6:33 pm to 8:05 pm:

18:32:14 From JP González to Everyone:  
What's the difference between this part of the meeting and the one that follows later?

18:32:30 From christyford to Everyone: Society is financials

18:32:34 From JP González to Everyone: Council vs Society?

18:33:16 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Council is our non profit, and the Society is our Charitable arm and bank account

18:33:40 From JP González to Everyone: Thank you

18:34:07 From JP González to Everyone: Then council would be the right place to ask/discuss about parking at knob hill. Am I right?

18:34:12 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: Dallal Taylor

18:34:14 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone: Joanne Pinnow

18:34:15 From Tom Cox to Everyone: Tom Cox

18:34:16 From JP González to Everyone: Juan Pablo González

18:34:18 From Kerry to Everyone: Kerry Stewart

18:34:19 From Nat to Everyone: Natalie Lau

18:34:20 From Angela to Everyone: Angela Haffenden

18:34:20 From Deana H (she/her/elle) to Everyone: Deana Hintze

18:34:20 From Sandra McNeil to Everyone: Sandy McNeil

18:34:21 From Jodi Segura to Everyone: Jodi Segura

18:34:22 From Nancy to Everyone: Nancy Koutselas

18:34:23 From Nicole Hemphill to Everyone: Nicole Hemphill

18:34:23 From Sandra McNeil to Everyone: Tammy McDonald

18:34:24 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Adrienne Wall

18:34:25 From Virginia Buckley to Everyone: Virginia Buckley

18:34:26 From Chelsea.Aikman to Everyone: Chelsea Aikman and Craig Aikman

18:34:28 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone: Qamar Rasheed

18:34:30 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: Anderson and Jannett Johnson

18:34:31 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone: Michelle Stonehouse

18:34:33 From Brad Goodyear to Everyone: Bradley Goodyear

18:34:35 From Thomas Ashton to Everyone: Thomas Ashton 👍

18:34:35 From Jessica Kwong to Everyone: Jessica Kwong

18:34:37 From Kate Warkentin to Everyone: Kate Warkentin

18:34:38 From Eri to Everyone: Bob McAuley

18:34:38 From Wangdue to Everyone: wangdue gyalpo

18:34:39 From Megan Bowering to Everyone: Megan Bowering

18:34:41 From Angele Bleackley to Everyone: Angele Bleackley

18:34:43 From Christy Ford to Everyone: Christy Ford

18:34:46 From Owrang Kashef to Everyone: Owrang Kashef

18:34:54 From iPhone to Everyone: Jackie Puff

18:35:07 From Silvana to Everyone: Silvana Rodriguez

18:35:08 From Nikki to Everyone: Nikki Toone

18:35:41 From Curtis Arnold to Everyone: Curtis Arnold

18:36:10 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Blythe Butler

18:36:28 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone: Stephanie Westlund

18:37:06 From will to Everyone: Will Bleackley

18:38:12 From Justin Halwa to Everyone: Justin Halwa

18:41:04 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Here is the link to the document

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[https://www.caaschool.com/\\_files/ugd/4db82a\\_c1b856115a924f508f57dd4221979e5f.pdf](https://www.caaschool.com/_files/ugd/4db82a_c1b856115a924f508f57dd4221979e5f.pdf)

18:42:32 From Tom Cox to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message): Thanks!

18:43:23 From christyford to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message): Thank you for managing this blythe

18:44:12 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Christy Ford (Direct Message): No prob!!

18:45:00 From christyford to Everyone: Reminder to all to type your name in the chat so we can log who is in attendance and record your hours on our CAA website

18:45:21 From erinwright to Everyone: Erin Wright

18:47:50 From Ben Addleman to Everyone: Ben Addleman/Stacie Banks

18:50:22 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone: Look forward to reading the report. Thank you :)

18:55:31 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Thanks for organizing all of this Bob!

18:55:49 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: Thank you bob!

18:56:13 From Thomas Ashton to Everyone: that's great to see bob. all the info is much appreciated

18:59:49 From Nikki to Everyone:  
<https://calgaryartsacademy.myteamfund.ca/campaigns/rTU!RMQ>

19:03:14 From Laura's iPhone to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message): Just wanted to mention that I had to pick up my child from school sick with a bad headache which has happened a few times. I guess there were teachers off with headaches and then I found out from another parent that her child has been complaining about headaches. So just curious if it could be related?

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19:05:56 From Justin Halwa to Everyone: yeah I was just picking up my child from basketball practice and he had a little headache while practicing

19:06:42 From Laura's iPhone to Everyone: Ok thank you :-)

19:07:18 From Laura's iPhone to Everyone: Sorry I never hit the unmute in time!

19:13:33 From Nikki to Everyone: I also think we missed #3 about PD supports for students below grade levels

19:19:22 From will to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message): That would be wonderful

19:20:07 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Great idea for parent workshops to support the kids at home!

19:22:44 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Here is the link to sign up.

19:22:46 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lq-SSa437j6krsWQy1bLIZ2LZ2ZuSOsdNwj3ZHlkxOY/edit#gid=27471433>

19:23:23 From Thomas Ashton to Everyone: best thing I can think of is staggered times for classes to start to help with drop off pick up times?

19:23:28 From iPhone to Everyone: You can

19:23:40 From Ben Addleman to Everyone: Give the parking monitor job to a kid?

19:24:00 From Justin Halwa to Everyone: maybe get someone to walk with your kid

19:24:48 From Angela to Everyone: Sorry, I don't have a mic - my child's previous school sent a colour coded map out by email highlighting no parking and parking zones - same ongoing issues with parking there. I am new to the school this year and I would really appreciate a map highlighting where I can park.

19:25:30 From Ben Addleman to Everyone: Sadly, many people don't feel safe letting their kid walk...because there's too much traffic consisting of the other parents driving their kids to school...

19:26:09 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: did we ever utilize pylons?

19:26:17 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: utilize?

19:26:18 From Nicole Hemphill to Everyone: LOTS of traffic races thru our school zone constantly.

19:26:39 From Thomas Ashton to Everyone: Sorry, I'll have to duck out of this meeting, thanks all for the info and hard work.

19:26:41 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: I thought we were going to purchase extra

19:27:39 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: has anyone been calling bylaw?

19:28:16 From Tom Cox to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message): If staggered class times are not practical, could there be formal staggered drop off times with volunteers in classes prior to class starting?

19:28:21 From iPhone to Everyone: Is part of the problem now with the number of kids that are there? The addition of all the 4/5s?

19:28:32 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Is part of the bigger issue the "no supervision" before school - parents using the kiss and drop zone may be hesitant to let their kids out - I know I've seen many cars park there and parents get out instead of kiss and go. If parents see other parents in vests, that may help with a sense of safety

19:30:33 From JP González to Everyone: Thanks a lot for the information

19:33:38 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: Thanks Blythe for the name and information to bylaw!

19:35:11 From Silvana to Everyone: Thanks

19:36:38 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: You can submit traffic service requests here:

19:36:40 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: <https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-service-requests.html>

19:37:10 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: And follow up on your submitted request by emailing here: [TrafficTSR@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:TrafficTSR@calgarypolice.ca).

19:38:08 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: The school traffic service request is here. <https://www.coplogic.ca/dors/en/filing/showprefilingquestion?dynparam=1638931042889>

19:39:28 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: What about the hole in the fence leading to the church parking lot? Can we look into getting that closed? I've noticed staff from the out of school care going through there to their cars, and I've seen students sneaking through right before 3pm when outside with their teachers. Seems like a safety issue there.

19:41:54 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Great! Thanks for that update.

19:42:51 From Shelley Alexander to Everyone: Can we encourage using the far spot on the yard by promoting the benefits of fresh air/exercise before school rather than walking through exhaust fumes?

19:42:56 From Angela to Everyone: What about instead of ticketing, given the parents seem to be very supportive of the school, encouraging parents to live the school values and mission? Sometimes people need a reminder their behaviour affects others.

19:43:15 From Shelley Alexander to Everyone: Have a stamp passport or something for the kids to earn if they walk across?

19:43:26 From Chelsea.Aikman to Everyone: Maybe some cute signage made by the kids showing where parents can park safely? I had no idea we could park in the O zone, that's great!

19:44:13 From Deana H (she/her/elle) to Everyone: Auction off a "prime" parking as a fund raiser?

19:44:14 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: The concern I would have as a volunteer parent, monitoring traffic/parking, would be negative interactions with other parents. If the job was monitoring the cones/or appropriate spaces.

19:44:49 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: i.e. I would not be keen on interacting with wrong doers, but the spaces that are marked as not parking...

19:45:19 From Megan Bowering to Everyone: Is it possible to get someone to supervise the sidewalk by the staff parking lot? I would love to send the kids to walk up the hill to the paintbrushes themselves but crossing the parking lot seems risky.

19:45:25 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: We need to request in our traffic service requests for City of Calgary to increase signage and lighting on all intersections at the school. Please use the term "child safety concern" in your traffic request.

19:45:41 From Nikki to Everyone: maybe CPS can come and support the parent volunteers for the first few times?

19:47:09 From Shelley Alexander to Everyone: The walk across the field could be a challenge...Walk to the stampede, walk to Chinook mall, walk to Edmonton, etc...add up the distance as a class or something like that and then have some sort of celebration/spirit day for milestones reached.

19:47:28 From will to Everyone: That sounds like so much fun

19:53:53 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: now that younger kids are able to get the covid vaccine, are there plans for AHS nurses back into school to offer the vaccine?

19:56:06 From Virginia Buckley to Everyone: Thanks for asking this, Jackie! I have similar questions and confusion about the facilities and what may happen next year.

19:58:31 From Sandra McNeil to Everyone: Thank you for sharing your concerns Jackie. It is uncomfortable not having more info but I can say that the school always manages to take care of the kids. It does make it hard to plan ahead but they always find us answers. Covid put a wrench in all of the schools planning but they have always demonstrated that our kids find space.

20:00:38 From Laura's iPhone to Everyone: You are not alone Jacquie, I want to know too :-)

20:01:36 From Nat to Everyone: Sorry Everyone, I have another meeting. Thank you everyone!