

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Jessica Maye, Year 1 teacher, attending on behalf of Ronda Morrison
Dale Erickson, Superintendent

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, Chair
Cara Overholt, Treasurer
Stephanie Westlund, Secretary

Additional School Council members present: 3

Total parent attendance: 9

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

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Christy Ford at 6:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2020, School Council Meeting

Cara Overholt motioned to approve the minutes. Curtis Arnold seconded the motion.
Approved.

4. Chairperson's Report – Christy Ford

- We've had a busy month. Healthy Hunger has had delivery issues – either too early or some didn't show up on time. Our coordinator is working on this. All of our suppliers are located far from the school (because the downtown locations are too busy at lunch). The coordinator is ironing this out and may need to change plans entirely.
- Lots of volunteers for Colours of Spring – lots of momentum.
- Another tech sale coming up – we sold out last time.

5. Principal's Report – Jessica Maye and Dale Erickson (for Michelle Stonehouse)

Jessica Maye:

- K-1 just had art gallery – it was beautiful and a big hit; the 2/3s came in with question cards and the event generated lots of feelings of belonging
- 2/3s are very excited about their ComicCon this week

Dale Erickson

- Youth Campus – just finished the Vertigo Theatre performance; have booked Vertigo theatre again next year
- Beginning to prepare for graduation and getting excited
- Held a meeting for students regarding the high school, hoping to have a very

small cohort of students to define our practice, will be sharing more information with parents soon

- Mustard Seed presentation coming up at the YC
- In process of getting an MOU with the public library for the high school, and to use their services
- Board is active trying to determine partners for high school experience
- Fair trade school – conference on 14th & 15th at Hotel Arts; on the 12th, our school is hosting students and will be having a fashion show at 2:30 p.m.
- Getting things in place for remodelling the new learning space for Year 10s

6. Updates:

a) Colours of Spring Update - Christy Ford

- Anna Martinez has taken over the Committee Chair and lots of volunteers have already signed up to participate
- Will be having a meeting next week to determine vendors, etc.
- Have talked about having Butterfield Acres
- Flower boxes and vegetable boxes will be coming again this year

b) Volunteer Appreciation - Christy Ford

- Cards have been purchased - \$200 worth of cards and cups
- Teachers, staff or Council member can give out \$5 cards to volunteers who really stand out and go above and beyond (fill in form to track who is using them)
- We'll evaluate how this is working at future meetings

c) Parking - Blythe Butler

- Asked Police to look at the stop signs at the crossing of 19th Street and 19th Ave and there is only one cross-walk. Police are going to make the stop signs more visible with post covers and make the school zone more visible at the top of 19th. They can't make it a 4-way stop because the hill is too steep and it would be dangerous in the winter. No update on the extra crosswalk yet.
- At the 20th and 20th intersection, parents are parking in the cross-walk. Dangerous! The Police have advised us to put a pylon/cone in the middle of the cross-walk.
- Make no parking signs and put them at the intersection and in the future bus zone area.
- CPS is very helpful and supportive.
- We have \$412 left from Kiss-n-Drop funds which we can use towards purchasing cones.
- Parking seems to be going fine at Youth Campus.
- The new Event Centre is going to be very close to the school – we don't know anything yet about how this will affect parking.

d) Pink Shirt Replacement - Christy Ford

Ran out of time to decorate tuxedo shirts – at the last minute, we purchased some pink shirts (\$130.58) so that no one who wanted to wear a pink shirt was left out.

e) Volunteer Tracking - Christy Ford

Volunteer tracking has now officially changed. All information goes directly from the website onto the Google Drive. Parents are asked to fill in the website form to track

their volunteer hours.

7. **New Business**

1. **Garden Committee**

- Some parents interested in re-invigorating garden. The current garden boxes cannot be used for food (built with pressure-treated wood). We could easily build some new boxes with different wood. A parent has also offered to take care of it over the summer.
- Will be in the classrooms planting seeds.
- Will talk to Student Care and ensure that the children are able to play and be in that area. We want them there!

2. **Calgary Reads - Blythe Butler/ Christy Ford**

- Last month, we approved \$3,000 for books at the Youth Campus. A list of books has been prepared.
- Calgary Public Library does a free program – called Reading Buddies (high school students read with young children).
- Calgary Reads has a training program for supporting teachers and parents.
- There is an opportunity to become a Calgary Reads School, which means we would have access to fun events.
- Calgary Reads recently pulled out of CBE, and they are looking to continue working in schools. Because Calgary Reads has pulled out of CBE, there are 900 trained volunteers who can work with kids on reading.
- If we wanted to create a partnership with Calgary Reads, we could explore this. We ARE interested! Dale Erickson and Blythe Butler to follow up.
- Calgary Library does a Math Quest program.
- We will continue to follow this.

3. **Tech Sale - March 27th - 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - Christy Ford**

- In our last tech sale, we had 60 iPads for sale. All were sold.
- Roy has a smaller lot ready for this month's sale – 16-20, first-come, first-served.
- Will this happen at the KH or EC campus? Will decide and post in the email.

4. **Babysitting Course/Internet Safety Course - Christy Ford**

We held the Home Alone course in February, with 32 kids in attendance, they were very engaged. They acted out plays of what they would do, acted out 911 calls, etc. We are planning to run it again. By offering the course ourselves, we only had to charge \$10.

There has been a lot of requests for a babysitting course and internet safety course. We can cut the costs by offering it ourselves. Waiting to hear back so that we can set costs and set dates.

What has Roy said about the internet safety course? At the EC, they do talk to the students about internet safety. CAA has a whole new internet safety protocol coming out next year. Is it possible to offer it during class time at the EC? Dale Erickson advises that we talk to Roy and offer it to all the students at the EC.

8. Parent Discussion and Questions
None

9. Adjournment
Christy Ford: Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.