



Calgary Arts Academy School Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

Total Participants: 19

Attendance

CAA Administration:

Kimberly Hoey, Principal

School Council Members

Haley – Chair / President

Bob – Treasurer

Cathy – Secretary

Blythe – Director of Governance

Nancy – Director: Casino

Carrie – Social Media Coordinator

Erin – Fundraising Coordinator

Guidelines on Zoom Meetings:

1. Cameras on for meetings this year!
2. If you would like to bring something up, please email council ahead of time so that it can be added to the agenda.
3. If you are speaking, please make sure camera is on.

1. Welcome and Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Hayley 6:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Erin

Seconded by: Sherry

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2025

Motion: Bob

Second: Nancy

4. Welcome Back – Hayley

Welcome everyone! Please put your name in the chat for attendance. This will count for your volunteer hours. Also log those hours!

Thank you, Cathy, for running the meeting last month. Heard good reviews.

5. Colours of Spring – May 30, 2025

This year has started off slow, but fast and we are already planning the next event – Colours of Spring, May 30th at RC.

Please reach out to council about Food Trucks or games.

6. School Fee Structure Update – Ken McNeill

Total expenditure for transportation is about \$570,000 for busing and of that amount we get approximately \$300,000 from the government.

In the end, what we are running now is a deficit of approximately \$38,000, we decided as a board that we need to increase the fees for busing. Once again, because of that deficit. For 2025/2026 bussing costs will increase from \$825 to \$925 for 2-way, and from \$575 to \$675 for 1-way. School resource fees resource fees will stay the same.

Questions/Comments on School Fee Structure Update:

- With this increase in fee, is there still a remaining deficit that the board will end up taking to offset the cost of busing and transportation. Yes, this will produce an increase based on current ridership of about \$29,000. We will still be running a deficit of less than \$10,000 which we can handle. We don't plan on increasing the fees next year, even though we'll have a 3% increase in the transportation contract.
- Is the board open to having a conversation about some of these costs with the foundation? Is this something that the foundation can support, to ensure the school's not running a deficit, and to limit impact on families who might be negatively struggling with some of the busing fees. We are certainly always open to discussing this with the foundation. Ken McNeill: Tell me what Charter School covers the entire cost.

7. Principal's Report – Kimberly Hoey

Report cards were sent home last Friday. Please take time to review that feedback and assessment with your child to celebrate their success. They have shown commitment and persistence in their personal and academic growth. We encourage families to talk, reflect, and set goals together for the upcoming term to foster progress and also demonstrate a collaborative commitment to learning together.

High school students have recently participated in a photography workshop with Josie Drever Chu, and learned about taking portrait photography for headshots, as well as how to like document artwork as they embark on building their digital artist portfolios and they look forward to welcoming several other independent artists over at high school to share their experience and expertise with students. Guest artists include Trudy Hipwell, traditional West African drummer, the string theory music ensemble a community liaison with the Calgary police and a special effects makeup artist.

The Erickson Center is looking for volunteers to help with storage organization.

Our Developmental Asset of the month for January was Constructive Use of Time for February, its is Commitment to Learning.

Calgary Arts Academy is continuing to participate in our unique mental wellness grant with Thrive in partnership with Connect Charter School. We are grateful to Alberta Education for funding this initiative through this mental health. Grant thank you to those parents who have joined us for the parent sessions at Connect Charter, which have also been offered through this initiative, and is a really unique opportunity this year.

Please note, there is a 3rd session, hosted by Dr. Caroline Bozanko at Connect Charter School on March 14, on Resilience Building.

This year's Thrive days will focus on social awareness and relationship skills. K to 9 students will have the opportunity to go for a day field trip to the Field Experience Centre.

We are headed into showcase season for all students. This is an exciting time to truly see Arts Immersion in action and celebrate student learning and growth. Please note that all students are required to attend and participate in their showcase performance.

I wanted to clarify student care fees, and our school fees are different. Lunchtime supervision is provided through Student Care for K to 9 students, and is an expectation to be paid, and it is payable to them and not the school. It's a different organization that help us facilitate our lunchroom supervision.

8. Thrive / Connect Info Session – March 13, 2025, 6pm to 8pm (Please RSVP for this!)

Next Parent Learning session is next month. Sign up from the link in the weekly.
Join Dr. Caroline Buzenko on Resilience Building

Information from the session in January - Limiting Screen Time and Technology Use

When you introduce screen time, it replaces something else like it replaces another activity. So, you want to make sure that whatever you're replacing is worth it.

8. Council Fundraisers – Erin

The next fundraiser that's coming up around the corner is the Papa, John, Papa John's pizza nights.

Families get 15% off your pizza order, and the school also gets a 15% kickback on all the pizza orders, so you can have pizza night at home with your family. They run them on only a few nights a week, so we have we have the dates booked.

Thursday, February 13th

Sunday, February 16th

Monday, February 17th

Monday February 24th

Healthy Hunger - launched an E gift card program through the healthy hunger website. There's food, groceries, entertainment, tons of restaurants, tons of shopping, and we get a pretty good kick back the percentages vary depending on which gift card, but they're really great. So next time you go on the healthy hunger check out the gift card program.

The next fundraiser will be cookie dough. We did the Indeygo Cookie dough fundraiser last year we might choose a different one.

9. New Business for Next Meeting:

Showcase Tickets open to the public for purchase. Do we have a policy in place? Add to the March agenda.

Any suggestions for things to discuss, please reach out to council or put some ideas into the chat for the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 7:26 p.m.

Next Meeting

March 4th, 2025, at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Zoom Chat

00:03:46 Markus Lahtinen: Markus Lahtinen

00:04:15 Travis Hoopfer: Travis and Richelle Hoopfer

00:04:21 jason.a: Jason Avramenko

00:04:22 Carrie Cemka: Carrie Cemka

00:04:35 Denise: Denise Powley

00:04:42 Laura: Laura Bicknell

00:04:44 Cathy Schwenning: Cathy schwenning

00:04:52 Tyson Bolduc: Tyson Bolduc

00:04:54 Michael Hurd: Michael Hurd

00:04:55 Gwen: Gwen Piedad

00:05:08 Erin Wright: Erin Wright

00:06:48 Nancy K: Nancy Koutselas

00:06:57 sherry: Sherry Chiang

00:10:31 Travis Hoopfer: Yup

00:10:35 Raven they/them: Can't do video, sorry

00:10:41 Bob McEwan: Reacted to "Can't do video, so..." with 👍

00:11:23 sherry: I can second. Sherry

00:12:31 Bob McEwan: Bob McEwan

00:12:35 iPhone: Danielle Spencer

00:12:37 Raven they/them: Raven Delafleur

00:15:29 sherry: Im just going to turn my video off so you are not tortured by watching me finish eating. I'll turn it on as soon as I'm done

00:16:03 Michael Hurd: I hope a quick food prep given our crowd size

00:26:22 Calgary Arts Academy School Council: Book - The anxious generation

00:30:52 Raven they/them: Yeah, I agree. I think it's a tool .

00:30:56 Erin Wright: The book is also on Blinkist if you're really time crunched

00:35:23 iPhone: Digital literacy should be part of their curriculum.

00:36:36 Carrie Cemka: Reacted to "Digital literacy sho..." with 🙌

00:38:37 Kim Hoey: The brain research is an interesting component to consider about the impact of screens- and some strategies were shared in the presentation (co-watching, keep tech out of bedrooms, etc...). Good chat team.

00:39:52 Erin Wright: CAA15

00:40:02 Carrie Cemka: Feb 17th is family day! Just saying! 😊

00:40:07 sherry: Replying to "The brain research i..."

I would be interested in learning about that component. Is that discussed in the book? I would love to get a copy of the presentation if that's possible. Sherry Chiang :)

00:41:07 Kim Hoey: Replying to "The brain research i..."

Happy to share!

00:42:16 Raven they/them: It was a fun field trip

Seeing the newspaper blow my mind

00:43:04 Kim Hoey: Replying to "It was a fun field t..."

Thanks for volunteering!

00:43:06 Bob McEwan: Reacted to "It was a fun field..." with ❤️

00:43:07 Raven they/them: Replying to "The brain research i..."

Yeah, I'd be interested in a copy of the presentation as well . I missed it

00:43:35 Kim Hoey: Replying to "The brain research i..."

You bet 😊

00:43:55 Raven they/them: Reacted to It was a fun field t... with "❤️"

00:47:41 Erin Wright: Reacted to "It was a fun field t..." with 🙌

00:50:09 Raven they/them: That's really disappointing, because bussing is already difficult to be able to afford for 2 children

00:53:59 iPhone: I'm not aware of any charter schools that pay for buses . That would be a huge cost

00:55:46 Raven they/them: Unfortunately that's not an option for a lot of people. I have kids in 2 campuses and I don't drive. It makes it essentially impossible to get them both to school on time. On calgary transit .

00:58:59 Bob McEwan: Minister of Education | Alberta.ca

00:59:14 Bob McEwan: MLA for Calgary - Bow

00:59:22 iPhone: Thank you

00:59:23 Travis Hoopfer: Thanks Ken

00:59:29 sherry: Thank you Ken

00:59:33 Denise: Denise Powley

00:59:54 Travis Hoopfer: Travis Hoopfer second

00:59:59 Tyson Bolduc: Tyson Bolduc

01:00:13 Travis Hoopfer: Second

01:00:27 Markus Lahtinen: Markus Lahtinen

01:05:06 sherry: Thank you! Have a good night