



## Calgary Arts Academy School Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2024

### Attendance

#### CAA Administration:

Alyson Moore, Principal, Rosscarrock Campus

#### School Council Members:

Erin - Co-Chair / Co-President

Haley – Co-Chair / Co-President

Bob – Treasurer

Cathy – Secretary

Blythe – Director of Governance

Nancy – Director: Casino

Carrie – Social Media

Vacant Position: Vice President

### Total Participants: 19

#### 1. Welcome and Call to order.

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

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Hayley

Seconded by: Nancy

### **3. Approval of April 16, 2024, Council Meeting minutes**

Motion: Hayley

Seconded by: Nancy

### **4. Chairperson's Report – Hayley** *Watch our weekly emails for more on things the way!*

Thank you to the garden volunteers. Refurbishing is happening at RC and KH. Signup Genius in LinkTree to help get involved.

We have purchased 22 wobble stools for the campuses! Thank you to all who help fundraise. LinkTree Information: Everything will be posted here. This is our way to communicate and share what is happening within the campuses. Meeting Minutes are posted on the website.

### **5. Principal's Report**

April Break: First trip to NYC. 24 students went! Had a great time and saw everything. We are hoping to continue these trips, both domestically and internationally.

Year 8/9 students at RC had their Vertigo Theatre performance, which is a school tradition. Students write the play, audition for roles, cast themselves into parts, backstage direction, backdrops and costuming. It is a great experience for students, staff and the audience! This year the show is about the journey of middle school kids and what happens when all adults get brainwashed and how they come together to save the day. Incredible!

Last week the Year 6/7 showcase was at RC. A fantastic musical called Ella the Elk. This script was created and written by our resident artist. Students had full control over the production. They learned sound cues, lighting boards, makeup and costume/design. Great Arts Immersion with strong focus on science curriculum!

Inaugural K to 3 showcase at KH starts tonight. It is a buzz of activity, and I can't believe how much these kids have accomplished (May 7, 8, 9)

May 15/16: High School at cSPACE

May 29/30: Year 4/5 - Cirque-du-CAA

A few other things that happened in April: PD Day with staff where we worked on exploring new strategies for inclusive education.

Working with our friends at Connect Charter School all year on this Thrive partnership and the last piece of that is doing our own school led thrive day – dates will come out soon!

CAAA badminton tournament last month. One group of students won a silver medal. Exiting and congratulations to them and all who participated. We are in the middle of soccer season for middle school kids, then track and field coming up soon as well.

Students in Year 6, 9 and 12 are working hard to prepare for provincial achievement tests and diploma exams. Year 6 only writes social and science. Province has decided to

not have Math or Language Arts because of the new curriculum. Year 9's doing social, Science, LA and Math. Diploma exams are as usual. \*\* Please see signup genius to volunteer \*\*

Thank you again for the wobble stools, they have been put to great use at RC.

Mr. Thorson has been getting quotes so we can get some new tech equipment in our gym

Reminder to always what What's Happening, Council weekly emails and their Linktree for school council events!

## **6. New Business / Discussions - Bussing**

Families have concerns about mechanical issues and lack of permanent drivers for some of the bus routes which are causing significant delays and frustrations. We are looking at different incentives for drivers to select and keep our routes. We want to drivers to feel welcome and be part of our community. There is a province wide shortage of bus drivers and causing chaos at all school boards. We are in daily contact with Southland and have had numerous in person meetings. Unfortunately, there are not any better options available for our school right now. Parent suggested a more centralized parent drop off/pick up hub - we will pass along ideas to our Transportation Coordinator. Thank you!

## **7. High School Update – Alyson reading notes from Peter**

Last month was busy as usual in high school. There has been a big focus on academic and teachers encouraging students to regularly check google classroom for due dates, marks and written feedback. Parents can check with their students about that as well.

Only 5.5 weeks left of regular classes in high school. First diploma exam is ELA on June 11. Year 12 students have submitted their applications for the two, \$2500 Dale Ericsson Legacy scholarship. Foundation will choose the winners and will be announced at grad on June 5.

Showcase at cSPACE in Marda Loop. All information has been emailed home to HS parents. Art gallery opening May 14, May 15 and 16 is the HS one act play and live music. HS students are excited to share their hard work. If you plan to bring a younger sibling we suggest you come for the first play. Cozy theater, just under 80 seats so buy your tickets.

## **8. Updates, Topics and Events**

- Art Auction: Online bidding LIVE May 6 - 16
- Colours of Spring Vendor Tables Available
- Colours of Spring Volunteers – WE NEED YOU!
- Growing Smiles Order Deadline: May 14- pickup at Colours of Spring May 31
- Last fundraiser of the school year, Spolumbos. This will start May 21

## 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 7:06 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**

### Zoom Chat

00:03:59 Cathy S: Cathy Schwenning

00:05:59 Carrie Cemka: Carrie Cemka

00:06:15 Tawna moura: Tawna Moura

00:06:26 Michael Hurd: Michael Hurd

00:06:34 Jane Flynn: Jane & Andrew Wilson

00:06:43 Markus Lahtinen: Markus Lahtinen

00:09:25 jason.a: Jason Avramenko

00:09:44 Cathy S: Guessing this will be a smaller group tonight being that it's a showcase night.

00:10:11 Nancy K: Nancy Koutselas

00:10:20 Denise : Denise Powley and Will Kwong

00:10:24 Jessica Thorburn (she/her): Jessica Thorburn

00:11:17 Alyson Moore: Alyson Moore

00:11:23 Bob: Bob McEwan

00:13:04 jason.a: I need to read it first....

00:13:30 jason.a: I know...I'm just always behind :/

00:13:32 jason.a: It's there!

00:14:11 Denise : Is it possible to get the minutes and agenda the day before the meeting? I find it hard to rush from work to home, make supper, and read the email other than just getting the link to join the meeting.

00:14:44 jason.a: Reacted to "Is it possible to ge..." with 🙌

00:14:55 Carrie Cemka: <https://linktr.ee/caaschoolcouncil>

00:15:18 Carrie Cemka: <https://www.instagram.com/caaschoolcouncil>

00:15:56 jason.a: Link Tree. Happiness is.

00:16:02 Carrie Cemka: Reacted to "Link Tree. Happiness..." with ❤️

00:16:58 jason.a: Link Tree. I think it could be sent out in other communications to families. Like....does it go out in teacher communications?

00:18:09 Carrie Cemka: Replying to "Link Tree. I think i..."

Teacher communication usually involves the Teacher Instagram accounts. We will often mention the linktree and link access through meetings and CAA School Council emails specifically.

00:18:32 Carrie Cemka: Replying to "Link Tree. I think i..."

But this is a great idea for the first email out of the year. Thanks, Jason!

00:18:49 Calgary Arts Academy School Council: Replying to "Link Tree. I think i..."

Thanks Jason!

00:20:12 Laura Anderson: Also was wondering if the issue of the Bus route is going to be covered? I was told it would be on the agenda today but I don't see it

00:20:31 Denise : Reacted to "Also was wondering i..." with 👍

00:23:09 jason.a: I was wondering: If I wanted my Elementary child to attend the High School Showcase, would it be appropriate? Would there be room? I thought he might be 'inspired' by who he may become.

00:26:03 Jie's iPhone: Aug 22 pm, loading kids, mistakes by driver stopping at wrong stops

August 23 pm, slow loading kids

Nov 14 pm, dispatch error

Nov 20 am, no regular driver

Nov 20 pm, no regular driver

Nov 21 am, no regular driver

Nov 21 pm, no regular driver

Nov 22 am, no regular driver

Nov 22 pm, no regular driver

Jan 15 pm, operational

Jan 17 am, mechanical

Jan 17 pm, mechanical

Jan 18 pm

Jan 19 pm, dispatch error

Feb 12 pm, mechanical

Feb 27 am, no regular driver

March 4 am, mechanical

March 1

March 6 am, mechanical

March 6 pm, mechanical

March 8 am, driver missed a stop and a student wasn't picked up

March 18 am, no driver(sick)

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March 19 am, no driver(sick)

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April 9 am, mechanical issue

April 11 am, relief driver

Apr 26 am, operational driver without any proper instruction

April 29 am, driver error

00:26:29 Jie's iPhone: Here is from bus D

00:28:46 Laura Anderson: Reacted to "Aug 22 pm, loading k..." with ❤️

00:29:29 Laura Anderson: Also wondering if there is something within CAA's control they could do ... like perhaps a refund or partial refund for routes like ours that are disproportionately affected

00:40:19 Calgary Arts Academy School Council:  
<https://app.galabid.com/caaartauction/items>

00:40:39 jason.a: Reacted to "https://app.galabid...." with 🙌

00:48:31 Nancy K: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/caaspring>

00:49:00 Laura Anderson: Do you have to be at the event to win?

00:49:54 Nancy K: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAF728A5F4C34-49539338-calgary#/>

00:50:45 Nancy K: [caacasinoandaffle@gmail.com](mailto:caacasinoandaffle@gmail.com)