

# CAA School Council Meeting October 5, 2021

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)

Kimberly Hoey (Administrator)

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President

Cara Overholt, Vice President

Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Dallal Taylor, Acting Secretary

Additional School Council members present 26

Total parent attendance: 31 – 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 6:32 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

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

## 3. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2021, Council Meeting

Christy Ford motioned to approve the minutes. Nikki Toone seconded the motion. Agenda minutes approved.

## 4. Updates & Topics

### Christy Ford (Chairperson Updates):

- The AGM has been moved to November 5, 2021.
- Parents have been having issues viewing the Council newsletter. The newsletter is attached in the Council newsletter as a pdf link at the lower part of the email.
- Parents need to remember to file a police clearance at both the Knob Hill and at the Education Centre if they want to volunteer at either campus.
- Parents who would like to volunteer as a washroom monitor at the Knob Hill campus must sign up for the full block and not partial times.
- Parking at the Knob Hill campus is still an issue with parents dropping off too close to the pedestrian cross. Parents are urged to please stay out of the south side.
- It was suggested to place more traffic pylons to allow proper space for pedestrian safety and to block off space for the crosswalk. To be discussed in Society portion to approve the purchase of more pylons.
- Parents can volunteer to help Mr. E put those extra pylons out each morning

- during drop off.
- Kim Hoey asked where those new cones would be placed and not to place too close to the crosswalk.

**Admin Update:**

**Michelle Stonehouse**

- Parents are encouraged to call the Calgary Bylaw line at 3-1-1 on the vehicles which overhang the crosswalk.
- The Terry Fox Run was successful and raised \$2,379.00 between both campuses.
- The day camp, previously known as Camp Adventure, now owned by Connect Charter School, was enjoyed by Year 9, 10 and 11 students (for two days each), as well as Year 6, 7, and 8 students for one day. Younger grades will be attending in the spring.

**Kimberly Hoey**

- Orange shirt day was a success. There were lots of powerful conversations and questions from the students as well as conversations at home.
- CAA was one of the few schools who recognized orange shirt day
- Home reading contracts for K-3 will be coming out next week.

**Updates:**

- a) Radon Testing update – Bob McAuley (Parent)
  - Bob gave an in-depth explanation of safety levels of radon and the affects it had on the lungs. Some of information given was when to test for radon such as which months (winter). Also, he explained that readings could fluctuate which is normal and not to cause alarm. An acceptable reading would be approximately 300. He also screenshared to show some of the statistics and information regarding radon exposure.
  - Bob reassured parents and Council that most buildings do not have an issue with radon levels but to encourage testing to ease the minds of parents and be sure of what the levels are at the Knob Hill campus.
  - Bob has a contact which can give quotes on the placement, purchase and reading of the radon testing.
  - A budget will be agreed upon at the Society meeting.
- b) Garden being put to bed, sunflower allergy – apology, no more sunflowers
  - A parent informed the school that their child had an allergy to the sunflowers growing in the garden. These were immediately taken down. Sunflowers will not be planted in the garden next year. If parents have a similar concern, they are encouraged to contact Council immediately for removal of anything growing which could be harmful for any student.
  - Parents are also encouraged to make suggestions regarding what the garden should grow.
- c) Call out for Parent and Student workshop coordinator – Christy Ford (Chair)
  - The parent and student workshop coordinator has taken the Secretary position and now needs a replacement volunteer. If anyone would like to volunteer for the position, they can contact Council.

## **Admin Update:**

- a) Update on CO2 monitoring
  - Testing has been done at the Knob Hill Campus and classrooms are at an acceptable level.
  - The portable classrooms are at an acceptable level during the morning but in the afternoon reach a level higher than acceptable.
  - Dale has contacted CBE regarding the portable classrooms CO2 levels.
  - The portable classrooms have been aired during the evenings.
  - Michelle Stonehouse suggested Council purchase filter units for the portable classrooms until there is a solution to fix the levels.
  - Stephanie Westlund offered to lend a CO2 reading device to monitor levels.
  - We will vote on those funds when we get the Society portion of the meeting.
- b) Update on COVID notification procedures
  - Procedures have never changed but an email will be sent out shortly by Dale concerning the protocol implemented by AHS.
  - Any staff or parent entering either campus will now have to provide proof of vaccination.
- c) Update on library investments/upgrades
  - Kim Hoey said that the library collection is currently being upgraded
  - We are still talking to Calgary Reads about updating the physical space but this is mostly on hold until we are able to visit the Little Red Reading House in person to get ideas
- d) Update on technology access for all CAA students
  - Students have been inquiring about purchasing equipment once the school year has ended.
  - CAA is looking into having a program similar to the one run by Connect Charter School, where students lease their equipment and have an opportunity to purchase it. Michelle Stonehouse said that she would consult parents about this option if the school intends to go in this direction.
  - Someone asked if there could possibly be a possible “payout” for students once the school year has ended.

## **5. New Business**

- a. Babysitting Course – Thanks to Tuled for volunteering, keep posted on newsletter via Zoom.
- b. Staff Appreciation Lunch – Choose Date
  - Staff lunch will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (a PD Day). Budget to be approved at the Society portion of the meeting.

## **6. Parent Discussion and Questions**

## **7. Adjournment**

Christy Ford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

The next School Council meeting will be our AGM will be held over Zoom on **November 2, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please join us.

**ZOOM CHAT LOG FROM 6:32 p.m. to 7:51 p.m.:**

18:30:24 From Samantha to Everyone: Samantha Bradford  
18:31:03 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: Dallal Taylor  
18:31:53 From Jodi to Everyone: Jodi Segura  
18:32:05 From Nat to Everyone: Natalie Lau  
18:32:13 From Stephanie Westland to Everyone: Stephanie Westlund  
18:32:19 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone: Joanne Pinnow  
18:32:29 From Susan Arnold to Everyone: Susan Arnold  
18:32:30 From Nancy to Everyone: Nancy Koutselas  
18:32:32 From Adrienne Wall to Everyone: Adrienne Wall  
18:32:34 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: Nikki Toone  
18:32:34 From JP González to Everyone: Juan Pablo González  
18:32:34 From Justin Halwa to Everyone: Justin Halwa  
18:32:38 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: Tammy McDonald  
18:32:41 From Winifred to Everyone: Craig Aikman  
18:32:44 From Bob M to Everyone: Bob mcauley  
18:32:45 From maria. Sherk to Everyone: Maria Sherk  
18:32:46 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: Jannett Johnson  
18:32:47 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone: Qamar Rasheed  
18:32:51 From christyford to Everyone: Christy Ford  
18:32:52 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: Anderson Johnson  
18:32:59 From Sayako to Everyone: Sayako Yamamoto  
18:33:12 From Michelle Stonehouse (she/her) to Everyone: Michelle Stonehouse  
18:34:24 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Blythe Butler  
18:34:35 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to  
Everyone: Here is the link to log your volunteer hours for the school  
18:34:39 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc\\_rADB805FjV31iUkMYKliGA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuH4NAn2W8wbcN9-DPqUzxAc_rADB805FjV31iUkMYKliGA/viewform)  
18:34:41 From Erin Wright to Everyone: Erin Wright  
18:35:15 From Kate Ellis to Everyone: Kate and Andrew Ellis  
18:35:23 From Soleil Wood to Everyone: Soleil Wood  
18:36:05 From Terry Heilman to Everyone: T Heilman  
18:39:09 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone:  
Bylaw is that you cannot park within FIVE METERS of a crosswalk in Calgary  
18:39:45 From Michelle Stonehouse (she/her) to Everyone: Pylons would work!  
18:43:08 From JP González to Everyone: It's "interesting" to be discussing this issue here when  
it is OUR kids the ones that could get hurt.  
18:43:31 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: It may need to be that we keep track of the  
license plate. I have a bylaw app... I am so sorry that you all keep having to hammer this in...  
18:43:35 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: YES! Call 311 or Traffic at CPS.  
18:45:40 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: Whats the name of the camp again?  
18:48:13 From samantha to Everyone: I was so impressed with the information the kids were  
coming home with 😊

18:48:38 From Joanne Pinnow to Everyone: Kudos on Orange Shirt day :) and national day for Truth and Reconciliation. As a Metis person I do appreciate it.

18:48:51 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: Shout out to Ms. Kearney. My Svea was so happy that she learned how to smudge at school.

18:49:55 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Well done CAA

18:54:44 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: I see a science unit exploration on radon coming for the kids!

18:55:38 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: Excellent explanation indeed.

19:06:13 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: Don't they get hung up high enough to ensure that they are not disturbed by the kids? Once ours was hung it didn't get noticed after that day.

19:06:33 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Thanks for looking into this Bob, I think it is a great idea to at least know our baseline.

19:07:59 From Nancy to Everyone: Thank you Bob!

19:08:01 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone: I think it needs to be higher - when we did it at our house, i believe 2 tests were around

19:08:39 From Jannett Johnson to Everyone: The units are about \$30 / device. I would assume 1 or so per room?

19:16:49 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Thanks for checking into the CO2 monitors. Support getting filters ASAP before winter comes and windows can no longer be opened.

19:24:21 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: I agree Christy

19:24:28 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: agree

19:24:41 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: The more we all know to prevent spread the better.

19:25:23 From Susan Arnold to Everyone: Agree

19:25:33 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: We thought you were getting ready for Halloween.

19:30:31 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: So happy to hear about the investment in library and a big shout out to Sarah for her awesome literacy work!

19:36:21 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Do we need to get to 1:1 tech for K-3? Or is 2:1 the goal? ie) do we need more investment or are we OK? Do we have a schedule for updating and replacing tech on a regular basis/annual budget for new tech that goes into the school budget on a rolling basis? This would be good for Council to know too so we can keep up with the tech sale and contributions to new tech.

19:37:12 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: Christy we did Feb 26 last year...would we do 2 this year?

19:37:19 From JP González to Everyone: Good questions @Blythe

19:40:53 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: For what it is worth, our family is happy with the 2:1 for the younger children. Excited for the older kids indeed.

19:41:45 From Tuled to Everyone: I want to second what Tammy said. 2:1 ratio works for us for the younger kids

19:43:00 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Yes. Great idea. I know Connect Charter does it this way so they can keep new texh coming into the school. Support that approach if it can be supported by the Tech Co.

19:45:15 From Tammy McDonald to Everyone: Rocky Mountain Soap Company sure makes some nice lip balm for teachers. Care in winter?

19:47:39 From Jodi to Everyone: Great idea Tammy!! A nice kit with a few different lip balms.

19:48:04 From Soleil Wood to Everyone: I know of another school that placed signs on poles in the tops of the safety cones. with the NO Parking within ...

19:49:05 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone: Maybe the kids could make kid-sized cardboard cut outs of themselves and we can attach those to the pylons to get the message across. ha. I have cardboard to donate. ;-)

19:49:23 From Louise Middleton's iPad (2) to Blythe Butler (she/her) (Direct Message):I had the same thought!

19:49:34 From Soleil Wood to Everyone: Yes Blythe!

19:49:38 From Nikki Toone to Everyone: @ Blythe I like that idea!

19:49:53 From Jod to Everyone: @Blythe Yes!!

19:49:59 From Dallal Taylor to Everyone: is there no patrol program for kids at the knob hill?

19:51:47 From Blythe Butler (she/her) to Everyone:

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51