

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)
Rhonda Morrison (Administrator, Knob Hill Campus)

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President
Cara Overholt, Vice President
Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer
Erika Holter, Secretary
Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Additional School Council members present: 24

Total parent attendance: 33(ish) – 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 moved to approve the agenda. Tammy McDonald seconded the motion.
Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2021 School Council Meeting

Christy Ford moved to approve minutes. Nancy Koutselas seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4. Chairperson's Report

The Purdy's fundraiser has wrapped up and was successful. The Alberta Charter Association AGM is coming up. The outdoor classroom is also a current point of focus.

5. Principal's Report

Alberta Education has mailed out survey codes for the education assurance survey and have extended the deadline to April 28th. Parents were encouraged to take the time to complete the survey. Typically end-of-the-year surveys would be sent out from Calgary Arts Academy, but these surveys need to be completed earlier this year, and will be coming home in early May.

Three cases of COVID-19 were reported at CAA earlier this month. We are close to the end of the transmission period, and there have been no further cases reported as of yet.

Year 1 students had their summit just prior to the spring break. Year 2/3 students will be doing a virtual field trip this week.

6. Updates

School Council Advocacy/Upcoming Conference AGM

This AGM is coming up on April 25th from 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Christy Ford and Blythe Butler will be attending on behalf of CAA. If anyone else is interested in attending, let them know and they can arrange for your registration.

Growing Smiles

The last day to order for this fundraiser is April 22nd.

Jubilee T-Shirts

70 shirts have been ordered. The deadline to order shirts has passed.

7. New Business

a) Growing Smiles Volunteer

Volunteers are required for the May 7th pick-up date. Pick-up is at the Knob Hill Campus only.

b) Garden Benches/In-Class Growings/Additional Plantings

25 benches will cost approximately \$300, and these can be used year after year. We are also looking at doing some in-class planting to help populate the gardens.

Thank you to Erin Wright and her husband for assisting in building the reading library.

c) Home Alone Instructor

An instructor is needed for this eight-hour course (which can be broken into two four-hour courses).

d) In-class Filtration/Hepa

There have been recommendations to bring hepa filters into classrooms and/or have windows open to increase air circulation in the interest of reducing the possibility of COVID-19 spread. Now that the weather is warmer, teachers are being encouraged to open their windows when appropriate to do so. This will be further investigated.

8. Parent Discussion and Questions

Discussion was held on whether the Knob Hill library will be updated at some point to make it more modern and appealing. There is a CAA staff member who is looking into this, but it is currently on pause due to COVID-19.

It was asked whether garden space will be made available at the Education Centre. There is space available behind the Saddledome, and there have been outreach efforts to make this space available to CAA for gardening purposes.

There are garden pods available to schools through a grant, and if there is a volunteer willing to take this on, this could be a further addition to the garden.

9. Adjournment

Christy Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held over Zoom on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

Appendix – Zoom Chat Record from CAA Council Society Meeting

<still needs to be added>

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