



Calgary Arts Academy School Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

Total Participants: 23

Attendance

CAA Administration:

Sarah Birch, Principal (Knob Hill)
Kimberly Hoey, Principal (Rosscarrock)
Alyson Moore, Assistant Principal (Rosscarrock)
Amanda Bonnell, Assistant Principal (Erickson Centre)

School Council Members

Haley – Chair / President
Jennifer – Vice Chair
Bob – Treasurer
Cathy – Secretary
Blythe – Director of Governance
Nancy – Director: Casino
Carrie – Social Media

Guidelines on Zoom Meetings:

Cameras on for meetings this year!

If you would like to bring something up, please email council ahead of time so that it can be added to the agenda.

If you are speaking, please make sure camera is on.

1. Welcome and Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Hayley at 6:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by: Carrie
Seconded by: Denise

3. **Approval of September 10, 2024, Council Meeting minutes**

Approved by: Carrie

Seconded by: Nancy/Lynn

4. **AGM Postponed – November 5, 2024**

Council has postponed the AGM to the next meeting on November 5, as we are still in search of an accountant . If you know of a CPA, please reach out to council at council@caaschool.com ASAP.

5. **Principal's Report**

- First Learning Contract are wrapping up before the Fall Break. Feedback, and assessments will be shared with parents/guardians soon. Our second Learning Contracts are coming out after the October break which will culminate in our Jubilee Arts immersion performance.
- We observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 27. Students and community gathered together for an assembly with special guests, who taught us about indigenous ways of knowing and shared their cultural celebrations and traditions. We are grateful for their passionate teachings and motivating presentation which inspired reflection, participation, and connection. High school students at the Erickson Center gathered in homeroom groupings and engaged in circle meeting conversations and activities, honoring reconciliation. CAA's commitment to fulfilling the 94 calls to action is a year-round responsibility and marking. This day is an important piece of that priority
- We are excited to continue our partnership with contemporary Calgary, which provided us so many excellent and unique opportunities last year showcasing student work, staff work even and going to exhibits. All K to 12 students will have the opportunity to go at some point this year. The Contemporary Calgary trip from last year has inspired the current Year 8/9 stop motion contract.
- We launched our asset of the month, starting with the external asset of Support.
- There are no classes October 21st.
- Please spread the word about volunteers for Camp and Halloween dances.
- Our first showcase is Year 2/3 October 9 and 10.

6. **Camp Information**

Upcoming Zoom session coming will be an hour long – dates to come.

- We need lots of volunteers to make Connect Camp successful for all students. Gus the Bus is needed to transport student gear for overnight trips.

All K to 3 students will go on a day trip. Year 4 to 12 students are overnight. Please be sure that you read all Camp information sent and your student arrives to school on time the day of their trip.

7. Structure of School Council

- Last meeting we spoke a little bit about the structure of council and I want to acknowledge and thank everyone on the team for all their hard work and efficiency. We will go through the positions officially at the AGM in November.
- Denise is going to continue on with the healthy hunger updates.
- Paige is the RC Campus Representative
- Caitlin is the Knob Hill Campus Representative.
- Please welcome Jen to the Vice Chair position
- We are looking for: Events Coordinator, Student / Parent Workshop Coordinator, Admin (someone who is looking to maybe help a little bit just with some admin items once a month, or to help make some calls, coordinating things, etc.)

8. Council Calendar of Fundraisers (Erin W)

- Healthy Hunger is going strong. The kids love fun lunches and are excited for the new restaurant additions. We have some Year 8/9 students in the Healthy Hunger Club to help deliver the orders to the classrooms – thank you! We are still looking for parent volunteers to help at KH and RC. The volunteer commitment is usually 30 minutes every Wednesday. Look for the signup genius link to volunteer. There was a change for the Edo location that we use. All of the Edo menus will have more offerings. If you have already done your future Edo orders, maybe go back and just edit them. If there's something that you want to add on to that that lunch.

There is no Healthy Hunger at the High School Campus and these are the main reasons why: Student Council over at EC runs their own lunch concession and the directly benefit their Student Council. High school students can leave the campus over lunch. Healthy Hunger has a minimum order for delivery, otherwise there are additional fees and difficult for a restaurant to coordinate delivery to 3 different locations.

- The first fundraiser is the pumpkin silent auction happening at the Knob Hill Halloween Dance. This is a longstanding tradition for Calgary Arts Academy at the Knob Hill, Halloween Dance. All of the classes get to create unique pumpkins in various ways, whether it's carving, painting, decorating, adding stuff to them, constructing things out of pumpkins, and then those pumpkins, then get put up for auction at the dance and you get to take home a wonderful pumpkin.
- The second fundraiser is created by Kids Arts Gift (Kidsca) and this is different then the art fundraiser that's happening at Jubilee. This fundraiser is where students can take home a template, and create their own piece of art. Families can go online and order mugs ,puzzles, cards with their art that they've created. Items will be ready for pickup and distributed just before Christmas.
- Other fundraisers: Growing Smiles (poinsettias and winter plants). The order deadline is November 10 and order pickup is November 27, these are really great quality plants.
- Purdy's Holiday Chocolate - the order deadline will be, and this will information will be out in the weekly. The order deadlines November 26th and the pickup is December 11.

9. Fundraising Ideas

Please email council council@caaschool.com your researched ideas and proposal

10. Council Calendar of Events

- Casino (Oct 17 & 18 at Cowboys Casino)
- Council Event: Halloween Dance at Knob Hill (tickets on sale soon)
- RC Student Council Event: Halloween Dance, October 30th at RC Campus. No ticket required.

11. Recycled & New Materials Needed – Found on Signup!

12. New Business For Next Meeting – Please email council so this can be added to the agenda ahead of time.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 p.m.

The next meeting is our AGM on November 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Zoom Chat

00:02:26 Jason.Avramenko: Jason Avramenko

00:02:41 T Wenzel: Tammy Wenzel

00:02:49 Bob McEwan: Bob McEwan

00:02:51 Carrie Cemka: Please type your name in the chat for attendance

00:02:52 Denise: Denise Powley and Will Kwong

00:02:55 Carrie Cemka: Carrie Cemka

00:02:57 Andrea Reynen: Andrea Reynen

00:03:06 Cathy S: Cathy Schwenning

00:03:07 Samsung SM-S901W: Paige Shook

00:03:19 Nancy K: Nancy Koutselas

00:03:21 Markus Lahtinen: Markus Lahtinen

00:03:28 Laura Bicknell: Laura Bicknell

00:03:31 Elizabeth Keen: Elizabeth Keen

00:03:33 erinwright: Erin Wright

00:03:36 Rhonda's iPhone: Rhonda Manning

00:03:37 rothmann: Karine Rothmann

00:03:39 Kim W (She/Her): Kim Watkinson

00:03:45 sherry: Sherry Chiang

00:04:09 Carrie Cemka: You can find all important links, including the Volunteer Tracking Form on the linktree found here: <https://linktr.ee/caaschoolcouncil>

00:04:10 D Istchenko: Danielle Istchenko

00:04:30 Christa Bowtell: Christa Bowtell

00:04:54 Lynn: Lynn Rouse

00:06:07 T Wenzel: I don't have a webcam and my phone is too hard to type in chat using that

00:06:19 Andrea Reynen: i'm just on the road!

00:06:26 Bob McEwan: Reacted to "I don't have a web..." with 👍

00:06:33 Bob McEwan: Reacted to "i'm just on the ro..." with 👍

00:07:12 Carrie Cemka: Tammy, feel free to email any questions or concerns to council@caaschool.com and we can include any relevant topics in the meetings.

00:08:32 Jason.Avramenko: For a Starbucks gift card!

00:08:36 Laura Bicknell: I will have to turn mine off from time to time - need to ensure I don't burn dinner.

00:08:44 T Wenzel: Reacted to "Tammy, feel free to ..." with 👍

00:08:57 Laura Bicknell: What designation do you need for the 'accountant'?

00:09:05 Carrie Cemka: CPA

00:09:18 Laura Bicknell: Thank you

00:10:17 Carrie Cemka: carriecemka@gmail.com

00:16:16 Bob McEwan: what is the start to end time for a volunteer for the camp?

00:16:26 Denise: Reacted to "what is the start to..." with 👍

00:16:33 Bob McEwan: kind of the time away from "normal" life :-)

00:16:46 Lynn: what is the approx. time on those particular days of thrive, do parents drive out?

00:16:49 Jason.Avramenko: If you want chip, candy, and pop donations...we should have the dance after Halloween, haha

00:17:27 Calgary Arts Academy School Council: Reacted to "If you want chip, ca..." with 🙌

00:17:27 Bob McEwan: Reacted to "If you want chip, ..." with 😄

00:19:54 Carrie Cemka:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAfHbk15xHrIs4WDuALnqXD1PUgVnmkl5NC9Ydvp3stTOSJw/viewform>

00:20:03 Carrie Cemka: Volunteer Form for Thrive if you are interested.

00:20:33 Carrie Cemka: Full details and more information in the email on October 4th.

00:21:03 Elizabeth Keen: Is the volunteer opportunity listed on linktree?

00:21:12 Elizabeth Keen: for the camps

00:21:13 Lynn: thanks for that on thrive overnight

00:21:34 Jason.Avramenko: Camp for the win! Thank you for making this opportunity happen!

00:22:03 T Wenzel: If my son can't go should he still go to school that day or do I have to keep him home?

00:22:09 Elizabeth Keen: ok thanks

00:22:44 rothmann: Are there restrictions for the pop and chips restrictions for the Halloween dance?

00:26:39 Bob McEwan: Replying to "RC Donations Neede..."

Amazon has lots of bead kits on sale these few days too (not that my wife was sending me all the stuff she was buying for the school :-D)

00:28:58 Rhonda's iPhone: Can I ask why healthy hunger is not at EC???

00:29:09 Carrie Cemka: Replying to "RC Donations Needed.png"

I've already been begged into ordering some last week already.

00:31:30 Calgary Arts Academy School Council: Replying to "Are there restrictio..."

Nut free!

00:34:00 Calgary Arts Academy School Council: Replying to "Are there restrictio..."

Thanks

00:34:58 Jason.Avramenko: buttons?

00:35:17 Carrie Cemka: THAT'S SO COOL! Great Fundraiser Erin!

00:35:29 Jason.Avramenko: Reacted to "THAT'S SO COOL! Grea..." with 👍

00:37:05 Carrie Cemka: There you go, Jason. You can restock all the chocolate you donate haha

00:37:14 Jason.Avramenko: Reacted to "There you go, Jason...." with 😊

00:38:07 Elizabeth Keen: idea for fundraising: bubble tea?

00:38:48 erinwright: @Jason.Avramenko buttons would be cool. www.createdbykids.ca

00:39:07 Vince D.: Vince Diano

00:39:21 Vince D.: for attendance 😞

00:40:42 Carrie Cemka: Volunteer for the Casino
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAF728A5F4C34-49539338-calgary#/>

00:43:47 Carrie Cemka: The pressure now!

00:44:35 Jason.Avramenko: Can you confirm if the Showcase is video taped? I am unable to attend 😞

00:44:38 Carrie Cemka: If you've attended a past Winter Celebration at the Jubilee, please share your favourite part below!

00:45:31 Jason.Avramenko: Reacted to "Yes, it does get rec..." with 🎉

00:45:34 Kim Hoey : We are performance based and both the Jubilee and showcase are a celebration of Arts Immersion learning! Jubilee is K-12, showcases are team based (Year 2/3s, K/1s, 4/5s etc).

00:49:35 Calgary Arts Academy School Council: Replying to "Can you confirm if t..."

I don't think they are, I can confirm this.

00:50:32 Denise: Replying to "Can you confirm if t..."

We had a link for the Jubilee but I don't recall getting one for the Showcase.

00:51:03 Laura Bicknell: Some of the past years showcases have been recorded

00:51:14 Jason.Avramenko: Replying to "Can you confirm if t..."

If not, I will bully my partner to take many pictures 😊

00:51:24 sherry: Thank you!

00:51:31 T Wenzel: thanks

00:52:09 Carrie Cemka: Replying to "Can you confirm if t..."

Sorry my fault. I thought you meant Jubilee because we were talking about the Jubilee

00:52:53 Jason.Avramenko: My kid will be there! I will simply be absent...and sad. But yes, there will be many pictures!

00:53:17 Jason.Avramenko: Thx everyone on council for all the great work you do! Beautiful, AND brilliant!

00:53:21 Laura Bicknell: Replying to "My kid will be there..."

Many parents will record.

00:53:33 Jason.Avramenko: Reacted to "Many parents will re..." with ❤️

00:53:36 Jason.Avramenko: Thx!

00:53:45 Vince D.: Thank you! Appreciate all your efforts.

00:53:47 erinwright: Great meeting! Thanks everyone