

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023

Attendance CAA Administration:

Kimberly Hoey, Principal
Michelle Stonehouse, Superintendent
Alyson Moore, Assistant Principal

Executive Member Attendance:

Natalie Lau, President
Carla Christie, Treasurer
Blythe Butler, Director of Governance
Dallal Taylor, Co-Vice Chair
Nicole Hemphill, Co-Vice Chair

School Council members present 6

Total parent attendance: 29 – See Chat Log

Quorum established. (Quorum minimum = 4 School Council members, including at least 2 executive members)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Natalie Lau at 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Natalie Lau motioned to approved the agenda. Mandy Dale seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2023 Council Meeting

- Natalie Lau motioned to approve the minutes. Nicole Hemphill seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4. Chairperson's Report – Natalie Lau (Chair)

- Welcoming everyone back from break.
- Please be mindful of parking on the south side at the Knob Hill campus. Parents are parking in no parking zones and this is a safety concern for our students.

5. Principal's Report

Kimberly Hoey, Principal

- We have secured a bus driver for the remaining of the year for Bus A.
- We have been approved for a mental health grant. CAA will use an online program called Parachute. Please look out for this email and we encourage parents to use this resource. Educators have also been using the program on their PD days.
- Report cards will be going out on March 17th for Year K-9. High school students have different dates for report cards.
- Student Led conferences will be held on March 23rd and 24th. Please look out for the emails from teachers.
- Please go over your child's google classroom assignments so you may ask any questions during conferences.
- Parents are welcome to visit during conferences if your child is moving to another campus next fall.
- The book fair will be held at Knob Hill from March 20th – March 24th. Students are welcome to come purchase books.
- Year 6/7 students will be doing their interactive experiences on April 4th and 5th.
- Year 8/9 students will be doing their Vertigo performances. Look out for teacher emails and dates. This will be held in the evening.
- New learning contracts, showcase experiences, will be sent out.
- Thank you to all the parents who supported pink t-shirt day.
- Parents are always welcome to our CAA assembly
- Thank you to the parents who came to KH to reorganize loose parts. Big help!
- If anyone has any glow/neon art crafts to donate to the Year 2/3 classes, please contact the secretary at KH.
- Highschool Connect Camp will be on March 22nd.

Michelle Stonehouse, Superintendent

- Last two months have been very busy with government changes and school budgets.
- Michelle has been busy trying to visit all three campuses regularly.
- Looking forward to the showcases coming up. Getting the community back together is very exciting.
- Thank you to all the admin, staff, and parents for all their hard work so far this year.
- Last year students have been struggling with behaviour and mental health. This is largely due to Covid. We are seeing more student using counselling services in the school and are working on a plan.

- The Board is busy planning the annual education plan which will be at the May 2023 Board Meeting. All parents are welcome to attend.
- This year's education results were delayed province wide and were released in September/October.
- The results have been posted on the CAA website since December/January. These results are now fully updated.
- Every year this survey is a requirement by the government for all schools.
- Some results were lower due to Covid which resulted in learning loss for our students.
- CAA scored above average in some sections such as parent involvement and student engagement.
- Parents will receive the province education code via mail for parents to complete a survey online for CAA.

Assistant Principal, Alyson Moore

- We have had a very successful turn out for assemblies. It is nice to see all the parents. Our next assembly will be at the end of March. All are welcome.
- Our Year 8's are beginning the Vertigo contact and will be travelling to the Erickson campus to join the other Year 8/9 students.

6. Updates and Topics

Casino – Nancy Koutselas, Director of Gaming

- Funds from the Casino have been deposited. Thank you to everyone involved.
- Hopefully at the end of the month, we should have our next Casino booked in the next 18 months.

Fundraisers - Cathy Schwenning, Fundraising Coordinator

- Look out for the Purdy's fundraiser going on now. It closes March 19th and pick up will be at Rosscarrock on Monday, April 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming – Natalie Lau, Chair

- Looking to have an outdoor classroom for Rosscarrock.
- Rosscarrock is also in need of Library furniture and books.

7. Calendar of Events

- Staff Appreciation Lunch - March 17, 2023. Parents are needed to volunteer for the morning as well as food dishes are needed. Please see the sign up that was sent out.

- Babysitting Course - March 25 and 26 at the KH campus. The cost is \$25.00 per student. Please look for sign up that was sent out.

8. New Business

- Parent brought up concern about accessible transportation for students with special needs.
- Discussion about how to survey parents regarding if there is a need from parents. Event link was provided by parent (see log) for parents to attend privately. Admin supports discussion among parents.
- Admin clarified there is no additional funding available for special needs busing.

9. Adjournment

Natalie Lau adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Appendix – Zoom Chat Record from CAA Council Meeting

12:09 Bonnie Smart

12:10 Guillermo Chan

12:13 Carrie Cemka

12:23 Cathy Schwenning

12:28 Erin Wright

12:30 Nancy Koutselas

Sandra McNeil

12:39 Tammy McDonald

12:40 Kirsten Aubrey

12:42 Wangdue Gyalpo, Dechen Lhamo

12:45 Michelle Stonehouse

12:48 Adam Trinh

Dallal Taylor

12:49 Nicole Hemphill

13:02 Rebecca Rowley

13:09 Alyson Moore

Tonia Pope

13:30 Dani Larose

Laura Anderson

14:01 Carla Christie

14:48 Thomas Lougheed Present. Sorry I'm late.

26:39 Shelley Alexander

27:32 Shekhar Arya

27:35 Gwen Piedad

28:38 Shelley A I received the QR code letter and a phone call for the same interview.

31:44 Kimberly Hoey

Kristie Young

33:20 Laura Hollohan Sorry, this is my first meeting I've attended. Will there be a time where I as a parent can ask a question/ raise an issue not pertaining to the items mentioned thus far?

35:23 Sandra McNeil: My understanding is that the difference is the percentage of students who both did not take the assessment (exemptions) and did not achieve acceptable on the PAT 👍

Jason Avramenko 48:56 Excited for next meeting! Lots of information here, haha

Guillermo Chan 49:27 Great Job Michelle!

Khoey 51:24 Thank you Nancy!!!!❤️

Welcome Cathy! ❤️

Dani Larose 54:54 Thank you Cathy!! ❤️

Carrie Cemka 55:50 Welcome to CAA, Laura!

Laura Hollohan 01:00:20 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/576597367247>

Sandra McNeil

01:00:28 Tammy McDonald - Very brave and eloquent presentation of your concerns Laura. Most artists are neurodivergent and this is a super power so I think it is a fair assumption that many of the children could benefit from supports. As the school has limited funding it could be challenging but the school has a very good history of being able to problem solve. ❤️

Carla 01:03:41 I support your statements and agree this is a funding issue. Who is to pay for this extra busing? The school itself or would parents using the service pay for it?

Adam 01:08:55 I agree with Laura. Let's do some actual research and hear from all parents rather than just be fixated on solutioning the budget.

Shelley A 01:09:27 Isn't there a directory in the family zone? 👍

Carla 01:09:47 Do we not have a school directory that parents elect to be part of?

Dallal 01:10:22 I believe it is not for each grade. just your child's grade 👍

Kirsten Aubrey 01:12:50 I think this is important. Any student's situation can evolve. Disabilities can be hidden or someone could have an accident and need more support. 👍

Tonia 01:13:33 Can't hurt to gather the information and go from there.

Mandy Dale 01:13:40 I think info gathering is never a bad idea, identifying any and all challenges creates opportunities for brainstorming and supporting one another. Can council make a motion to distribute the survey with no promise of action but as Laura says, for info gathering purposes. That's a motion I would make. 👍

Carla 01:14:06 Agreed Guillermo..

Carla 01:17:59 Coming to CAA from a regular public school both my girls, who both have learning or ADHD challenges, are getting more one-on-one support or small group support than they had previous. As well as, just lower class sizes in comparison 1 Reply 👍

Bonnie Smart 01:19:00

I appreciate hearing so many perspectives. I am the stepmother of an autistic child in a CBE Junior High. His school does not have funding for any school buses at all. It is very frustrating. Kudos to you Laura, and I support your mission and hope to be able to attend your Eventbrite meeting. Looking forward to doing your survey too. 👍❤️