

CAA School Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021

Attendance:

CAA Administration:

Michelle Stonehouse, Principal

Rhonda Morrison, Elementary Campus Administrator

Executive Member Attendance:

Christy Ford, President

Cara Overholt, Vice Chair

Stephanie Westlund, Treasurer

Erika Holter, Secretary

Blythe Butler, Director of Governance

Additional parent council members present:

Total parent attendance: 22

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

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Christy Ford at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Christy Ford motioned to approve the agenda. Tim Bonner seconded the motion.

Agenda approved.

3. Approval of December's Meeting Minutes

Christy Ford motioned to approve the minutes as circulated. Cara Overholt seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4. Chairperson's Report

It was noted that the Bow Valley Meats fundraiser was a huge success. Volunteer Coordinator Erin Wright has been working hard to get volunteers lined up for various roles.

5. Principal's Report

Michelle Stonehouse (Principal)

The Jube video was circulated in December. The winter clothing drive was a success.

\$4,175.00 was raised during the loonie/twoonie drive, which went towards helping twelve families.

The return to school is still scheduled for January 11 for the time being. The final decision from the provincial government, however, will be announced on Thursday.

A high school information night is being held on January 13 for anyone looking for further details on Year 10.

It was noted that parking is currently a challenge at the Knob Hill Campus due to the snow piles. A reminder was given that the future bus zone on the south side is a non-parking zone.

6. Updates

a. School Council Advocacy

There is work ongoing to advocate for charter schools in the province. There are some grassroots campaigns underway to have charter schools treated the same as private schools as opposed to public schools. Further information will be shared with the CAA community and parent body, and all are encouraged to get involved in advocating for charter schools.

7. New Business

a. Babysitting Course/Home Alone Course

Kids are required to be 12 (or turning 12 within the calendar year) in order to attend the babysitting course. The babysitting course is scheduled for February 6, and registration will be limited to 10. Additional courses may be added if the interest is strong. A 75% pass grade on the final exam is required.

CAA already has the instructor package for the home alone course. A call for volunteers to teach the home alone course was issued and will go out in the next CAA newsletter.

b. Teacher Appreciation Lunch, February Break PD Day

The next teacher appreciation lunch will be scheduled in conjunction with the February PD day.

8. Parent Discussion and Questions

Clarification was requested on why there is a movement to integrate the charter schools into the private system. The issue is one of misunderstanding and misinformation – the movement is focused on petitioning the provincial government to stop supporting private schools and charter schools have erroneously been lumped in with private schools.

9. Adjournment

Christy Ford adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Appendix – Zoom Chat Record from CAA Council and Council Society Meetings

18:31:35 From Willem to Everyone : Welcome to the age of Aquarius. Lets make 2021 a year of true transformation
18:31:52 From Erika Holter to Everyone : Erika Holter
18:31:53 From christyford to Everyone : Christy Ford
18:31:55 From Rhonda Morrison to Everyone : Rhonda Morrison
18:31:58 From Nancy to Everyone : Nancy Koutselas
18:32:00 From Tim Bonner to Everyone : Tim Bonner
18:32:00 From Nikki Toone to Everyone : Nikki Toone
18:32:00 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone : Stephanie Westlund
18:32:00 From erinwright to Everyone : Erin Wright
18:32:01 From Frances Ewington to Everyone : Frances Ewington
18:32:02 From Chelsea Aikman to Everyone : Chelsea Aikman and Craig Aikman
18:32:02 From iPad to Everyone : Roy Miguens
18:32:06 From Willem to Everyone : Willem Van Gogh
18:32:08 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone : Michelle Stonehouse
18:32:09 From Shania to Everyone : Curtis Arnold
18:32:15 From Anita H to Everyone : Anita Ho
18:32:16 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : Blythe Butler
18:32:21 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone : Qamar Rasheed
18:32:22 From Hayley Nicol to Everyone : Hayley Nicol
18:32:54 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : Cara overholt
18:35:00 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : Join Zoom Meeting
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18:35:10 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : Christy - the Calgary number is; +1 587 328 1099 Canada

18:35:53 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : 658 922 4338

18:37:26 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : Tim Bonner Second

18:37:47 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : I'll second

18:53:25 From erinwright to Everyone : Yes please let us know how we can be involved in being advocates

18:54:00 From Michelle Stonehouse to Everyone : Thank you so much Blythe and Council!

19:00:10 From Chelsea Aikman to Everyone : I have a question

19:01:49 From Jeff & Megan Barefoot to Everyone : Hi, what is the council's email address?

19:02:26 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : council@caaschool.com

19:02:43 From Jeff & Megan Barefoot to Blythe Butler(Direct Message) : Thanks!

19:03:10 From Frances Ewington to Everyone : Are there any private schools that have 'charter' in their name that has caused confusion?

19:03:27 From Blythe Butler to Jeff & Megan Barefoot(Direct Message) : Recommend this resource: • Accessing resources like The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS) website at <http://taapcs.ca> to learn more about Alberta's public charter schools

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19:07:09 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : The Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) is making the motions against funding to Charter schools.

19:07:53 From Nikki Toone to Everyone : It's 25K versus 250K

19:08:03 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : Christy is trying to get back in Blythe.

19:11:40 From Willem to Everyone : second

19:11:40 From Nikki Toone to Everyone : I'll second

19:12:00 From Jeff & Megan Barefoot to Everyone : second

19:12:05 From Justin Smale to Everyone : second

19:12:23 From Samantha to Everyone : Samantha Bradford

19:12:26 From rachel to Everyone : Rachel Collins

19:12:26 From Jeff & Megan Barefoot to Everyone : Jeff and Megan Barefoot

19:12:34 From rachel to Everyone : Danny Russell

19:12:55 From Justin Smale to Everyone : Justin Smale

19:23:09 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : I second

19:23:10 From Tim Bonner to Everyone : second

19:23:17 From Tim Bonner to Everyone : In favour

19:23:20 From Willem to Everyone : In Favour

19:23:21 From Samantha to Everyone : in favour

19:23:23 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : in favour

19:23:23 From Nikki Toone to Everyone : In favour

19:23:23 From Justin Smale to Everyone : in favour

19:23:24 From erinwright to Everyone : In favour

19:23:26 From Frances Ewington to Everyone : in favour
19:23:26 From Erika Holter to Everyone : In favour
19:23:30 From Cara Overholt to Everyone : in favour
19:23:34 From Hayley Nicol to Everyone : in favour
19:23:37 From Curtis to Everyone : in favour
19:23:37 From Stephanie Westlund to Everyone : in favour
19:23:37 From Nancy to Everyone : in favour
19:23:39 From Qamar Rasheed to Everyone : in favor
19:23:45 From Nikki Toone to Everyone : second
19:24:25 From Tim Bonner to Everyone : Nope thanks.
19:24:27 From rachel to Everyone : Thanks
19:24:45 From iPad to Everyone : Thanks to all!
19:25:01 From Frances Ewington to Everyone : Thank you everyone for all that you do. :)
19:25:03 From Blythe Butler to Everyone : Thanks everyone. We'll send the advocacy info: re Charter Schools this week.
19:25:05 From Willem to Everyone : Thank You all
19:25:10 From Nancy to Everyone : thank you!
19:25:10 From Curtis to Everyone : thank you
19:25:31 From Hayley Nicol to Everyone : thanks!
19:25:43 From christyford to Everyone : Thank you everyone