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Calgary Arts Academy
Glenmeadows & Knob Hill School Council
Minutes
November 3, 2008, 7:00pm at Glenmeadows Campus

Total attendance 8: 2 Council Executive, 4 Parents, 1 Student, 1 Principal

1. Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and welcomed everyone.
2. The agenda was approved with the addition of **8a I Meeting Presentations and ii) fundraising idea.**
3. Please send any changes to the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting to Tiffany or Joyce.
4. Finance Report
 - a. General Report - deferred
 - b. Treasurer Position (2008-2010) – Charmaine has asked to be replaced as treasurer. Joyce will assume this role on an interim basis. Debbie Chapman has agreed to move up from the assistant treasurer, Knob Hill campus, to lead treasurer, Knob Hill campus. Thus, an advertisement will be sent out by Parents-in-the-Loop for an assistant treasurer, who will need to be based at the Glenmeadows campus.
5. Business Arising
 - a. Joint
 - i. Student Art Cards – are underway
 - ii. Shanks FUNdraising – is this Saturday. Any last minute notices will be circulated by email.
 - iii. Winter/Christmas Teacher gifts. It was decided that contributions for a group gift (1 for each campus) will be offered as an option for parents this year (versus individual teacher/staff gifts). Dale will obtain gift ideas from the staff at both campuses.
 - b. Glenmeadows
 - i. Thanks to all who helped to put on a fabulous and very successful Halloween Dance! While the final accounts are not yet in, the dance did make money.
 - ii. Pizza Lunches - deferred
 - c. Knob Hill
 - i. Pizza Lunch – Last month's pizza lunch went very well. Thanks to all who helped!
6. New Business
 - a. General
 - i. Meeting Presentations – An educational session will be held at the beginning of all future school council meetings. This will be similar to last year, but with new or 'part 2' topics and will be shorter in duration (i.e. ~maximum 20 minutes).

- ii. Fundraising Idea – Review of selling shampoo with profits going to the MS Society and School Council were turned down as an event for council (other fundraising activities are underway and smaller fundraising activities are to focus on student / art related activities). However, this opportunity will be offered in the school newsletter and an order form posted to the school website.

7. CAA Staff Update

- a. Dale reported that Patrick Maguire has posted his resignation effective December 31, 2008 (he now lives in BC). Thus, a search for a new superintendent is underway.
- b. The enrollment for next year is planned to be 440 students which will result in 3 new teachers and 1.5 artists. New students need to pay their school fees on signing up to try to reduce last minute withdrawals.
- c. The CAA Board is having a wine and cheese on November 13, 2008 at Cantos for “Friends of the Academy”. Approximately 30 people will be coming. It is hoped that this will engage more artists and politicians in the charter.
- d. Over 130 tickets have been purchased for the Lion King production. Thus, the block reservation is kept. As a result, actors from the production will also be coming to the school to work with the students.
- e. The CAA adult choir will be traveling to New York in January, 2009.
- f. A new process to help students with literacy at both campuses is underway. A part time resource teacher has trained other teachers and volunteers (many who are in the adult choir), which will enable daily work with identified students.

8. Parent Talk (Questions / Issues for discussion)

- a. Development of a CAA school site in partnership with the Stampede is on hold related to the change of government ministers. The CAAS Board will let parents know if/when any action is required.

9. The **December 1, 2008 meeting is cancelled.**

The next School Council meeting will be **January 12, 2009** at the Glenmeadows campus (as identified in the schedule)

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm with thanks to all who attended.

Currently in progress: Excellence in Teaching Awards