

Capitol Hill School Council & Capitol Hill Elementary Enhancement Society (CHEES)

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Meeting: April 15, 2026 at 6:30pm

School Council Agenda: 6:30 PM - 7:30

School Council Executive:

- Chair: Frederique Oberlin
- Co-Chair: Sarah Devoldere
- Secretary: Jess Voykin
- Key Communicator: Lori Bain
- Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Devoldere
- Geodome Coordinator: Pam McHugh

CHEES Executive

- Chair: Chris Laasen
- Co-Chair: Vacant
- Treasurer: Amber Kirby
- Secretary: Jess Voykin
- Casino Coordinator: Maja Frew

In Attendance: Frederique Oberlin, Sarah Devoldere, Rachel Clowse, Paige Drever, Evan Careclakis, Nicole Dowling, Vin Vin, Jessica Sherman, Lori Bain, Maja Frew, Chris Laasen

1. Call Meeting to Order (Frederique) called to order at 6:30pm
2. Land Acknowledgement (Rachel) - current reconciliation- "Do you see your culture represented in the school" They have started smudging, and sharing more stories of culture in the school.
3. Introductions (All)
4. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2026 - Motioned by Frederique, seconded by Lori, APPROVED

5. Special Presentation – Gaga Ball Pit Legacy Project (Grade 6)

5.1. Presentation by Grade 6 students and Ms. Drever

5.2. Overview of student fundraising efforts- 81% of students want a gagaball pit at school on survey, Grade 6 has raised, \$1042, projected cost is between \$16,000-17,000- and will be placed where the bike racks are currently located, we are waiting for facilities to get back to us on final numbers and plans etc

5.3. Questions and feedback -the grade 6 class are currently fundraising more for funds, Lori shares that at the CBE has “Education Matters” as our partner in fundraising, and we could start with reaching out to them and partner with our community in community newsletter, and school newsletter. Rachel will follow up with what we are allowed to pair with for partnership and donation, as well as the actual quote. Frederique will follow up to make sure it is within bylaws to cover with casino dollars. School Administration is very much in support of this project.

6. Principal’s Report (Rachel)

6.1. School Updates (enrollment, staffing, facilities)

6.1.1. Next Year Planning- Resource roll out is delayed to April 23, current population is 308, next year 294 is projected. Later this year than previous years due to a delay in the provincial budget. Sarah suggests a sign to “Register Now” to put on the fence. Split classes are a possibility or straight classes. A more solid idea of numbers would be a great help in planning for next year.

6.1.2. School Sign Painting - by CBE

6.1.3. Video Surveillance- Alberta government has an initiative for outdoor video surveillance, they are coming for a site visit on June 25.

6.2. Academic Highlights (student achievement, learning updates)

6.2.1. Campus Calgary / Open Minds Presentation – Mr. Careclakis- week long immersion experience at various venues in the city, last week of May and first week of June for 1st grade classes, ask is for \$3,0000, according to Tina it should be able to covered by casino funds

6.3. Events & Activities (recent events, upcoming activities)

6.3.1. Student Voice Shareback -Rachel shares that the last that Boardwalk fun lunch was a big hit, dance was also a big hit.

6.3.2. Gr. 5 & 6 Skiing recap- Skiing was well received

6.3.3. SoundKreations residency recap- kids feedback that they loved it. - funds were received back from the missing Monday morning due to miscommunication over the holiday Monday.

6.3.4. K-4 swimming update- planning is going well, a few more volunteers are needed. Financial asks of families is around \$40.

6.3.5. Spring concert – “Many Voices, One Song” -Division two students, April 30.

6.4. Upcoming Dates

6.4.1. Now through June 2026

6.4.2. Yellow Steps Residency (2026-27) Aug 27, Sept 25 with teachers, and October 16-29 for the residency.

7. Geodome Activities (Pam)

7.1. Update and spring planning- sign up sheet for spring start- Sarah and Pam to organize as per email

8. Current Business (All)

8.1. Food trucks / year-end activities - Thursday June 18, 3:30-5:30, Frederique suggests adding sign ups for clean up and someone from the school for bathroom and water fountain access. The hallway off the courtyard only part of the school that is open is the current plan. We did about \$4000 last year, about 10\$ per kid, with 308 this year. Maybe we reach out to specific vendors, Lori suggests we talk to vendors to get better prices to make it more accessible.

9. New Business (All) -Lori shares that her next key communicator meeting is virtual April 22. DJ booked for October 29 for Halloween Dance

10. Council Administration

10.1. Review of roles and opportunities (next year)- Urgent- call to action flyer in kids backpack. Jessica Sherman is going to shadow Lori at the next COSC meeting.

10.2. Recruitment and shadowing opportunities- no interest shown yet, we will have another call to action.

11. Next Meeting

11.1. Wednesday May 20 at 6:30 PM- Back up plan Rachel can take minutes. They may try AI for minutes.

12. Meeting Adjournment (Frederique) - adjourned 7:58pm

1. Call Meeting to Order (Chris) called to order at 7:59pm

2. Financials Update (Amber) - Jan 30 numbers were shared

- 1.1. General-\$6,169.33
- 1.2. Casino-\$64,066.88
- 1.3. Geodome-\$10,000.03

3. Current Business – Fundraising Activities

3.1. Fun Lunches – no update at this time

3.2. Mabel's Labels -last check issued around December

3.3. Big Little Coupon Book learnings = sold 107 books, \$802 made in the fundraiser

3.4. Pedalheads- discount code to share

3.5 Davison Orchard Apple Fundraiser follow- up- fall fundraising 15lb boxes, min order 80 boxes, school gets \$10 per box, maybe an outdoor equipment fundraiser example picnic tables or gagaball pit.

4. New Business – Funding Requests

4.1. Gaga Ball Pit funding request- Gagaball pit up to \$15,000, Jess Motions that we take \$5,000 from the geodome account, and up to \$10,000 from casino pending that fundraising efforts are made to try and reduce this, Maja Seconds, APPROVED

4.2. CC/OM funding request - \$3000- Maja Motions, Frederique seconds, APPROVED

4.3. Geodome funding request - seeds, soil and supplies, \$500- Frederique motions, Sarah seconds, APPROVED, using geodome account

4.4 Technology related requests- filament for 3D printer, \$200- waiting for more info for approval.

5. Meeting Adjournment (Chris)- Adjusted at 8:43pm