

SCOCA February 2021 Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021 | 6:30 PM

Virtual via Teams

40 participants

1. Welcome/ Call to Order

Carolyn Whitelaw, Chair of SCOCA, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Carolyn welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting today. She also reviewed the virtual meeting housekeeping rules and asked attendees to share their student's grade in the chat.

Land Acknowledgement read.

Reviewed agenda and noted the minutes are on the CA website.

Welcome any questions.

Agenda

1. Welcome/ Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Chair Report- Carolyn Whitelaw

4. Reports:
 - a. Student Council Co- Chairs (CASE) – Thomas D. and Zoe T.
 - b. Principal Report – Tim Carlson
 - c. Calgary Academy 40th Celebration and Strategic planning Update – Lindsey Meredith
 - d. Volunteers Report – Shannyn De Kruff
 - e. Research and Innovation – Dana Braunberger and Sarah Hamilton
5. Next Meeting- April 19th, 2021 6:30pm
6. Future Agenda Items
7. Q &A
8. Thank you/ Dare to Care Arlette Presentation

3. Chair Report- Carolyn Whitelaw

- Carolyn introduced the SCOCA executives and guest speakers.
 - Welcomed SCOCA board members & Arron Lane from CAPA. In addition welcomed with guest speakers:
Co- Presidents Thomas D. and Zoe T. from Calgary Academy student Executive (CASE), Lindsey Meredith, who is Calgary Academy's communication lead to give us an update on the upcoming 40th celebrations of the Strategic plan, We also have Dana Braunberger and Sarah Hamilton from the Research and Innovation team.

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- Join the SCOCA Executives as a volunteer! Email Mr. Carlson by April 29th as the AGM is held on May 17th, 2021. The SCOCA executive meets 6 times, approximately a week before the 6 SCOCA Meetings.
- Note, the next Arlette Speaker presentation will be held in March 2021.
- Thanks to Shannyn for organizing the Volunteer Orientation and all those that attended. She will share more shortly.

4. Reports:

a. **Student Council Co-President Thomas D. Calgary Academy Student Executive (CASE).**

Zoe, CASE Co-President, was unable to attend.

CASE working on Beach day for high school students with beach themed activities and from the fun committee. Dates to be TBC. It will be COVID safe.

Future fun dates in April and May. Themes to be confirmed at the next meeting.

b. Principal Update – Tim Carlson CASE Fundraiser Nunavut Food Bank Fundraiser video shared.

Mr. Carlson shared the following current initiatives.

Black history Month

Pink Shirt Day www.pinkshirtday.ca

Knights Athletics and the CA store launched. Check out Powerschool. Open until March 7th.

Assessment Feedback

Thank for your feedback during interviews

Assessments survey sent last week

Current work being completed now:

- Balanced Assessment Framework
- Understanding what is important to us and our families
- Clearly defining progress for students
- Linking curricular outcomes between grades and divisions

EduCrush Podcast

Natalie Vardabasso

Reconciliation

Innovation in Education

Digital Storytelling

Feedback for Student Learning

Assessment

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Difficult Conversations

Blended+ Program

Launch in Fall 2021

Overview shared.

For more info, check out blendedcalgaryacademy.com

d. **40th celebration!** Lindsey Meredith, Communication Lead, CA

September 1981 CA Anniversary Date

Celebrate CA's rich history of education, students and community in Fall 2021

Planned 40th Celebrations include:

Coffee Table History Book

Stories for 40 Years Campaign

Golf Tournament

Archive

Reunion in a Box

Gala

Reunion Event

Reunion event May 2022

Get involved

CA is looking to establish a variety of sub-committees, and the form to indicate your interest in being involved opens right now!

[www.calgaryacademy.com/40 years](http://www.calgaryacademy.com/40years)

Questions?

40years@calgaryacademy.com

d. **Volunteer Update – Shannyn De Kruyff**

SCOCA Volunteer Orientation -Held virtually February 18,2021.

- 23 online participants.
- Presentation by Shannyn de Kruyff overview of Volunteers handbook (also on the website) which outlines role and expectations of volunteers.
- Presentation by Christine Giles, Teacher and Elementary Representative from SCOCA on expectations when volunteering with students in a variety of settings including scribbling.
- A second volunteer orientation will be offered in April for those volunteers who were not able to make this meeting. Date and time to be finalized.

Upcoming Volunteer opportunities:

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- Final week of CA Staff Appreciation initiative. Students and/or parents invited to send notes/cards or reach slips acknowledging teachers or staff that have made a difference in your child's school experience.
- 40th Anniversary Special Events and Gala
- Upcoming CA Golf Tournament and Fundraiser

e. Research and Innovation – Dana Braunberger and Sarah Hamilton

Overview

Calgary Academy Research

- Executive Functioning and Applied Neuroscience
- Internal Impact Assessments

Partnership Research

- Robots as Objects and Actions to Think With
- Innovative Research Partnership Study
- International Study of Teacher Leadership

Dissemination

- Local and National Presentations
- National and International Publications

Alberta Education Research Grant

- Self - regulation and the Impact on Mathematical Understanding in Online and Face-to-Face Learning Environments,

Executive Functioning Research Study

Upcoming Data Collection

Phase 1 - Pre-assessment

Fall 2019

BRIEF-Parents, Staff, Students

Phase 2 Teacher PL

September 2019- June 2020

Professional learning with teacher cohort

Teacher interviews

Phase 3 Post Assessment

March-April 2021

BRIEF - Parents, Staff, Students

Student Interviews, surveyed

Staff surveys

Opportunities to participate in research - University of Calgary

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Why do teen girls experience anxiety?

If you are interested in learning more about this work, and to participate in the research survey.

PDF included in chat and newsletter.

Strengths in ADHD Lab

For more information, please email Christina Gray at cgray@ucalgary.ca

Contact: reserach@calgaryacademy.com

Dana Braunberger

Sarah Hamilton

Next Meeting: April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Looking for SCOCA executives

Please email Tim Carlson before the end of April to express interest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

DARE to CARE followed SCOCA

Thank you to Sponsor: Dr & Ms Arlette

Kim Edwards

https://mcusercontent.com/1e95c61af03d1bddb081abbaa/files/913fe6cf-ccf9-465c-ac0a-29d174c47ef6/Dare_to_Care_Parent_Handout_2021.pdf