



School Council - Northwest Elementary Campus, FFCA, Calgary, Alberta

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: NWE Campus (719 44 Ave NW) with video call-in option

Video call link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7867869786?pwd=K2FFOFIQY0tWbVl1MXkxVHh6bjJHQOT09>

Mission: *Through parental partnerships, support school administration and staff in their delivery of quality education and to instill a sense of community within all FFCA campuses.*

AGENDA

All School Council meetings are open to the school community to attend. Speaking to an item at School Council meetings is permitted, unless in the Chair's judgment, the communication is disruptive to the meeting;

Meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the School Council Executive or at the written request of 10 members of the school community;

1. Call To Order	Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)
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1. Welcome and Introductions

1. Voting School Council Members
2. Non-Voting Ex-Officio School Council Members
3. Attendees

2. Establish Quorum

1. The attendance of a majority of voting members constitutes a quorum (6/11)

2. Approval of Agenda	Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)
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- **Anyone in the school community may request an item to be added to a School Council agenda by contacting the Chair at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.**
- **At the discretion of the Chair, new items may be introduced by anyone in the school community who is present at the meeting.**

3. Vacancies	Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)
1. School Council Bylaw Article 6: School Council may appoint persons (as stipulated in ARTICLE 5 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) to fill vacancies until the next School Council AGM.	
1. Advocacy Committee Chair	
2. Co-Fundraising Coordinator	
3. Members for the Heritage Celebration Committee	
4. Co-Chair / Chair-In-Training	
4. Secretary Report	Heather Hadden (Secretary)
1. Correspondence from ASCA (see attached)	
2. Minutes of the September 21 st , 2022 Meeting.	
Approval by Unanimous Consent	
3. Electronic Motion on September 27 th : Nabila moves to rescind the "motion to change NWE School Council meetings to the second Wednesday of each month" made at the September 21st meeting. Andrew Seconds. Motion Carried on October 4th	
5. Special Items	Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)
6. Treasurer Report	Rita Shen (Treasurer)
1. Financial Report	
7. Teacher Representative Report	Pat Mealey (Teacher Representative)
8. Principal Educator Report	Shawna Drummond (Principal Educator)
9. Heritage Celebration Committee Report	Nabila Siddiqui (Heritage Celebration Committee Chair)
1. heritage events recognized since last meeting	
2. upcoming Diwali celebration	
10. Advocacy Committee Report	TBD (Advocacy Committee Chair)
1. Committee Mandate	
○ Work on and submit any Proposed Advocacy Resolutions for the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) to consider	
○ Choose a Voting Delegate to send to any ASCA meeting	
○ Consider and undertake other activities as necessary for the advocacy of the FFCA NWE community	
▪ examples: advocate for a new campus, out of school care solutions, etc.	
11. Community Services Coordinator Report	Mahira Muradova (Community Services Coordinator)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome Back BBQ Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eventbrite Survey Results (Marina) 2. Parental Partnership Goal Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olympic Oval 2. Mini Carnival (Aly) 3. Secret Seniors (Mirabel) 4. Halloween Dance 5. Skating Venue Costs 	
12. Fun Lunch Coordinator Report	Mirabel Berrade (Fun Lunch Coordinator)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Kindergarten Representative and ECS Special Snack Coordinator Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Snack 	
14. Health and Wellness Report	Deanna Zhao (Health and Wellness Coordinator)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fresh Food Friday 	
15. Fundraising Coordinator Report	Mahira Muradova (Fundraising Coordinator)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing Fundraisers: Mabel's Labels, Boston Pizza, etc... 2. Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser 3. Opt-In Fundraiser 	
16. Parental Partnership Report	Ade Onasanya and Janine Rudolph (Parental Partnership Coordinator)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteer Interest List (based on Registration Survey) 	
17. Communication Coordinator Report	Marina Lakhani (Communication Coordinator)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newsletter 2. Campus Website School Council Page Review (Suggestion from Central Office): Parent Partnership - Northwest Elementary (ffca-calgary.com) 	
18. Chair Report	Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to pool any ASCE Grant funds received with the ASCE Grant funds from other campuses by entrusting ASC with the funds to spend and account for. Andrew motions to distribute the following letter to the respondents of the Ride sharing, before and/or after School Care Survey who left their contact information (Attached, Andrew) 2. Report to Board Submitted: https://www.ffca-parent.com/s/XbMioE3DZiqafwk 3. Edsby Notification Changes (Andrew) 	
19. Other Items	Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022/2023 Goals and Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collectively contribute 20 hours x number of families by April 30th, 2023 	

2. “Annually, school councils should establish local priorities aligned with the grant purpose that the funds will support “
 - Parent engagement and projects that can include:
 - workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members;
 - information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school;
 - parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.;
 - programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families including, English language learners and First Nations, Metis and Inuit learners;
 - parent resources and tools in multiple languages;
 - events to engage parents on important local issues;;
 - parent engagement in promoting the value of arts;
 - trainer/facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above
3. Explanatory Videos and Tutorials?
 1. Policy 18 Parental Partnership and Logging Volunteer Hours
 2. Action Items for Next Meeting
 - See 2022/2023 School Council - NWE Action Items - Deck - FFCA Parent Community (ffca-parent.com)
 3. Closing Comments
 4. Motion to enter closed session without staff members present.



October 1, 2022

Re: Important Information Regarding Your School Council's 22/23 Membership in ASCA:

Dear Andrew:

The connection between the school community, school administration, school division, trustees, and the province is very important. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is pleased to assist and support your School Council with this connection

ASCA Membership

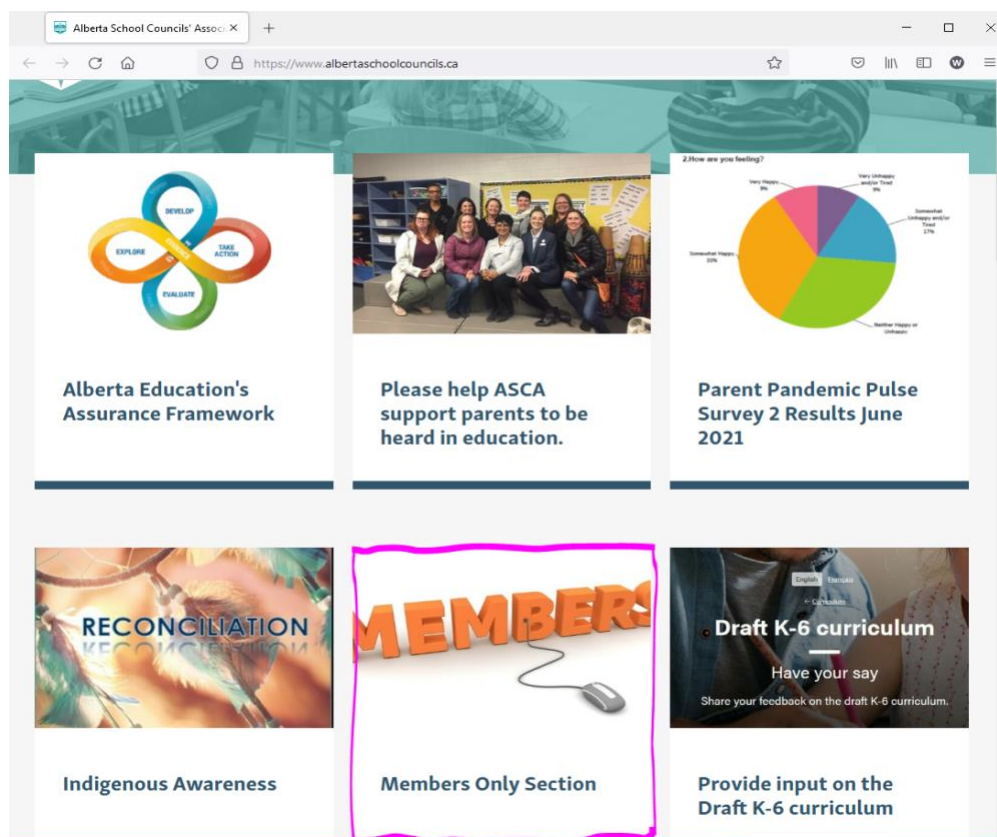
ASCA is a registered society incorporated under the Societies Act. In previous years ASCA Membership exclusively provided school councils with an opportunity to participate in specific aspects of Association direction-setting including establishing provincial level advocacy policies and voting for Board Members each year.

2022-2023 ASCA Membership will continue to include those rights, responsibilities, and privileges ([ASCA Bylaw Article 4.1](#)) previously available to Member School Councils:

- Submit a [Proposed Advocacy Resolution](#) for policy consideration;
- Vote on agenda items at General Meetings of the Association;
- Speak to any agenda item at General Meetings of the Association;
- Nominate an eligible parent school council member as a candidate for the Board of Directors;
- Vote for candidates running for President, Vice President and Director positions;
- Participate on Board committees as invited;
- Participate on the [School Council Engagement Task Force](#);
- Pay reduced fees, if any, for attendance at ASCA events;
- Examine the books and records of the Association.

This year ASCA Membership will also **enable access to the ASCA Members Only** portion of our website where beneficial resources and materials specifically designed to strengthen school councils' legislated roles in supporting and enhancing student achievement while contributing to assurance at the local and division level will reside.

The ASCA Board of Directors also determined earlier this year to engage its Member School Councils in a process to review specific portions of ASCA's fundamental documents, such as Bylaw Articles. Full details of how ASCA Member School Councils can participate in this important work are also located on the ASCA Members Only Webpage.



Please click on the following link to view the location of the Members Only portion: [ASCA Webpage Members Only portion.](#)

What You Need to Do

We will send an “invitation email” to the school council contact we have on record, providing access to create a password for the Members Only Webpage. It is imperative that we have the most up-to-date email address of your school council’s chair (or designate) in order for this email to be received by the appropriate member of your school council: **please forward this letter to that person if necessary.** If this person is you and you wish to provide us with alternate contact information, please **complete and submit a [Current school council contact information form on our website.](#)** We understand that school council executives may be changing within the first few weeks of the new school year, and we would appreciate new contact information to be sent to the contact information link above. In addition, please add your school council to our distribution list for updates in education and our newsletter: [ASCA Subscribe to News Link](#)

Please note: The *invitation email* will come from Alberta School Councils’ Association with the title “Alberta School Councils’ Association Account Creation” and may be directed to your Spam or Junk email folder by your system. Please check there if you do not see the *invitation email* in your regular inbox.

ASCA Fees for Services

Another change resulting from the grant funding reduction from Alberta Education, is the need for ASCA to charge modest fees for delivery of its services, which include ASCA workshops, facilitation/meeting support, soft mediation, and other similar services. 2022-2023 Fees for Service will be the same as those set in January 2022, available on our website:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/workshops-2021-2022>

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/support-services>

Parent Voice Through School Councils

Every school council membership strengthens the collective parent voice through school councils in provincial education. ASCA is committed to ensuring parents are valued and informed education partners and will continue to present the parent perspective, provided by its Member School Councils, to the government and others in provincial education.

We look forward to working with your school council to represent the parent voice, support the success of your school council and to strengthen that all-important connection over the next year!

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding ASCA services and fees, please contact the ASCA office: shaunag@albertaschoolcouncils.ca 780-454-9867 (ext. 103). If you have questions or concerns about ASCA Membership, please contact Brianna MacLean at 780-454-9867 (ext. 105) or support@albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

Warm regards,

Brianna MacLean (*she/her*)

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We acknowledge that we are on traditional territories of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in Alberta and express gratitude and respect for the land we use, pledge to end systemic racism, commit to advancing reconciliation and partnering with Indigenous peoples in our work with school councils.



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Video call link: <https://www.ffca-parent.com/call/yrz7a64j>

and press "Join Call"

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MINUTES

1. Call To Order: 6:32pm Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair), Heather Hadden (Secretary), Janine Rudolph (Parental Partnership Coordinator), Ade Onasaya (Parental Partnership Coordinator), Salina Bhimji (Kindergarten Representative), Rita Shen (Treasurer), Maira Muradova (Community Service Coordinator), Nabila Siddiqui (Heritage Celebration Committee Chair), Sam Lien (Teacher Rep), Shawna Drummond (Principal), Michelle Newell (Associate Principal), Marina Lakhani (Communications Coordinator), Shishir Mahajan (Parent)

2. Approval of Agenda Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)

Approval by Unanimous Consent

3. Vacancies Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)

1. School Council Bylaw Article 6: School Council may appoint persons (as stipulated in ARTICLE 5 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) to fill vacancies until the next School Council AGM.

1. Advocacy Committee Chair
 2. Co-Fundraising Coordinator
 3. Members for the Heritage Celebration Committee
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4. Secretary Report Heather Hadden (Secretary)

1. Minutes of the August 31st, 2022 Meeting.

Approval by Unanimous Consent

5. Special Items Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)

No Report at this time

6. Treasurer Report Rita Shen (Treasurer)

1. Signing Authority Transfer: Has been completed
 2. Financial Report: Is in the Shared Files
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7. Teacher Representative Report Sam Lien (Teacher Representative)

1. Thank you

- Welcome Back Breakfast – The staff enjoyed and appreciated this.

- Welcome Back BBQ - Very well received. Families and students had fun visiting and playing together.

2. Student teachers from Ambrose University have been visiting our classrooms doing observations.

3. Looking forward to the Terry Fox Run and having the Grade 4 students do teambuilding at NMS.

8. Principal Educator Report

Shawna Drummond (Principal Educator)

1. Welcome Back BBQ was well received and families did a wonderful job with the Scavenger Hunt with just over 100 forms handed in to earn the Free Homework Night for the whole school. The Free Homework Night is going to happen Thursday, September 22nd.
2. Terry Fox Run is happening this Thursday, September 22nd. Thank you for providing funds for bussing. The Grade 4's will be spending extra time at NMS to participate in bridging activities with the NMS students.
3. Teachers were given a Release Day to do planning for the new curriculum. Language Arts is very similar to what we practice at FFCA. Math is similar but there are new ideas to be implemented.
4. Professional Development Day on Friday, September 23rd will focus on Inclusion In The Classroom, ESL Benchmarks and Truth And Reconciliation.
5. Researchers from UofA doing a study for Dr. George Georgiou will be working with 2 classes each in Grades 1, 2 & 3. Looking at developing a baseline for learning. This is particularly helpful for identifying students who need supports.
6. Ambrose students will be visiting us over the next 10 weeks. There will 5 groups of 5 first year students coming to make observations.
7. We will have an Education student from Germany coming to visit to observe education delivery in Canada. She will be staying with a teacher from FFCA High School.
8. Health Nurse will be coming this year to catch up routine immunizations for Grades 1. She will also be catching up students for their routine immunizations in Grades 3 and 4 who missed those in-school catch up immunizations due to Covid. If any families have health concerns or wonderings about general health issues for their child/family, please contact us at the school and we can put families in touch with our Health Nurse.
9. Board Meeting is happening May 24th – mark your calendars. They would like to have a presentation made by NWE Administration and by the Parent Council. Supper will be provided.

9. Heritage Celebration Committee Report

Nabila Siddiqui (Heritage Celebration Committee Chair)

1. Heritage Celebration Survey update:

- Survey was well received: 86 responses total.
- Using parent feedback to acknowledge and celebrate heritage events as they come up.
- Updated our events calendar based on the survey results. In September we have acknowledged Onam, Mid-Autumn Festival and Chilean Independence Day.
- **Nabila motions for the Heritage Celebration Committee to have \$150 toward items needed. Maira seconds. Motion Carried.**
- In honour of Day Of Truth and Reconciliation, we are sending out a video request to families inviting them to say "You Belong And You Matter" in their language or any language they choose to.
- **Action Item: Email Parent Community on Monday, September 26th with this request.**

2. Heritage fest:

- Council to host a large scale Heritage Fest in spring 2023. Ideas include having a Kindergarten fashion show with ethnic costumes, serving multi-cultural food items, having exhibits of artifacts from different countries. Will form a parent sub-committee in January 2023.

10. Advocacy Committee Report

No Representative

1. Representatives are needed for this position to

- Advocate for a new school building for FFCA- NWE or a new campus
- Advocate for accessible childcare (Before and after school care) for the NWE community

11. Community Services Coordinator
Report

Mahira Muradova (Community Services Coordinator)

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1. Welcome Back BBQ Summary:
 - Many families reserved tickets and attended.
 - **Action Item: Maira will put notes into shared files for future years.**
 2. Secret Seniors (Maira)
 - **Maira motions to participate in the Secret Seniors program. Janine seconds. Motion Carried**
 3. Halloween Dance
 - **Maira motions to have \$400 toward glow-in-the dark bracelets for the Halloween Dance at recess in the gym on Thursday, October 27th. Janine Seconds. Motion Carried.**
 - **Action Item: Deanna will bring disco lights**
 - **Volunteers from Fun Lunch to help with bracelets.**
 4. Skating Rink (Andrew)
 - **Action Item: Maira will look into a facility to accommodate a skating party**
 5. Engineering for Kids:
 - **Action Item: Maira will connect with NEE School Council for details**
 6. Other Items:
 - **Maira motions to give extra stickers and cutlery to the staff for student use. Marina seconds. Motion carried.**
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12. Fun Lunch Coordinator Report

Mirabel Berrade (Fun Lunch Coordinator)

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1. Shawna reported that Fun Lunch is starting in October with the first date being Thursday, October 27th.
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13. Kindergarten Representative and ECS Special
Snack Coordinator Report

Salina Bhimji (Kindergarten Representative)

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1. Special Snack
 - Going to Kindergarten tomorrow (Friday, September 22nd)
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14. Health and Wellness Report

Deanna Zhao (Health and Wellness Coordinator)

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1. Fresh Food Friday
 - **Deanna motions for \$500 to have to use for food and supplies for Fresh Food Friday. Maira seconds. Motion carried.**
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15. Fundraising Coordinator Report

Mahira Muradova (Fundraising Coordinator)

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1. Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser:
 - **Action Item: Maira needs the Apple Purchases Report from Lee**
 - **Action Item: Janine will send an email to room parents to send out a reminder of the fundraiser to parents.**
 - **Action Item: Maira will check with Davison about the time of drop off on October 14th.**
 - **Action Item: Volunteers needed for Morning Shift (7-8:15am) Kindergarten Pick Up (11:30-Noon) and After School (3:30-5pm and 5-6pm)**
 2. Opt-In Fundraiser:
 - **Maira motions to run the Opt In Fundraiser from October 3rd to November 4th. Janine seconded. Motion carried.**
 - **Action Item- Lee to set up Opt In in the Family Log In**
 - **Maira to send information about Opt In to Shawna for the newsletter.**
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16. Parental Partnership Report

Ade Onasanya and Janine Rudolph (Parental Partnership Coordinator)

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1. Room Parent Orientation
 - Not enough interest at this point to schedule an Orientation.
 - Have created a handbook that has been given to Room Parents. Many of whom have been Room Parents in the past.
 2. Volunteer Interest List (based on Registration Survey) – creating a spreadsheet to contact volunteers.
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3. Swimming Volunteers needed – especially men for the boys change rooms – we are usually short with male volunteers throughout the day.

17. Communication Coordinator
Report

Marina Lakhani (Communication Coordinator)

1. Communications Plan
2. Newsletter
 - Will send Lee a list of council members
 - Will craft a note to put in newsletter regarding upcoming Casino

18. Chair Report

Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)

1. ASC
 - Andrew gave a detailed report outlining highlights from the 25th Anniversary feedback and what other campuses are up to.
2. Ride sharing, before and/or after School Care Survey Results, 12 more respondents since a reminder was set out (see attached for updated summary)
3. Report to Board: <https://www.ffca-parent.com/s/gBoHbMnKLGWYcJS>

19. Other Items

Aly Bhimji (Chair) or Andrew Chu (Vice-Chair)

1. 2022/2023 Goals and Work Plan
 1. Andrew willing to make explanatory videos for anyone who would like them
2. Action Items for Next Meeting
 - See [2022/2023 School Council - NWE Action Items - Deck - FFCA Parent Community \(ffca-parent.com\)](https://www.ffca-parent.com/s/gBoHbMnKLGWYcJS)
3. **Andrew motions to change NWE School Council meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. Maira seconds. Motion Carried.**
4. Meeting adjourned: 8:58pm

School Council – NWE would like to thank you for completing the “Ride Share, Before and/or After-School Care Survey” and giving permission to share your email with others who completed the survey.

Attached, you will find the summarized results of the survey. Of particular note while analysing the survey results are:

1. The discovery of the non-profit [Children Come First Association](#) that runs an Out of School Care program across the street at Highwood School and may be interested in creating a new location.
2. While discussing this at The Association of FFCA School Councils’ last meeting, another potential partner organisation was identified: [1st Class - After Class \(1stclassafterclass.com\)](#)
3. DaycareIQ (<https://www.daycareiq.com>) is a website that helps with finding child care programs

School Council – NWE currently has a vacancy for an Advocacy Committee Chair and Committee Members. One of the roles of the currently non-existent Advocacy Committee is:

“Consider and undertake other activities as necessary for the advocacy of the FFCA NWE community”

Any of you are welcome to take the lead in this role and recruit others among you to explore potential ways to partner with either of the organisations in 1. or 2. above (or any other ideas) and work towards a solution for the dilemma that yourselves and potentially others in the community face. Please let us know if you are willing to take this on and we can incorporate the committee into the work of School Council - NWE.

Many of you have approached School Council wanting to connect with other parents who are interested in ride sharing. School Council – NWE does not endorse such an endeavour and would like to point out that there can be many risks associated with participating in ride sharing.

While School Council – NWE has no control over what you do with the contact details that you agreed to share with each other, you are fully responsible for what you do with this information and School Council – NWE takes no liability whatsoever for any action you choose to take after receiving this information.

That being said, there are a few things that you should consider to protect all parties involved if such an arrangement were to be made privately between any of you:

- drivers should notify their personal car insurance regarding their change in the purpose of their driving
- consider the ride shares as volunteer drivers and ask for clean abstracts, notification of any incidents / demerits during the year as well as a minimum of \$2M Third Party Liability on the automobile insurance. Copies of such details can be forwarded to FFCA Central Office to store on behalf of all parties in case they need to be referred to in the future.

We hope that this survey served you well and we hope that we can be of service to you again for any other matters that you would like to raise in the future.

24 responses

Which of these describe your situation? (Check all that apply)

Checkboxes

1. 13 (54%): **I am looking for after-school care**
2. 12 (50%): I am looking for ride sharing
3. 7 (29%): I am looking for before-school care
4. 3 (13%): I would be happy to offer ride sharing
5. 1 (4%): No response

Do you have after-school care at any of these locations?

Checkboxes

1. 14 (58%): **No response**
2. 8 (33%): Other
3. 2 (8%): Vivo for Healthier Generations
4. 0 (0%): Kids Club Calgary
5. 0 (0%): Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge

Would you be interested in after-school care at one of these locations if transportation could be arranged?

Checkboxes

1. 10 (42%): **No response**
2. 9 (38%): Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge
3. 7 (29%): Other
4. 5 (21%): Vivo for Healthier Generations

If you answered "Other", please list the location(s) you have in mind:

Short answer

- **16 (67%): No response**
- Beddington before and after school program (BASP)
- Inschool care
- In an area close to NWE
- Active Start Sage Hill, Crowfoot YMCA,
- Bowness
- Active Start Childcare centre
- In-School would be amazing. I hear highwood has a contract with Kids come first, and I would love if FFCA NWE would have a similar program.
- Any Dayhomes

Please select all neighbourhoods from which you may be interested in working out a ride share with

Checkboxes

1. 6 (25%): **Nolan Hill**
2. 5 (21%): No response
3. 5 (21%): Sherwood
4. 4 (17%): Sage Hill
5. 3 (13%): Citadel
6. 3 (13%): Hamptons
7. 3 (13%): Other
8. 2 (8%): Arbour Lake
9. 2 (8%): Country Hills
10. 2 (8%): Evanston
11. 2 (8%): Hawkwood
12. 2 (8%): Kincora
13. 2 (8%): Ranchlands
14. 1 (4%): Banff Trail
15. 1 (4%): Bowness
16. 1 (4%): Collingwood
17. 1 (4%): Dalhousie
18. 1 (4%): Edgemont
19. 1 (4%): Greenwood/Greenbriar
20. 1 (4%): Montgomery
21. 1 (4%): Panorama Hills
22. 1 (4%): Parkdale
23. 1 (4%): Silver Springs
24. 1 (4%): St. Andrews Heights
25. 1 (4%): University Heights
26. 1 (4%): University of Calgary
27. 1 (4%): Varsity
28. 0 (0%): Hidden Valley
29. 0 (0%): MacEwan Glen
30. 0 (0%): Point McKay
31. 0 (0%): Rocky Ridge
32. 0 (0%): Royal Oak
33. 0 (0%): Royal Vista
34. 0 (0%): Sandstone Valley
35. 0 (0%): Scenic Acres
36. 0 (0%): Tuscany
37. 0 (0%): Valley Ridge

If you selected "Other", please list the neighbourhoods that did not appear in the list

Short answer

- **19 (79%): No response**
- Crestmont
- Carrington, Livingston
- Carrington/ Livingston
- Brentwood
- Mount Pleasant

Do you have any other comments?

Long text

- **18 (75%): No response**

- The bus ride from Crestmont / Valley Ridge is quite long. For example, our daughter doesn't get home until 5pm after school. We know that others in the community have pulled their kids out of FFCA for this reason, and that others have had to find other arrangements to avoid spending 3 hours a day on the bus. We don't want the cost of transportation to go up for just a few students, but this also will be a self-reinforcing decision. Parents in the community attempted to call attention to this issue last year but were denied any change.
- I currently use Wanda for after school care but I am concerned about what options are available if she decides not to continue to provide care.
- 1. In-school care could be an option to be considered from safety and ease of commute perspective. 2. My son goes to KG, and so two way bussing could be considered instead of ride share.
- We don't currently need the ride sharing for now but we may in a few months. There will be some changes with mine and my spouse's work schedules and potentially going back to the office instead of WFH. So this is something we are interested in, although not urgently.
- Bowness is the community with lot of schools except FFCA elementary school, if we have school in Bowness or Montgomery that will help.
- We are very fortunate to currently have afterschool care with Wanda right now, but since Ruthanne is no longer providing B&A care, we are worried about what options we might have if she were ever to retire. We have another child that will be going to FFCA in 4 yrs, and though it's early, it never hurts to start considering other options to prepare. Wanda is currently full and I see on the NWE facebook group that there are other parents who have struggled to find B&A care, and are having to rely on family/friends to help. That may work, but can be very stressful and inconsistent for both child and parent. Is it possible to investigate options for afterschool care providers that could operate out of the gymnasium outside of school hours to create an in-school program that is both convenient, trusted and safe? Another consideration is extending this program to FFCA junior high students in grade 5-7, who I understand can take the school bus to the NWE. I also heard that the Kids come first program at highwood welcomes older colonel Irvine Junior high students to volunteer/work to support the elementary school B&A program and highwood to help develop their leadership skills.