

Connaught School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

	<i>Item</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	
1	<p>The meeting was convened at 7:05pm and began with a land acknowledgement. The February Agenda was approved.</p> <p>In opening remarks, an update on HEDC outreach was provided. HEDC have offered to provide \$500 to cover new soccer balls and mini frisbees. This money can partially be used towards wish list items.</p> <p>A quick update on voluntary COVID case reporting was also provided. To date, there has only been one reported case that was resolved.</p>	Chair/Vice Chair	
2	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>Kim thanked the school council for its continuing support and fundraising efforts to date. Key date reminders and updates from the Principal were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten registration - numbers to date - 29 year 1 registrations ● Cross Boundary Transfer period ended Feb 11 - Connaught is a zero cap site meaning that all cross boundary transferred must be denied ● Middle French Immersion registration was Feb 7 to 11 - 1 student of 9 grade 3 English students transferring to Hilson Ave for MFI ● Report Cards go home Feb 16 ● PA Day Feb 18 ● IEPs go home Feb 23 ● Recent updates to COVID protocols - walking field trips, use of volunteers; gradual transition; more Rapid Antigen tests are available to staff/students as needed ● Teachers submitted their individual Annual Learning Plans for professional growth ● Spring Planning/Staffing process is underway ● EQAO will move forward this spring for grade 3s and 6s ● Other items - cards sent to health care workers from several classes; large gym painting was 	Principal	

	<p>completed and looks great (photos posted on Twitter)</p> <p>Financial Reporting - this has been deferred to the March meeting, however in outline, Connaught's Operating budget is on track and we will be looking at spending priorities for the spring. The school also received a \$2000 donation from Decision House (our next door neighbours) to support Connaught students.</p> <p>Kim will follow up with staff/students and design companies regarding the Learning Commons initiative and will give a more detailed update at the upcoming March meeting.</p> <p>Minou will follow up regarding use of document camera substitutes and seek feedback for the March meeting.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chrome books - most chrome books have come back from previous sessions of virtual learning. No need for additional tech tubs right now but in September may be needed. - Could we potentially have pizza lunches in the school again? Not yet - no treats could be provided at Valentines. Kim will update us when the time comes. - Intermediate intramurals have been opened within older cohorts for sports. - Community use of schools? We will need to wait for further guidance on whether this was will be possible and when. 		
3	<p>Teachers' Report</p> <p>An update on various activities in the classroom was provided by Michelle.</p>	Teacher Representative	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>After December's detailed budget and discussion of priorities, the Treasurer's report for February was more brief. Andrea highlighted the following:</p>	Treasurer	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritwear sales figures should be available next month • A number of purchases were made for the kinders in January. • There hasn't been much movement in January in our bank account but it is anticipated that February and March will be more active. 		
5	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritwear sale through Tuckgear continues until Friday. There have been 34 orders so far. Delivery to school of the gear is expected the week of March 7th. • We are hoping to launch Plantables early prior to the Easter breakfast fundraiser. • Pricing for Easter breakfast supplies (maple syrup and coffee) is being looked into now with Easter falling later this year than the last (April 14th) 	Fundraising Coordinator	
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Common Project. A discussion was had by all on looking to move forward with the Learning Commons project. We are looking to convert a space in the library for more flexible learning (eg modular furniture; whiteboards). Next step may be to seek input from staff and students on what they might like for this project. Will need to consider costing and gather research on options. Might be a question of getting some quotes from the design firm(s) to have a starting point for further discussion. Could be \$7-10k approximately in costing. Might be done in stages (eg. flexible modular seating). Could potentially reach out to other OCASC schools via Facebook to get a sense of costing and other projects for ideas. School council have \$1500 already earmarked for this initiative and potentially funds raised by Lawn it For Connaught fundraiser (if it runs) could be applied to the Learning Commons initiative as well. - Photo Day - consideration for providing financial support to families in need was discussed. Zoe 	Chair	

	<p>enquired how the school council could best lend financial support. Minou will look into this for us (eg. can we buy codes to give students discounts). All photos will be individual and there will be a retake day.</p>		
7	<p>Upcoming Dates Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting - March 22, 2022	Chair	