

Connaught School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

| | <i>Item</i> | <i>Speaker</i> | |
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| 1 | <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>The meeting was convened at 7:02pm and began with a land acknowledgement. The June Agenda was approved as were the meeting minutes for April, followed by a quick slideshow on the inclusive books purchased with school Council support.</p> | Chair/Vice Chair | |
| 2 | <p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID-update - the mask mandate has been lifted but is still strongly recommended in OCDSB schools and continued thoughtful and gradual process of reintroducing things. Permission has been given for the Grade 6 leaving ceremony to be indoors. ● Field-trips have started again and special events are coming up. ● Operations-update. Staff changes (incoming/outgoing) and movement of students is underway. Summer transition program is also underway.. ● EQAO- first year with a brand new online process. ● Other - School climate survey was also provided and higher grades of students will be surveyed. Spring-fire drills have not yet taken place and will be scheduled around EQAO. New flooring will be installed as the next step in the library commons update. ● Key Dates - The last day of school is June 30th this year. The school office reopens on August 29th. Students return on September 6th. ● No updates on whether chalkboard installation has been approved by facilities. | Principal | |

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| <p>3</p> | <p>Teachers' Report</p> <p>The last report from Michelle Richardson was provided updates on various activities in the classroom.</p> <p>Kinders were all able to choose and plant seedlings to see plant life cycle.</p> <p>Cardinals have engaged in a butterfly initiative.</p> <p>Field trips - all kinders are going for stories and songs at Rosemount Library, Hintonburg Park (splash pad and picnic) and [Valleyview Farm]</p> <p>Grade 1s and 2s are having reading buddies with older grades.</p> <p>STEM activities based around 'Don't Let the Pigeon'</p> <p>Rubix Cube challenge and paper creations of the same. The Grade 5s led the Rubix Cube Spirit Day and local 'elections'.</p> <p>CLUBS</p> <p>Chess club is running again.</p> <p>Endangered Animals club is active and the children are-making posters to raise awareness amongst other kids.</p> <p>The Rainbow club is meeting once a week.</p> <p>GARDENING</p> <p>Michelle then provided an update on gardening - Plantables were delivered last week and have been planted. Requesting families to become 'friends of the garden' for the summer (10 weeks).</p> <p>Hoping for financial support for sustaining the gardening towers. \$139 + tax for LED light to assist growing within the school.</p> <p>OTHER</p> <p>LOVE TO GROOVE - will be running some workshops.</p> <p>PLAY DAY (June 24th) - Grade 6 led free play day. Kinders will have Monkey Rock in the school on the same day.</p> | <p>Teacher Representative</p> | |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Treasurer's Report & Fundraising Update</p> <p>May was a busy month financially. Pizza Day, Lawn it For Connaught and BBQ (tickets can be purchased online) are ongoing.</p> | <p>Treasurer</p> | |

The Pizza Day Program is expected to have proceeds of around \$2500-3000 for the Library Commons project.

Lawn it For Connaught - Schell/Re-Max (\$3000), Dr Allen Murray & Associates Dentistry (\$1000), Wayland Funeral Home (\$500) and Wellington Vision Care (\$500). This totals \$5000 just from sponsors. Cost is \$160 for each team and this year we have sold more teams than last year. Beer and wine sales will bring in additional money. There are two food trucks (food cost has been covered by donors). Snack O'Shack will supply back to school. 42 items have been contributed thus far for the silent auction.

Plantables - we have now met the \$300 threshold for a free garden kit from Plantables for the school. We are aiming for \$500 to be raised but it is not clear if we will meet this target this year.

ChaptersIndigo - \$1000 has been raised since we started the fundraiser since Xmas last year. Fundraiser has been expanded. The proceeds will also go to the Learning Commons with the first \$600 having already gone to the Inclusive Books drive.

FlipGive - has been retired as it never garnered much interest or usage.

Direct donation of \$100 from student's grandparents for Nature Education Centre. Might be good to have an open house to showcase the nature education centre.

BBQ - profits will also go to the Learning Commons. \$2 a pint of Ice Cream in collaboration with Merry Dairy (with Connaught logo on top). The ice cream cone sales on site will go to next year's graduation.

Committed Spending

Committed spending for library commons, chalkboard and notice board was reviewed.

There are a number of expected outgoings for June connected to staff expenses, BBQ and other initiatives.

BBQ - Happy Goat, Jump 106.9 with MC, Merry Dairy, and a henna artist are confirmed to attend. Even if BBQ is

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| | <p>not profitable, it is intended primarily as a community engagement event and we have \$1000 towards this event for parent engagement. Zoe requested teacher volunteers to assist on the day of the event. Future events not to be scheduled in advance of report-cards being due.</p> | | |
| 6 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Learning Commons Project. Overall vision was provided by Elizabeth Eagen with a slide show presentation. Space has been allocated into three main zones: books, programming and technology. The bulk of the fundraising will go towards furniture purchases. Modular and mobile pieces (e.g. circulation desk on wheels) are the focus as well as some soft-touch seating. Target completion date is end of 2023. Lawn it For Connaught would be allocated to Phase 2. \$25,000 total. Phase 1 was \$700 over budget.</p> <p>Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony - June 28th, 11:15am. School Council will donate the usual \$600. Cupcakes will be provided, black masks for students graduating. Hoodies are not being provided this year nor are loot bags given the event will be in person this year.</p> | Chair | |
| 7 | <p>Upcoming Dates Reminder</p> <p>The meeting was concluded at 7:43pm.</p> | Chair | |