

Connaught School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Virtual via Google Meet and in-person at Connaught School in the Library

Executive in attendance: Julie Mayrand (Chair), Zoe Lomer (Vice-Chair) Gisèle Salazar (Secretary) , Andrea Villeneuve (Treasurer),

Principal: Kim Simpson; Vice-Principal: Minou Morley; Teacher's Representative: Arnaud Montagny & Paula Copeland

Quorum: 14 attendees.

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
The September Minutes and the October Agenda were approved after a round robin of quick introductions of all attendees in person and online.	Chair
<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrollment - 378 students in person ● New families continuing to arrive - 6 new students in the last two weeks ● Bus cancellations continue ● Chickadees - new class name for our semi-integrated DDP <p>Since our last meeting the following have occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet the Staff event - lots of families ● PA Day on Friday, Oct 7 - shared learning ● IEPs went home yesterday ● Cross country running practices started on Sept 15, continuing; meet is on October 26 ● Girls on the Run continuing; event on Saturday, Nov 26 ● World Book Day - no further info other than it is not on the radar of library techs ● Lunch Monitors started this week ● Swim to Survive (all grade 3s) ● Heart of the City Piano ● Skating booked for the winter ● BBQ donation - thank you Mary-Ann and Derek Wessan ● Update on outdoor installations! <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lockdown practice tomorrow ● Municipal Elections and Student Vote - October 24 ● Picture Day - October 25 ● Red Food Box campaign ● PD Day - November 4 (provincial priorities) 	Principal

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony - EF56A and EF6A ● Nov 17 - Progress Reports go home <p>Q&As</p> <p>Q - IEPs - is there an action to be taken? A - no unless feedback is something a parent wants to give</p> <p>Q - are absentees being tracked (eg. COVID related)? A - yes but the threshold is more than 30% on a given day and we have not reached that yet.</p> <p>Q - any notifications if a kid has COVID? A - not unless voluntary</p> <p>Q - Will there be masking for indoor events? A - there is no current mandate for this. School board would need to make a decision or from OPH.</p> <p>Q - ability to get kids vaccinated in the school? A - only if public health sets up a clinic in the school. Pharmacy can do 5 year olds and up.</p>	
<p>Teachers' Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Storywalks have been taking place in the nature center - The Very Hungry Caterpillar put on by Somerset West CHC ● Kinders participated in a friends' giving celebration (eg. vegetable soup, bannock and apple sauce). ● Truth and reconciliation activities in Fox class (painting rocks) ● Grade 1 - reading buddies ● Grade 2 - planting towers are being set up (harvesting lettuce in around 5 weeks; Greenlicious - profit will go to Parkdale Food Centre from sales of lettuce to teachers and parents). ● Grade 3 teachers - organized winterization and plan for future season next year. ● Grade 3 & 4 - across canada virtual art experience; swimming ● Grade 4s are participating in global read aloud and discussions across North America and beyond to discuss books ● Student food for municipal elections (Grades 4-6) ● Lunch monitor program began last week ● Grade 3-6 cross country program is underway with first meet next week at Mooneys ● Grades 5-6 will be organizing activities for Remembrance Day. ● Piano lessons and skating days being booked for winter. 	<p>Teacher Representatives</p>
<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>We have made over \$800 in pizza sales to date. We have 3 years worth of fundraising data but the past few years have been atypical so not so easy to extrapolate from previous</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>

years. The 'sponsor a slice' by paying for a slice through Hot Lunches has been very successful.

Chapters Indigo - last cheque (June) of \$400 was lost in the mail but Chapters will reissue the cheque at a cost of \$40.

Accounts for September - most of the cash coming in is from pizza day.

Budget will likely be tabled at the next council meeting. School council intends to have a separate meeting for wishlist and budget allocation for 2022-23.

Fundraising

- **Halloween Movie Night**

- Connaught students want to help out with drinks and food distribution at the BBQ
- Jackie Lawson (escape room) - offered support. Zombies - City Center escape room will provide 2 packages for raffling off (2-6 people \$120 dollar value). Will hand out flyers and post a thank you.
- Giant Tiger - hotdog donations
- Need games for small gym - need a 'games master'
- We need 6-10 additional volunteers
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- **Wreaths - December 4th**

- Current supplier cannot keep up with the demand so is dropping Connaught and only supplying Fisher Park this year. We have done some searching to find new suppliers. This new supplier will be Linda Gardens out of Navan. Prices are significantly lower.
- Pickup on December 4th
- Julie's husband will assist with pickup
- Sales should be wrapped up by November 25th. Announce availability of wreaths at movie night
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- **Cookie Exchange - November 30th**

- This would be in lieu of Winter Feast - family traditions
- Hot chocolate and apple cider sponsored by parent engagement
- Heidi gave a summary of previous Winter Feast (eg. focus on multicultural aspects even had a pin drop board for people to showcase where they are from) Games were incorporated in the third year but it wasn't that popular. There was a dance party as well. Paid for some EAs to support and watch kids. There were no tickets sold and everyone brought a dish and their own plates. The events were very well attended.
- Might need to either wrap cookies or have cookie servers to assist

- **Spirit Wear** - we have pricing for items we already have. We are waiting for further feedback from the vendor for more information on water bottles and other items. Could be paired with a Mabel's Labels refreshed campaign

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citrus Sales - council won't be going ahead with this fundraiser again this year for lack of supplier. Traditionally this fundraiser was used to raise money for Grade 6 away trip. - Grade 6 graduation - fundraiser to be spearheaded by one or more Grade 6 parents rather than School Council. 	
<p><u>Wishlist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LED lamps/lights for seeding table. Tower can be used for same purpose so item is on hold - Notice boards - prices may have gone up since the items were put on the list 6 years ago - Water timer is not needed until tap in NEC is fixed. - Recess equipment - purchased already by school. Question is whether School Council will reimburse the school. - Need bins for school skates; skates need to be sharpened as well - volunteers needed. Julie will look into whether we can get a discount on skate sharpening for the roughly 30 pairs the school owns. Need guards for skates as well (hard or soft). - 2 document cameras have been requested - Chrome books - number needed by the school have not been ascertained yet 	
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Technology grant request submitted with assistance of Kimberley Senf. Best Buy will tell us by mid-December if we have been selected.</p> <p>Learning Commons - bookshelf replacement is 8 weeks out at least. Replacement tables and chairs ordered in June may be coming in in October or November.</p> <p>Soft furnishings valued at close to \$10,000 will be the next phase. Go ahead given to commit up to \$8,000 towards this aspect from anticipated funds and need to use as much money generated in a year in that year.</p> <p>Consider requesting cash from parents as a donation eligible for a tax receipt</p> <p>Front yard cleanup - in process. Will make a call for volunteers to assist with some yard cleanup</p>	All
<p><u>Upcoming Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Picture day - October 25th. ● Next School Council meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 7pm in person and via Google Meet - We will continue with the hybrid format but perhaps with a different in-person set up instead of in the library. No meeting in December. 	Chair
<p>The meeting was concluded at 8:29pm</p>	