

Conestogo Public School – Council Minutes: Monday, April 17, 2023

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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

2023 Event Dates:

- Next Council Meeting: **May 15, 2023**
- Council Meeting Dates for 2023 (the third Monday of each month with some dates adjusted for events and holidays)
 - May 15, 2023, will be our last meeting. There are no meetings in June.

WELCOME & GENERAL BUSINESS

Attendance

(P present, N absent/regrets. Parent Members must attend 70% of meetings to maintain voting privileges)

| ROLE | 2022 - 2023 | Sept. 12 | Oct. 17 | Nov. 21 | Jan. 16 | Mar 20 | April 17 | May 15 |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Co-Chair | Colleen Heinrichs | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Co-Chair | Rebecca Hallman | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Treasurer | Gena Braun | P | P | N | N | P | N | |
| Secretary | Christine Sanchez | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Principal | Sara MacNeill (Carole Ann Fleming) | P | P | P | (P) | P | P | |
| Teacher Reps | Carolee Fox (Lori Hillman, Oct.17) | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Community | Katie Misener | P | N | P | N | P | P | |
| WRAPSC | Kristen Kent | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Parent Members & Volunteers | Shawna Gingrich | P | P | N | P | P | P | |
| | Mark Edwards | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| | Amy Hertz | P | N | N | N | N | N | |
| | Angelique Gray | P | N | N | N | N | N | |
| | Jenn Metzloff | P | N | N | N | N | N | |
| | Karen Forsyth | P | N | P | N | P | P | |
| | Ian Howlett | P | N | P | P | N | N | |
| | Agnes Lehtonen | P | N | N | N | P | P | |
| | Juli Oitment | P | N | N | N | N | N | |
| | Erin Schmidt | P | N | P | N | P | N | |
| | Jeremy Young | N | P | P | N | P | P | |
| | Karen Hoffbauer | N | P | P | P | N | P | |
| | Kim Hart | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Alicia Gross | P | P | P | P | P | P | | |

AGENDA – REVIEW & APPROVAL

- **Adjustments to Agenda for April 17, 2023**

- **Agenda Approval**
 - 1st – Colleen Heinrich
 - 2nd – Kristen Kent

MINUTES – REVIEW & APPROVAL

- **Adjustments to Minutes – N/A**
- **Minutes Approval – Not required, there are no Parent Council Meetings for March. (March Break)**

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Fox

- **Kindergarten Class**, Storage bins are required. Going to request that Parents of the children within the classroom donate storage bins. Size requests to be determined and bins must be clear (see through) with a lid.
- **Grade 4/5** Reading Hannah's Suitcase. Holocaust study. Learning about coding and making up games with coding.
- **Grade 7** – Mr. Lamber has opened the woodshop with a plan to make interactive toys for the Kindergarten class
- **Grade 1** – Building bridges. Mark Edwards will be helping with the bridge construction.
- **Grade 3** – Ms. Brown is preparing her class for Grade 3 testing.
- **Ms. Carere** organized a trip to the symphony. The kids enjoyed the field trip. She is also planning an interactive musical experience using percussion. Ms. Fox is doing something similar with sticks and a sign language song with an Indigenous theme.
- **LIBRARY** – last day to check out books will be June 12, 2023 for the school year.
- **Ms. Hillman** teaching about pulleys and gears
- **Wendy Rudd, Special Education Resource Teacher**, will be supporting 'Hagerty'. Math and Language will be the focus. Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, has a program tracking the progress of students in Gr. 1-3 with the goal of having less children needing intervention in the junior grades
- **Ms. Fox is Retiring**. She has taught for 20 years at CPS and going forward she intends to support the Hagerty program and join the Supply List. She is interested in physical education, volunteering. She is very grateful for all of the support she has received at this school during her tenure.

Principal's Report – Mrs. MacNeill

- **EDGE**, Fall picture date is taking place on Friday, October 20, 2023. During the life of the contract, Edge will provide ONE COMPLIMENTARY PHOTO BOOTH (3 year contract). It needs to be staffed by their employees, props and 4 photos/sheet will be provided. We can charge for the photos and we can retain all the money. We need to book a date.
- **PRO GRANT**, Connected with the Board and there is a delay in processing and that is all that was disclosed from the Administrative Assistant. Information should be coming shortly.
- **PIC GRANT**, \$500 was received. This grant money will go towards an information session in May for parents concerning decodables (Science in Reading)
- **EARTH DAY** – Leadership Team decided to celebrate on April 24. The whole school will be participating and planting seeds in pots, sidewalk chalk for math activities

- **Grade 7/8**, Science Curriculum off site learning on May 8, 2023 to the Grand River (at the bottom of Gage Avenue, in town). There is no cost but written permission is required to leave the school
- **Historical Society** on April 27, 2023 will be doing a presentation to the Grade 8 class.
- **Grade 7 class** will be attending an Emergency Preparedness Day at some point in May. They will learn how to react in their home in case of an emergency. Fire, Public Health, EMS, electrical companies will present to students. Lunch is provided and no dietary restrictions will be accommodated. Other township schools will be there.
- **Grade 8** – Graduation taking place on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Doors will open at 6:10 pm. More information will be going to parents. Parent Council is contributing \$500 towards refreshments and snacks. A trip is TBD, a proposal has been sent to the Board and we are awaiting approval. If volunteers are needed Parent Council will aide.
- **Kindness Ninjas** – A kit has been purchased for approximately \$190.00. This initiative focuses on empathy and kindness to themselves but also to each other and within the community at large. The kit is extensive with various methods of recognition. Parent Council has been requested to fund this initiative and it will be taken from the ‘Club’ allocation.
- **Staff Plaques** – old plaques have been put back on.
- **Individual Microphones** – microphones are needed to amplify voices. The cost is quite economical at under \$100 per set. 12 sets are being requested. **Funds from the Craft Sale** will be used to purchase the sets.

WRAPSC (School Board Meeting) – Kristen Kent

SEE ATTACHMENTS REGARDING WRAPSC for APRIL 4, 2023

COMMITTEES & EVENTS – STATUS REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT - PARENT COUNCIL BUDGET, Gena Braun

- Nothing to add to the Treasurer Report

PLAYGROUND

- Laura the Representative for the Installer arrived on April 13. The structure isn’t suitable to be adjusted. Due to hole placements and cement posts. Everyone needs to be on the property, School Rep, Board Rep, Installer, Rep from Blue Imp. Principal has requested that the owner of Blue Imp make themselves available to speak to us whether in person or virtually when everyone is ‘on-site’.
- Business services needs to be contacted. We purchased this playground from an ‘Approved List of Vendors’ and this vendor needs to be placed on ‘hold’ or removed from the Approved List.

KIWANIS GRANT

- They are unable to provide any funding this year. We will follow up with them in the fall, if required.

HANDMADE SHOW

- 28 single tables and 9 doubles
- Currently 4 people (single tables) have not paid yet.
- There are 46 spaces in total, Confirmation email will be sent to all vendors who have paid.
- \$2 ENTRY
- There will be a Bake Table
- Handmade Show will be posted the Facebook page
- Request images from vendors to post on social media
- Parking for vendors, food truck and approval for parking regarding safety
- 2 Cash Floats will be provided, 1 for the Bake Table and 1 for the Entry Table

INQUIRY ITEMS

MOTIONS

1. MOTION FOR CRAFT SHOW TO FUND SPEAKERS

Katie Misener (Tabled Motion), Karen Forsyth and Kristen Kent (Second Motion). The following members voted in support of this motion:

YEAS

Rebecca Hallman

Kristen Kent

Kim Hart

Alicia Gross

Shawna Gingrich

Mark Edwards

Gena Braun

Christine Sanchez

MOTION PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by: Colleen

1st: Gena Braun

2nd: Mark Edwards