



# CONESTOGO PUBLIC SCHOOL – PARENT COUNCIL

## Minutes, Thursday, November 16, 2023

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Review & Approval of October 3, 2023 Minutes

Parent Council Meeting Dates: Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
Monday, April 15, 2024  
Monday, May 13, 2024

Review & Approval of Agenda for Thursday, November 16, 2023

**APPROVAL – 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Hallman**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Juli Oitment**

**MOTION for Parent Council Meeting Dates: Rebecca Hallman Tabled. Unanimous**

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Council may wish to apply for a TD Friends of the Environment grant worth \$10,000.00. Funds from this grant, if successful, would be allocated for an outdoor learning environment, including outdoor kitchen, sand table, work bench, etc. Consulting with kindergarten staff to see what else they might be interested in.

Parent Council fundraising initiatives have been allocated in the following ways. Library furniture, magazine subscriptions and library books for the younger grades. Physical education equipment, new jerseys, pilons, bean bags, volleyballs, footballs and other playground equipment.

Funds from Parent Council (\$1310.80) have been used to facilitate Teaching Active Bystander Training workshops. Grades 3-5 will focus on setting healthy boundaries. Grade 6-8 focus on bullying, difference between conflict and bullying. Healthy relationships will also be covered.

Ninja Kindness Kit - \$160.00 has been requested from Parent Council to purchase.

Mme. Forsythe has requested \$325 to purchase a French vocabulary game that will be used for multiple grades.

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### MOTIONS

**1. NINJA KINDNESS KIT**

Table Motion – Rebecca Hallman  
Unanimous Approval

**2. FRENCH VOCABULARY GAME**

Table Motion – Rebecca Hallman, Motion Approved (Christine Sanchez, Nay)

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## TEACHER REPORT

- Remembrance Day Assembly. Leadership team (Gr. 7/8) did a great job. Tribute of families that have served in the war.
  - Lexia (Reading/Comprehension) is proving to show remarkable progress. Students get 30 minutes/day (Junior, primary grades). Data reports are given to teachers to show where each student is lagging.
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## TREASURER REPORT

- We are forecasted to have upwards of up to \$8,000.00 by the end of the school year taking into account all of our forecasted expenses and distributed monies. This does not include the potential refund regarding the playground upwards of up to \$1,700.00. We must decide how we want to spend these funds as we should not carry forward a balance larger than \$5,000.00
  - **CRAFT SHOW** \$2,290.00 were our net proceeds. This was the third craft show hosted by our school and was the most successful.
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## WRAPSC – KRISTEN KENT

- Grant Applications, PIC and PRO, if we want to submit grant applications which are usually due by February. Please see attached WRAPSC material for November 2023.
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## CRAFT SHOW

- Net proceeds of the Craft Show were \$2,290.00. Last year it was \$1,900.00. The bake sale table alone made \$420.00. The volunteers were great and overall, it was a well-run event with vendor feedback at 90% positive.
- Suggestions for next year include raffle prizes for an hourly draw, where people actually buy tickets. Background music. Potentially having it from 10:00-3:00 pm, instead of 9:30 – 2:30 pm.
- Advertising was noticed by vendors and vendors also advertised on their social media as well. More economical advertising strategies should be discussed for the next event.
- One person should be responsible for all vendor email correspondence.

**BENCH TAGS** – Updated lists have been figured out and tags have been delivered to the school.

## SPIRIT WEAR – FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

### **MOTION for SPIRIT WEAR FUNDRAISER**

- **Hoodie, Toque, Sweatpants**

**Tabled – Mark Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristin Kent – UNANIMOUS YEA**

**PLAYGROUND REFUND** – Laura at BlueImp, TBD as to when we will receive \$1,750.00

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#### **POTENTIAL PARENT COUNCIL EVENTS/INITIATIVES**

- **Skating Social** potential dates in February. St. Jacobs skating rink would be the ideal location as we can utilize the whole facility to our needs. Parent Council would cover the cost of the rental. There will be beverages and food available for purchase.
- **Mural – Kindergarten Wall** more information is required. The main issue would be who would be responsible for maintaining the artwork in the future. Parent Council or Facilities department from the WRDSB.

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**ADJOURNMENT** – 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristin Kent

## WELCOME & GENERAL BUSINESS

### Attendance

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

ROLE	2023 - 2024	Oct. 3	Nov 16	Jan	Feb	Apr	May	
Co-Chair	Katie Misener	P	N					
Co-Chair	Rebecca Hallman	P	P					
Treasurer	Gena Braun	P	P					
Secretary	Christine Sanchez	P	P					
Principal	Sara MacNeill	P	P					
Communications Rep.	Colleen Heinrich	P	N					
Teacher Reps	Ms. Cochrane (Ms. Hallman)	P	(P)					
Community								
WRAPSC	Kristin Kent	P	P					
Parent Members & Volunteers	Shawna Gingrich	N	N					
	Corrine Denbok	P	N					
	Mark Edwards	P	P					
	Amy Hertz	N	N					
	Angelique Gray	P	P					
	Jenn Metzloff	N	N					
	Karen Forsyth	P	N					
	Caitlin Carpenter	P	N					
	Agnes Lehtonen	P	N					
	Juli Oitment	P	P					
	Erin Schmidt	P	N					
	Jeremy Young	N	P					
	Karen Hoffbauer	N	N					
	Kim Hart	N	N					
Alicia Gross	P	P						