

Ecole Connaught School, 101 8<sup>th</sup> St SW, Medicine Hat AB, T1A 4L5

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Agenda – March 24th, 2021 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting (Virtual via Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/935406049?pwd=TytySEF1eDdXNUNFTWJSRHgyUG5XUT09>

\*indicates written report/attachment provided

Meeting Chaired by Jennifer Stang and Callie Fichter

Minutes by Brittany LeBlanc

In Attendance: Jennifer Stang (Co-Chair), Callie Fichter (Co-Chair), Deni Neigum (Principal), Diane Cartier (Vice Principal), Stephanie Forsyth, Natasha Carvalho, Stephanie Funk, Tara Williams, Rochelle Cowan, Deborah Forbes, Amanda Poll, Rose Paulgaard, Yasmine Montaser, Julia Harris

I. Welcome and Call to Order

*Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Callie Fichter*

II. Approval of Agenda

- SD76 request for funds held to be tabled until April meeting
- SD76 to host a “Circle of Security Parenting Series.”
- Alberta School Trustee Conference Presentation– Deborah Forbes
- “Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup>” Project Presentation– Stephanie Forsyth

***Motion to approve agenda as presented by Amanda Poll, seconded by Natasha Carvalho.  
Approved unanimously***

III. Approval of Minutes as Presented (or as amended)

***Motion to approve minutes as presented by Rose Paulgaard, seconded by Rochelle Cowan***

IV. Old Business

- *Rebel Power Yoga update:* The yoga session took place on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$5/family. There was an excellent turnout for the event with lots of positive feedback.
- *FunScrip Winner announced for January and February*
- *Baking with Candice Reminder –* The event will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$15 for a small kit of 6 cookies, \$21 for 12 cookies and \$31 for 18 cookies. Candace might be able to reduce the price by \$2 if sold without the packaging. Sign-up will be on Munch-a-Lunch.
- *Spell-A-Thon Follow-Up:* A letter will be emailed out and kids will be sent home with an envelope for fundraising and their word list. Kids will have a full two weeks to collect pledges. Proposed dates are Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for the test and Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for the Spelling Bee (in English and French). There will be a call for volunteers closer to the date

of the event.

V. New Business

- *Call for interest for School Advisory Council Secretary position* – The secretary position will be vacant at the end of term. The next council AGM is coming up on May 26<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in the position or wants more information, please reach out to School Council members at [connaughtcouncilmh@gmail.com](mailto:connaughtcouncilmh@gmail.com)
- *SD76 to host a “Circle of Security Parenting Series”* – Focused on attachment and fostering emotional resiliency. The sessions are geared toward children from birth to age 6. In-person sessions (max. 18 people per session.) Sign-up is on the SD76 webpage.
- *SD76 request for funds held* – Topic tabled until the April meeting
- *Alberta School Trust Conference* presented by Deborah Forbes – Annual event held (virtually) on April 23-25<sup>th</sup>. The board can cover the cost of two people attending the conference this year.
- *“Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup>”* presented by Stephanie Forsyth – Interest in reaching out to grade 3 parents. Pledge program signed by parents who want to hold off giving access to smartphone access until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This program provides a unified front for parents who wish to support each other in the decision to wait before giving a device to children. The next step would be to meet with grade 3 parents to gauge interest. <https://www.waituntil8th.org/take-the-pledge>
- School Feedback Session held after School Council meeting

VI. Reports

- *Principals Report* presented by Deni Neigum – 100% of families have completed the enrollment/re-enrollment process. Thank you to the parent community for their cooperation.
- *Grade 4 parents* requesting feedback for survey for grade 4, AEA Survey will commence for grades 4, 7 and 10. The survey will come in the mail as soon as March 25<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Correspondence

- A Thank-you card was received from the recipient of the CHHS scholarship
- Envelope addressed to the Revitalization Society

VIII. Gratitude

- Callie thanked everyone for attending

IX. Next Meeting

- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

X. Adjournment

- ***Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm***