

# Conestoga PTO Minutes - September 10, 2020

Call to Order- The PTO Meeting was called to order at 6:50 by PTO Co-President Samia Kreiser.

Present- Brandy Derr, Samia Kreiser, Colleen Reynolds, Chrissy Snyder, Bonnie Martin, Tamara Baker, Andrea Dooley, Becky Frey, Jennifer Kleinhaus, Jennifer Stipe.

1. **Welcome**-The PTO is an organized group of interested parents, teachers, and administrators dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for students at Conestoga Elementary. The PTO benefits our school in many ways, including providing educational and family fun activities.
  
2. **Introduction of Executive Board**- Officers were introduced by Co- President: Brandy Derr.  
 Co-President: Samia Kreiser  
 Co-President: Brandy Derr  
 Vice-President: open  
 Treasurer: Alicia Ressler  
 Co-Treasurer: Chrissy Snyder (voted on tonight)  
 Secretary: Colleen Reynolds
  - a) Open Positions: Vice-President and Co-Secretary
  - b) Co-Treasurer nomination and vote for Chrissy Snyder: Motion to approve: Samia Kreiser, seconded Brandy Derr. All in favor, none opposed.
  
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Alicia Ressler (see attached)

Conestoga Elementary PTO Budget 2020-2021

Category	Budget Amount	YTD Money Spent	YTD Income	Add Expenses	Balance	Notes
Assemblies	\$ 1,000.00					
Ebble Classroom	\$ 2,000.00					
Book Fund	\$ 500.00					
Capital Expense	\$ 1,500.00					
Conestoga Diggers Discovery Garden	\$ 300.00					
DEAR Program	\$ 1,500.00					
Family Activities:						
Book Fair	\$ 100.00					
Game Night	\$ 100.00					
Movie Night	\$ 250.00					
Santa Shop	\$ 100.00					
Talent Show	\$ 100.00					
TOTAL	\$ 650.00					
Field Trips	\$ 3,000.00					
Fundraising	\$ 1,000.00					
Hospitality/Teacher/Faculty	\$ 600.00					
Pay It Forward	\$ 250.37					
Lifetouch Check	\$ 124.66					
Playground Fund	\$ 1,000.00					
Principals Fund	\$ 600.00					
Scholarship	\$ 500.00					
Sixth Grade:						
Field Trip	\$ 1,400.00					
Graduation Party	\$ 400.00					
Field Day t-shirts	\$ 300.00					
TOTAL:	\$ 2,100.00					
Store Rewards/Box Tops	\$					
Student Rewards	\$ 750.00					
Teachers (Beginning of Year)	\$ 1,500.00					
Teacher/Classroom Support	\$ 1,200.00					
Technology Fund	\$ 600.00					
Yearbook	\$ 250.00					
Year End Picnic	\$ 1,000.00					
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00					
Discovery Garden Grant (\$6149.14)	\$ 1,498.44					Not included in Budget
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 22,106.37</b>					

4. **Approval of Budget** for the 2020-2021 school year

Motion to approve the budget by Brandy Derr, seconded by Chrissy Snyder. All in favor, none opposed.

5. **Committee Chairs:**

a. **Yearbook:** Bonnie Martin (co-chair needed)

Bonnie has requested that teachers please take pictures. She has 60 pages to cover (fill) in the yearbook. It was also mentioned that maybe some of the older students may be able to take pictures to include in the yearbook.

Families could also share virtual pictures of students working online. A folder will be created in the PTO google drive for yearbook folders.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students are also invited to participate in a yearbook cover contest again this year. Virtual students are also able to participate. Information will be posted on the blog.

b. **Game Night:** Debbie Adams

c. **Santa Shoppe:** Co-Chairs Maribeth Zurn and Sarah Rachor

d. **Movie Night:** Emily Noll

e. **Box Tops/Giant Rewards:** Brandy Derr (Brandy is still collecting the box tops and will ask Mrs. Zurn to send them home. Giant has ended their school rewards program and may begin another program later in the school year.

f. **Scholarship Fund:** Alicia Ressler

g. **Fundraisers:** Chrissy Snyder

h. **Book Fair:** Tori Cappoferri

i. **Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** Chrissy Snyder

j. **Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation Week:** Jennifer Stipe (It was mentioned that we should also remember to include janitors and the IT workers at the school this year for all of their extra support.)

k. **End of School Year Picnic:** Adam Zurn

l. **Recess Running Club:** Jennifer Hickey

m. **Conestoga Diggers:** Haydee McClung

n. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:** Samia Kreiser

“Ways to Help” forms will go home with students. A survey link will also be posted with requests for committee chairs and executive board positions.

6. **Fundraising** (Chrissy Snyder):

a. Chrissy will look into the profit margin for a Spirit Wear sale. Masks with the school logo may also be an option.

b. Penny Wars: Could have a competition between the A and B groups. We would need gallon jugs.

7. **Miscellaneous:** Pumpkin decorating contest may be able to be done online with students posting a picture of their decorated pumpkin and voting.

8. **Teacher’s Report:** The teachers and students are adjusting well to the changes. Students are especially adapting well and seem very happy to be back at school. The

students are given masks breaks and time for learning and play outside. Lunch and dismissal time are going well.

9. **Principal's Report:** Virtual Rainforest Tour will be an assembly for students on a Friday afternoon in October. The "A Group" will be able to log on from home and the "B Group" will watch in school. This will be a live event. A link will also be provided so it can also be viewed at a later date.

Virtual field trips may be needed for all grades this year. We are being very cautious, but hopefully by Spring things will change.

The "Virtual Open-House" was well received by all. The school blog is the most effective way to reach everyone.

Our next PTO Virtual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:45. The link will be available on the school blog and the Conestoga PTO facebook page to join the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by Co- President Samia Kreiser.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Colleen Reynolds  
Secretary, Conestoga PTO