

Connaught School Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 5:00pm

[Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting](#)

Attendees

Connaught School: Nicole, Randie, Jessica

School Council: Daorcey, Pablo, Jessie, Matthew

Friends of Connaught: Matthew

Other Parents/Guardians: Mohamed, Himanshu

Special Guests: Srimal Ranasinghe (Sustainable Calgary), Gary Webster (Rotary)

1. Call to Order @ 5:04pm Daorcey
2. Acknowledgement of the Land – Randie, Jessica, grade 6 students
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Approval of Agenda - approved
5. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting [[link](#)] - approved
6. Connaught Open Street – Srimal
 - a. Council Public Hearing took place on May 4th and was approved
 - b. The proposed concept was shared
 - c. A contractor has been procured for the construction who has provided updated costing
 - d. Fundraising will take place in the next year with construction planned for July – September 2026
 - e. Sustainable Calgary will perform pre- and post-intervention evaluations
 - f. Have secured approximately half of the required funding; pursuing additional grants such as CFEP and Active Transportation
 - g. Maintenance and activation over summer 2025
 - h. Furniture has already been constructed and may be installed in the temporary open street right now
 - i. The open street will be operated and maintained by Calgary Parks
 - j. The community can help by letting 311 know if there is maintenance required (vandalism clean up, watering plants, etc.)
 - k. Neighbour Day programming opportunities? The community should feel free to use and program the space.

7. School Report – Nicole

- a. Grade 6 team learning about active citizenship
- b. Proposal for Calgary Open Minds was approved
 - i. Next year's class will get to spend a week at Arts Commons
 - ii. Mount Royal is oversubscribed so a lottery system is in place

8. Volunteering at Connaught School

- a. Read and Feed – 2-3 volunteers on Tuesdays at 10:15am
- b. Rotary BBQ is tentatively planned for next spring in lieu of the fall BBQ

9. Friends of Connaught Update – Matthew

- a. A portion of the casino money has been spent with a portion remaining
- b. Bottle drive on the first Thursday of each month
- c. Taco lunch was provided as a means of staff appreciation with the bottle drive money

10. Annual General Meeting – Daorcey

- a. School Council Executive election

One of the important ways parents/guardians and community members can make a meaningful difference for students is by participating on the school council. Under the School Act, a school council is a collective association designed to advise the principal and the CBE Board of Trustees on matters related to the school. School councils have legislated advisory and decision-making authority. They are different from Parent Societies & Associations, whose main function is to raise funds for the school. You can find more details in the [CBE School Council Handbook](#).

- i. Chair –
- ii. Vice-Chair –
- iii. Secretary –
- iv. School Board Liaison (COSC) –
- v. Partner Organization Liaison –
- vi. Events Coordinator –
- vii. Treasurer –
- viii. Other Council Members –

11. Next Meeting Date – October 2025 (TBC); next years meetings will be on Tuesdays at 5:30pm

12. Adjournment