

Connaught School Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:30pm
[Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting](#)

Attendees

Connaught School: Nicole Bezugley, Christine McCuaig

School Council: Daorcey Le Bray, Jessie Andjelic, Pablo Galuppo, Gowtham R Nair

Other Parents/Guardians: Billa Venkata, Kathleen Ryan, Edith, Agidew Fentahun, Karim, Matt Toner, Natanem, Rithvuk Guhan, Meduse

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgement of the Land
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of [Minutes from Last Meeting \(April 22, 2026\)](#)
 - a. Note: all Minutes can be found on the [School Council](#) page on the Connaught School website
6. School Report (Nicole Bezugley)
 - a. Student population for next year expected to be similar to this year. There will likely be 3 kindergarten classes next year. A new complexity team will be organized and led by Ms. S.K. (formerly a kindergarten teacher).
 - b. Outdoor report (Christine McCuaig)

Grade 4 and 6 classes planted trees in the front lawn as part of the City of Calgary forestry project. The field was spray seeded and will be closed until the fall. There will be paving behind the portables to provide some outdoor space for classes, especially the 3rd floor classrooms which tend to heat up in the spring and summer months. Playground will be hitting end of life in the next 4 years – School Council will be engaged to create a committee for the playground renewal as well as a potential new outdoor classrooms.

If anyone is interested in volunteering on spring walking trips please contact Connaught School.
7. School Council Report (Daorcey Le Bray)
 - 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.

School council supports extra fundraising for the school, coordinating and volunteering with the staff, working on special projects (ie., Connaught Open Street), advocating (ie., more classroom space downtown).

Chair – Jessie Andjelic

Vice-Chair –

Outgoing Chair – Daorcey Le Bay

Secretary –

Partner Organization Liaison –

Events Coordinator –

Treasurer – Matt Toner

Other Council Members – Pablo Galuppo

8. Friends of Connaught Report (Daorcey Le Bray on behalf of Matthew Greer)

a. Next Bottle Drive (Thursday, June 4)

Generates about \$100 a month to use for things like staff appreciation.

b. Casino dates have been set for October 22 and 23, 2026. School Council will be seeking volunteers (20-25 people). This initiative raises over \$70k for the School to use for things like offsetting costs of field trips, new musical instruments, etc.

9. Next Meeting Date: October 2026 (TBC) – No School Council meeting in June

10. Adjournment