

Chedoke School Council
Meeting Minutes
Nov 14, 2022

- Healthy Action Team - Well-being focused with student involvement
- Student Leadership Team - possibly student council
- Photo Retakes – November 23rd
- EQAO - grade 3's scores were reading: 50% below and 50% above the province, writing: 63.6% below and 36.4% above the province, math: 68.2% below and 31.8% above the province
-grade 6's scores were reading: 21.4% below and 78.6% above the province, writing: 23.8 % below and 72.6% above the province, math: 69.0% below and 31.0% above the province.
- Recycling Team continues to pick up on Tuesdays and Thursdays and encourages Everyone to do litterless lunches. Please spread the word! (C. Sikora)
- Library Helpers are doing a great job keeping the library organized. (C. Sikora)
- We had a very successful Remembrance Day assembly on Friday November 11, the first one since 2019.
- Thank you to Amy Cuddy for organizing! Anne McLeod directed the musical components, including the SongClub performance of 2 songs which were prepared over the last 6 weeks.
- SongClub consists of around 40 students in grades 3-8. Attendance is quite high, and there is a demand by intermediate grade students to have their own SongClub,
- so the group will branch off into a Junior (grades 4-6) and Senior (grades 7 and 8) group going ahead.
- Rehearsals take place during Nutrition Breaks
- Phoenix Fire Field Trip to Glendale Secondary School for "Minds on Repertoire" Workshop Chedoke sent 20 students with Anne McLeod to Glendale for a wonderful day of music-making with other grade 7 and 8 students to learn a new piece of music together, and record it.
- Students first worked in sectional rehearsals, and then in a massed band setting in the afternoon.
- A link to the performance is attached here:
- <https://hwdsb.tv/media/hwdsb-elementary-minds-on-repertoire-days-day-1/>
- The HWDSB Honour Band is an extra-curricular group that is designed to bring high-performing students from elementary (and secondary) school music programs together once a week to rehearse in an ensemble. Performances include playing for the HWDSB Foundation Fundraiser in the spring, as well as other high profile performances.
- Anne McLeod will be recommending around 10 students to participate in this ensemble, starting in December. Rehearsals take place at Glendale Secondary School.
- Anne McLeod intends to organize a winter concert- the first one since 2019! At this time, the winter concert may appear a little different from those in the past, due to post-pandemic recovery...

- (Students have not played instruments in 2 years! and students were not permitted to sing during covid protocol as well!)...as well as on-going labour issues, which may affect the concert location and time.
- At this time, Anne is strongly considering a winter concert in January, which would allow for more time for labour issues to play out, as well as more time for student skill-building and rehearsal.
- It is possible that this concert will take place at Chedoke, as opposed to MacNab S.
- It is possible that this concert may take place during school instructional time. There are many factors at play currently, so a firm plan isn't possible at this time.
- However, student rehearsals ARE happening and are not affected by these factors at this time. An update around date, time and location will be provided in December or sooner if possible.
- Anne McLeod thanks you for your support and interest in the music program at Chedoke, as she rebuilds it after 2 years of disruption due to Covid-19.
- Students are doing an amazing job in the classroom, and this is extending to the extra-curricular opportunities offered to them.
- Virtual Book Fair - November 21 - December 5th - information sent out today - posters around the school - social media posts to happen (A. Zorzetto)
- KG request, If possible, we are requesting that the play area be painted with directional lines (so when the kids are riding bikes, they can go in one direction). We could even add some stop signs. Also, lower- and upper-case alphabet letters, numbers, and popcorn words.
- One last request would be to purchase a cover for the sand pit.
- Council will start an Instagram page, the office and school will try and put more information out there accessible for the family,likes of chedoke.
- A newsletter will go home in paper for, as well as posted on line once a month.
- There will be a section set aside for school council to share information on
- The newsletter will go out on the 25th of every month
- Dec 12 meeting Sue and Amy will be away, Paul will be attending the meeting.
- Questions around whether there will be a return to mask mandate at the school
- Meeting adjourned