



Council

**Emily Carr School Council February Meeting Minutes
February 18th, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**

Present: Keri Coulson, Nora Kennedy, Lisa Lovric, Tanya Monteiro, Jess Hearty, Michelle Maynard, Paul Bornn, Derek Black, Jessica Faure

Regrets: Walid Sharif, Karen Green, Lesley Ireton (Tara Conroy can no longer make meetings)

1. Welcome/Call to order: Tanya M / Nora K @ 6:31

2. Approval of the Agenda: Paul B / Aline V

3. Approval of the Nov 2019 School Council Minutes (Lisa L): Nora K / Michelle M

4. Treasurer Report (Derek B):

- Parent Involvement Fund cheque deposited
- Cheques for popcorn deposits being held till school can handle again
- A few outstanding expenses – waiting for receipts
- Motion to approve report: Michelle M / Aline V

5. Principal's Report (Keri C):

See "Principal's Report" for details on:

- 303 students currently registered
- Had feeder-school evening and was a success: Feeder-school day is planned for June 4th
- High Schools came by for info day
- Term 1 grades submitted to Principal but marks not being provided to families due to labour actions
- Feb 26th is Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying) - Theme: "Lift Each Other Up"
- New buzzer system installed: Going live March 23rd
- Maker Space nearly complete from Facilities: Green screens will be installed soon (10x12)
 - Next step is to stock the room with STEM and building resources
 - Donations are welcome!
- Math resources are still being used to help kids on math/problem solving skills
- Thank you to **Tara Conroy** for donation of microscopes to the science team!

6. Unfinished Business:

- Nil

7. New Business:

Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony

- Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony requires parent participation if labour action is not resolved.
- Keri suggests end-of-day ceremony 2:30 – 3:30 so teachers can be involved and then book school for a dance that parents can supervise into evening.
- Book school through Community Use of Schools. Currently the ceremony is set for Wednesday, June 24th. \$1100 in funds set aside from Council.
- Possibility of planning for “La Ronde” (Montreal) trip with parents
- Need to set up parent committee and get email info from other parents and then plan for ceremony / dinner / dance / trip.

Assemblies

- Request for music / speaker assemblies
- Possibility of a self-defense workshop
- Plan author visit

Popcorn

- Nora has taken on popcorn and is selling the popcorn on Wednesdays

Indigenous

- Michelle M will follow up with Indigenous teaching / learning exercises

Welcoming New Students

- Several new students and new-to-Canada students have recently started
- Nora K suggested a café once a month where families were invited (around 10:00 am) and adults could help out and learn about the school and the activities
- Family Reception Centre has a boutique for new families to get clothing. Could hold one here.
- Extend invitation to feeder schools as well so that younger children could come as well.
- Michelle M. suggested having a translator available from Ottawa Newcomer Clinic
- Probably will start in May/June when weather is better

8. Approval of Monies:

- Nil

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm (Derek B / Michelle M) **Next Meeting:** Apr 21st, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Principal's Report

February 2020

Plans are well underway for the 2020-2021 school year. We are projected at 305 students; currently at 303. We held a feeder school information night on February 4th which had a great turn out. The highlight of the evening was definitely the student-led tours! Thank you to Nora and Tanya for coming out and representing School Council. Parents and students left feeling informed and less anxious about the transition to ECMS. Our feeder school day is scheduled for Thursday June 4th. For our planning, if you know of someone who is moving into the area, please encourage them to register with us as soon as possible as staffing is based on student enrolment.

Our feeder high schools paid a visit on Wednesday January 29, 2020. Course selection was discussed and high school students shared their experiences and provided words of advice. Course selection is due today (Tuesday February 18th). Messaging was sent out through School Messenger to all parents/guardians of Gr. 8 students about this date. It has also been posted on Google Classroom.

Term 1 grades have been submitted. As you know, teachers did not complete Term 1 report cards due to the labour action. In a communication you would have received from the Director of Education, Camille Williams-Taylor last week, Principals will not be able to provide marks to families at this time. Parents/guardians can contact their child's teacher to learn about their progress.

Wednesday February 26th is Pink Shirt Day. This day is designed to promote awareness about bullying and the terrible impact it has on students and their families. This year's theme is *Lift Each Other Up*. It is a simple but powerful message encouraging us to look beyond our differences and celebrate the things that make us unique. When we lift each other up, we see past the things that separate us and see instead the things that unite us as people. Teachers will be talking with their students, as appropriate, about this important day and message. You will also see many staff wearing pink T-shirts in support of this important day.

The installation of our Safe Welcome system is complete. Messaging will be going out to all families in the very near future about our new entry system. We will go live on Monday March 23, 2020. Reminder emails will be sent out prior to the launch.

Our Maker-Space area is nearly complete from a facilities point of view. Our Chief is working on making the cupboards look nicer and will be installing green screens in the very near future. The next step is to stock the room with resources (glue guns, pieces of wood and cardboard, small hand tools, technology, STEM resources, etc.). If you have any of these items on hand, please feel free to donate!

Although formal professional development around our School Improvement Plan is not occurring due to the job action, programming and instruction in the identified areas is occurring. Discussions about the use of diagnostics to identify gaps and targeted guided instruction to close them continue to occur. Specific resources were purchased to support instruction and learning at the Gr. 6 level and this cohort of teachers are still able to tap into the Math Instructional Coach for ideas and guidance.

While field trips, extra-curricular activities and assemblies may be struck work, there is still an exciting variety of learning activities taking place in the "halls" of ECMS. From scavenger hunts involving patterning questions to creative presentations about "Lennigen VS The Ants" to snow shoeing around our vast school yard and community, it is a delight to watch all the learning taking place.

A sincere thank you is extended to Tara Conroy for her incredible donation of microscopes to our Science teachers. They are a deeply valued gift and are greatly appreciated.

EMILY CARR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Budget 2019 - 2020 29 February 2020

	Budget	To Date	Actual
	(plan)	(active)	(final)
<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Primary Fundraising</u>			
Pizza Program	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -
Parent Involvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Misc Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 135.29	\$ -
SubTotal Fundraising	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,435.29	\$ -
Carryover from 2018/19	\$13,055.09	\$ 13,055.09	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,555.09	\$ 17,490.38	\$ -
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Acoustic Guitar	\$ 300.00	\$ 282.50	\$ -
Author Visit	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Dance Workshop	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,130.00	\$ -
French Atlases	\$ 330.00	\$ 326.34	\$ -
Forest of Reading Books	\$ 400.00	\$ 372.02	\$ -
Grade 6 (Incoming) Orientation	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grade 8 Macskimming Leadership	\$ 1,260.00	\$ -	\$ -
Indoor Recess Games	\$ 550.00	\$ 471.88	\$ -
Scientists in the School	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 390.00	\$ -
School Leaving Ceremony	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Microscopes / Scales	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,197.76	\$ -
Noise Cancelling Headphones	\$ 220.00	\$ 240.94	\$ -
What in World / Monde en Marche	\$ 650.00	\$ 644.10	\$ -
Misc. Opportunities	\$ 500.00	\$ 122.56	\$ -
SubTotal School Support	\$12,705.00	\$ 5,895.60	\$ -
<u>SCHOOL COUNCIL</u>			
OCASC Membership	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -
ECSC Operating Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 27.00	\$ -
NSF Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ 27.00	\$ 13.50	\$ -
SubTotal School Council Expenses	\$ 112.00	\$ 40.50	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,817.00	\$ 5,936.10	\$ -
Less Reserve Holdings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plus Cash Float	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less Committed Funds (2019/20)	\$ -	-\$ 300.58	\$ -

NET INCOME

\$ 8,738.09

\$ 11,253.70

\$ -

Statement of Cash Flow

Emily Carr School Council**From 1 Feb to 29 Feb 2020****OPENING CASH BALANCE**

\$20,424.10

Cash flow from Primary Fundraising**Pizza Program**

Council Deposit

\$0.00

Cash Online Payment to Pizza Provider

-\$943.02

Cash flow from School Support

Science in School

-\$195.00

Headphones

-\$240.94

Cash flow from School Council

Bank Account Fees

-\$2.25

Net School Council Expense

-\$1,381.21

Increase (decrease) in cash during the period

-\$1,381.21

Cash balance at the beginning of the period

\$20,424.10

Cash balance at the end of the period

\$19,042.89

Statement of Cash Flow

Emily Carr School Council**From 1 Feb to 29 Feb 2020****Committed Funds:**

Less Cheque #799 (Popcorn)

-\$300.58

Committed funds subtotal:

-\$300.58

Actual available funds - balanced to account statements

\$19,042.89

Approximate Uncommitted Funds for 2019-20 School Year***\$18,742.31***