



**Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)  
September 21, 2021 @ 7 pm**

**Present:** Keri Coulson, Karen Green, Jennifer Neill, Nora Kennedy, Tanya Monteiro, Lisa Lovric, Derek Black, Gerrian MacKinnon, Stephanie Ettinger, Chelsey Wynne

**Regrets:** Jessica Faure, Aline Vesely, David Manias, Auramarina Sawyer

**1. Welcome/Call to order:** Tanya M at 7

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

- Tanya went over the Agenda
- Tanya: motion to approve/ Derek: seconded

**3. Approval of the June 2021 School Council Minutes:**

- May minutes were lost and will be reconstructed as best as possible for next mtg
- Principal's report will named as June report rather than July report
- On 31 May email vote was done and approved up to \$300 for signs for Gr 8 leaving
- Derek: Motion to approve with amendments / Tanya: seconded

**4. Treasurer Report (Derek B):**

- \$10189.63 in account
- Presented a draft budget. Many similar items to last year.
- New items include 'Families in Need', and 'Staff'
- Revenue will probably only be \$500 from Parents' Involvement Fund from Board
- Tanya suggested approving "Families in Need" (\$150) and "Staff Support" (\$380) amounts immediately so that Keri can distribute funds as necessary.
- Nora noted that money for "Forest of Reading" has been budgeted already as we support the library every year. Question to Keri as to whether \$150 was enough for the "Families in Need" fund. Keri said that it was a good amount as she has other sources to draw from as well. She will come back to Council if she requires additional funds.
- Nora and Tanya want to do something to thank the teachers for their work during COVID as we cannot thank them with a pizza lunch as we often do. Suggestion of a gift bag or a gift card. There are approx. 40 staff members and there was discussion as to whether \$5 or \$10 would be appropriate. Stephanie Ettinger offered to make thank-you cards for each staff member. Suggestion that \$5 be given with the understanding that Council can do something for them in June
- Jennifer Neill noted that library request from Paula may be \$1000 instead of \$500 in order to build Indigenous collection. Council will wait for that request to come from Keri before deciding. Students will be able to borrow books again this year.
- Motion: Derek made motion for \$150 for Families in Need, \$200 for Staff Support, and \$500 for Forest of Reading to be approved at this meeting so that money can be allocated now. The remainder of the budget can be approved at another meeting.
- Motion to approved Treasurer's Report: Stephanie / Seconded: Tanya

**5. Principal's Report (Keri C):**

See "Principal's Report" (included below minutes) for details on:

- Wonderful to have staff and students back

- Students are working hard to follow guidelines although social distancing during recess is difficult
- #1 priority is to keep schools open
- School Organization
- No instrumental music at this time
- Virtual 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. One session will be recorded and teachers will share the link for those who cannot attend.
- Sept 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Thank you to Council for support over the past year and in this coming one

#### **6. Teacher's Report (Jenn N)**

- Teachers are happy to be back in the class
- Student Vote – Emily Carr voted Liberal minority / NDP opposition

#### **7. OCASC**

- Nil

#### **8. Discussion Items**

- Fund-Raising / Other Activities
  - Nil at the moment. Cannot do pizza and cannot have volunteers in school
  - Karen sent a list of suggestions and will continue to forward ideas
  - Nora suggested that the pandemic climate is not great for fund-raising and the school would need a specific goal to make it worthwhile this year. Gerrian suggested that these events bring the community together and that if fund-raising was not possible, the school could do other activities such as a food-drive to build community. Keri will bring up food-drive idea at next staff meeting and see if it is possible with restrictions.
  - Tanya suggested further discussion at the next meeting.
  - Chelsey asked if all activities must take place on school property or if we can do events off-site. Keri noted that difficulty with that is ensuring that COVID protocols are followed.

#### **9 Unfinished / New Business**

- Nil

#### **10. Approval of Monies**

- Motion from Derek: \$150 / Families in Need; \$200 for Staff Support / \$500 Forest of Books
  - Seconded by Chelsey
  - Approved

#### **11. Meeting adjourned**

- Derek: motion to adjourn / Karen: seconded

**Next Meeting:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Nov 16, Jan 19, Feb 15, April 20, May 17, June 15

## Principal's Report

September 21, 2021

Welcome to all new and returning parents, guardians and School Council members. A warm welcome also goes to Ms. Neill who has volunteered to be the teacher representative and Mrs. Green who will be the support staff representative on School Council again this year. It is so good to be back at school, even if we are not back to "normal". I hope the return to school has been smooth for you and your family. I am so proud of all Thunderbirds for their commitment to following the health and safety protocols in school. Families are taking the daily self-assessment seriously; students are remaining in their designated seat, wearing masks and hand sanitizing. Students are also demonstrating creative ways to enjoy their recesses despite the lack of equipment and designated recess zones. Social distancing during recesses continues to be more of a challenge for students and we will continue to reinforce this important safety measure with students. Your help in encouraging your child to keep their distance from their peers is appreciated.

Our current school organization is as follows:

### Regular Program

Gr. 6 Regular - Ms. McLennan  
Gr. 6/7 Regular – Ms. Neill  
Gr. 7 Regular – Ms. Dawson  
Gr. 7/8 Regular – Ms. Ruel  
Gr. 8 Regular – Mr. Rados

### Early French Immersion

Gr. 6 Early French Immersion – Mme James  
Gr. Early French Immersion – Mme Baldwin  
Gr. 7 Early French Immersion – M. Hearty  
Gr. 7 Early French Immersion – Ms. Slater  
Gr. 7/8 Early French Immersion – Mme d'Entremont  
Gr. 8 Early French Immersion – Mme Lupin  
Gr. 8 Early French Immersion – Mr. White

### Core French

Mme Deschambault  
Mme James  
M. Hearty  
Mme Lupin

### English and Math to Early French Immersion

Gr. 6 – Mr. Lines and Ms. Shannon  
Gr. 7 – Ms. Slater  
Gr. 7/8 – Awaiting teacher placement by Human Resources  
Gr. 8 – Mr. White

### Learning Support Staff

Melanie Baker-LeSage – English as a Second Language/Intermediate Student Success  
Savanna Brown – Educational Assistant  
Grant Line – Learning Resource  
Catherine Maloney – Educational Assistant  
Donna Quigley – Learning Support/Resources  
Alex Thibodeau – Educational Assistant

### Science to Intermediate Early French Immersion

Mme Deschambault

### Support Staff

Tim de Vries – Designated Occasional Teacher  
Karen Green – Office Administrator  
Heba Khallil – Lunch Time Monitor  
Rob Quinn – Chief Custodian  
Paula Rosenquist – Library Technician  
Tammie Taylor – Office Assistant and Lunch Time Monitor

### The Arts

Mme Deschambault  
Ms. Shannon

On Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, I lead our “Back to School” virtual assembly. It was an opportunity for me to connect with our entire student body, recognize our new students and acknowledge our most senior. The assembly began with a video presentation by last year’s EF6A class on treaties, and residential schools and culminated with a Land Acknowledgement. The presentation is in French and English and has been shared with all classes for follow up discussion. The next focus of the assembly was on the OCDSB’s Character Wheel, Learning Skills, health and safety measures and wrapped up with a video about “the power of one”.

We are hosting a virtual “Meet Your Child’s Teacher” on Tuesday September 28. Two sessions have been scheduled (6:00 – 6:25 pm; 6:30 – 6:55 pm) so that families may choose the time slot that works best for them. One of the sessions will be recorded and the link shared for families unable to attend either session. Although this is not the ideal format, establishing a close home-school connection is important and our hope is that this event will help to form solid working relationships despite the distance between us. Homeroom teachers will be sharing more details including their Google Meet link directly with their families.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Understanding that Orange Shirt Day is a day of mourning for Indigenous people, the focus will be on remembrance, understanding and commitment. We will begin the day with an address from the Director of Education which will include a Land Acknowledgement and a moment of silence. Recognizing that education is the key to reconciliation, teachers will prepare age appropriate lessons and activities to aid in this. The district has an incredible team of Indigenous educators who have also prepared and shared a variety of resources for use in the classroom.

Thank you again for all your support!

**EMILY CARR SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Budget 2021 - 2022      15 October 2021**

Notes

	Budget (plan)	To Date (active)	Actual (final)	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<b><u>Primary Fundraising</u></b>				
Pizza Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Parent Involvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Misc Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>SubTotal Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Carryover from 2020/21</b>	<b>\$ 10,189.63</b>	<b>\$ 10,189.63</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 10,689.63</b>	<b>\$ 10,689.63</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b><u>SCHOOL SUPPORT</u></b>				
Forest of Reading Books	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Get Real Presentation (Anti-racism / inclusivity)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Scientists in the School (virtual)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Indigenous Guest Speaker (virtual)	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	
School Cleanup (Greening Initiative)	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Families in Need	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	
ECMS Staff Support	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -	Note: 32 staff members
Grade 6 (Incoming) Orientation	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -	Note: \$450 budgeted pre-COVID
Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	Note: \$1100 budgeted pre-COVID
<b>SubTotal School Support</b>	<b>\$ 5,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b><u>SCHOOL COUNCIL</u></b>				
OCASC Membership	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -	
ECSC Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
NSF Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bank Fees	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>SubTotal School Council Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 62.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,022.00</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Less Reserve Holdings	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Recommend maintaining a minimum account balance.
Plus Cash Float	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Less Committed Funds (2021/22)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,667.63</b>	<b>\$ 10,529.63</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

