



Council

**Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)
June 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

Present: Keri Coulson, Karen Green, Jennifer Neill, Tanya Monteiro, Nora Kennedy, Derek Black, Jessica Hearty, Aline Vesely, Gerrian MacKinnon, Stephanie Ettinger, Nina Ryan,

Regrets: David Manias, Leslie Wittenberg, Jessica Faure,

- 1. Welcome/Call to Order** – Tanya / Nora
 - a. Opened at 6:30
- 2. Chairs' remarks** – Nora and Tanya thanked everyone for their participation and dedication during the pandemic. It was noted that Leslie Wittenberg would not be returning due to her son's moving on. Nora Kennedy's youngest child is also moving on, but she will fulfill her role as past chair in 2021/22 should she be needed. All other members were encouraged to return, consider taking on a role, and to invite others to join Council.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Tanya
 - a. Motion to approve – Derek/ Seconded - Stephanie
- 4. Approval of Minutes May 19 2020** - Tanya
 - a. Not received from Secretary so deferred
- 5. Treasurer's Report** - Derek
 - a. After all cheques captured on the budget sheet are cashed, Derek confirmed \$10,189.63 will be left in the bank account for the following year.
 - b. Derek needs cheques signed; to be arranged with Tanya, and Nora will deliver Karen as needed.
 - c. Motion to accept report – Karen / Seconded - Stephanie
- 6. Principal's report**
 - a. See full report below minutes

7. Teacher's Report – Jennifer

- a. Teachers are busy with report cards.
- b. Thank you on behalf of staff for the support this year of things like “Get Real” presentations, the Indigenous speaker Cody Coyote, Scientists in the School.

8. OCASC update – David

- a. David was absent

9. Discussion

- a. Update Grade 8 recognition – Keri reported that our School Leaving Ceremony is virtual and the link will be posted in each grade 8 student's Google Classroom on Thursday June 24 by 6pm. The district has designated June 24 and 25 as asynchronous learning days. On Friday June 25, grade 8 students will be able to pick up personal belongings, and drop off any borrowed school resources. This will also be an opportunity for students to say goodbye to teachers and staff. ECMS' custodial team has made an ECMS flower arrangement at the front of the school, providing a photo backdrop. Keri thanked Council for the lawn signs celebrating Grade 8s. She confirmed that Grade 6 and 7 students will have a separate day for pick-up and drop-off of items.
- b. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 21 @6:30pm, followed by the first meeting of the year. Karen was asked to post this meeting to the online calendar. It was decided that alternating third Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will continue, to be discussed and finalized by the incoming Council in September.
- c. Fundraising for 2021/22 was discussed and it was agreed that it is difficult to plan for the coming school year due to possible Covid restrictions. It is hoped that pizza (and popcorn etc.) will return; Aline offered to assist as needed (thank you!). Nora feels that without a fundraising goal, there is no need to fundraise and that the pandemic climate is not appropriate for chocolate sales in the early Fall, but can be reconsidered for later in the year. Nora asked for suggestions for other fundraising ideas and QSP magazines was a recommendation, but those with experience shared that it has not been well subscribed at ECMS or Glen O previously, and might not be successful with

the increase of online publications. Nora asked for all to share any ideas or suggestions that they come across.

10. Approval of Monies

- a. none

11. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting September 21 (Tuesday) at 6:30pm
- b. Motion to adjourn – David / Seconded – Karen

Principal's Report

June 2021

Planning for the 2021-2022 school year continues. Our enrollment is projected to be 302 and we are just slightly above this mark currently. Our tentative school organization is as follows:

English	Early French Immersion
Grade 6 – M. McLennan	Gr. 6 – S. James/S. Smith
Grade 6/7 – J. Neill	Gr. 6 – H. Baldwin/G. Lines
Grade 7 – S. Dawson	Gr. 7 – N. Hearty/C. Slater
Grade 7/8 - TBD	Gr. 7 – C. Slater/N. Hearty
Grade 8 – A. Rados	Gr. 7/8 – TBD/C. Mockett
	Gr. 8 – I. Lupin/B. White
	Gr. 8 – B. White/I. Lupin

Science, Visual Arts, Etc. to Intermediate Early French Immersion

- Christine Deschambault

Core French

- Christine Deschambault
- Nick Hearty
- Sarah James
- Irene Lupin

Learning Support Team

- Melanie Baker-LeSage (English as a Second Language and Intermediate Student Success Teacher)
- Savanna Brown (Educational Assistant)
- Grant Lines (Learning Resource Teacher)
- Catherine Maloney (Educational Assistant)
- Donna Quigley (Learning Support Teacher and Learning Resource Teacher)
- Alexandre Thibodeau (Educational Assistant)

Library Technician

- Paula Rosenquist

Chief Custodian

- Rob Quinn

Office

- Karen Green (Office Administrator)
- Krista Cooper (Office Assistant)
- Keri Coulson (Principal)

I would like to express my sincere thank you to ECMS School Council for your support and hard work this year. The 2020-2021 school year has been like no other. The back and forth between in-person and online, the use of PPE and other safety protocols, the lack of extra-curricular activities,.... It is a year I will never forget, even though I would like to. Council has always been there to support me, all Thunderbirds and our fantastic school community. Thank you for being so proactive in your work to better ECMs.

I would like to recognize one Council member in particular and that is Nora Kennedy. Nora, you have worked so hard for our school community over the last three years and I will be forever grateful. From organizing a chocolate fundraiser that raised over \$10 000.00 to selling popcorn and pizza to positively promoting Emily Carr in the community, you have always put the needs of ECMS students and staff first. I so appreciate your intelligent deliberation, knowledge and connectedness within the school community and your dedication to helping every Thunderbird, especially those in need.

Spoiler alert here for any parents of Gr. 8 students.... Like many things this year, this is not my preferred method of doing this but... It is my honour to present to Nora the A. J. Jones award for outstanding contribution to our school community. Nora, you will be acknowledged during the virtual School Leaving Ceremony and a plaque is being prepared for you with your name on it but I also wanted to acknowledge you a little more personally. I will miss you next year!