



Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)
January 19, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Present: Keri Coulson, Karen Green, Jennifer Neill, Tanya Monteiro, Lisa Lovric, Derek Black, Chelsey Wynne, David Manias, Stephanie Ettinger, Aline Vesely, Lana Somi

Regrets: Gerrian MacKinnon, Auramarina Sawyer

1. Welcome/Call to order: Tanya M at 6:30

2. Approval of the Agenda:

- Stephanie: motion to approve / David M: seconded

3. Approval of the November 2021 School Council Minutes:

- Minutes were lost due to computer crash, but re-written to best of knowledge
- Aline: motion to approve / Lisa: seconded

4. Treasurer Report (Derek B):

- Several checks cashed by school and check for presentation and scientists in school sent in today
- \$7609.20 available to Council now
- Karen: motion to approve / Chelsey: seconded

5. Principal's Report (Keri C):

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

- Welcome back to in-person learning
- Back to September protocols for health guidelines including daily screening
- Masks received for staff and 3-ply masks for students. Rapid test kits received today. Will create kits tomorrow and give one to each student & staff
- ECMS impacted by staffing shortages. Already today short 2 teachers, 1 lunch monitor, 1 EA. May have to pivot to online learning if there are not enough staff in schools. Will let parents know ASAP if it happens.
- OSTA is having serious staffing shortages. Check notifications daily.
- Appreciation for Scientists in the School presentations. Paul Davis presentation was also enjoyed
- Loaned out 78 Chromebooks (15 to Glen O). Majority of Chromebooks have been returned. All Chromebooks have been catalogued into Alexandria (library catalogue). Students who are learning from home can keep Chromebooks until they return to in-person learning
- Staffing changes

6. Teacher's Report (Jenn N)

- Nothing to share this month
- Report cards will be prepared on Friday (January 21st)
- Glad to be back in school

7. Discussion Items

Popcorn

- Popcorn was not delivered today but will be delivered tomorrow. It has been difficult to get ahold of people at Papa Jack's due to staffing issues. Not great communication with company.
- Discussion about picking up popcorn at company. Bill to be given to Karen. Karen will take care of payment / monies owed with Derek.
- 10 week program (till 1st week of April)

PRO Grant

- Karen mentioned that PRO cheque should be coming soon

8. OCASC (Dave M)

- Unable to attend last meeting – no report

9. Approval of Monies

- Nil

10. Meeting adjourned

- Stephanie: motion to adjourn / Derek: seconded

Next Meeting: February 15th, 2022 at 6:30pm

Upcoming Meetings: April 20, May 17, June 15

Emily Carr M.S. School Council

January 19, 2022

Principal's Report

Happy New Year! I must admit the winter holiday seems a life time ago now. :(

It was so nice to welcome some of our students back yesterday and more today. Despite the uncertainty that many families are feeling around returning to in-person learning, students were clearly happy to be among their friends and experiencing a more “normal” day. They had fun playing in the beautiful white snow and got a great workout too due to the depth of the snow!

Due to the wide spread of Omicron, we are back to our September protocols unfortunately. In the weeks leading up to the winter holidays, we were given the green light to relax some of the protocols that had been in place in September. Group work could occur, in-person extra-curricular activities were happening and the Library could be used by classes. These things are once again on pause. In addition to the tighter protocols, we know that the safety and well-being of staff and students is stronger with our collective commitment to public health guidance. This includes:

- [Daily screening](#) for symptoms and staying home when symptomatic or a high risk contact
- Wearing a well-fitted [mask](#)
- Physical distancing
- Ensuring proper hand hygiene
- [Getting vaccinated](#)
- Respecting the privacy, rights and opinions of others.

Thank you for closely following these health guidelines and reviewing them regularly with your child(ren).

We have received N95 masks for all staff and three-ply masks for our students from the Ministry. Our shipment of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) supplies arrived today. Tomorrow we will begin packaging the supplies into kits. Each kit will contain 2 foil wrapped test cartridges, 2 packaged swabs and 2 pre-filled test tubes with buffer solution and test procedure instructions. Every student and staff member will receive a package. With 327 students and 35 staff members, this packaging will take time.

The test kits are to be used by students and staff members in the event they become symptomatic or are required to self-isolate as a household contact of someone who is symptomatic. If the student or staff member receives two negative RAT results taken at least 24 hours apart, they may end isolation early and return to work/school if they are feeling well enough to do so. A positive result on a RAT is considered a preliminary positive and the individual must isolate in accordance with provincial guidelines.

The available supply of RATs is extremely limited and we do not have additional tests at this time. It is important that the tests be used for their specified purpose only. The Ministry is trying to identify sources of supply as soon as possible which will allow for schools to be resupplied.

Similar to other schools and sectors in our community, Emily Carr is being impacted by staffing shortages. This week alone we had 2 unfilled teacher absences, were short a Lunch Time Monitor and were down an Educational Assistant all week. The teacher absences were filled by reassigning Learning Support staff, I fulfilled the Lunch Time Monitor's assignment and the EA position could not be back filled. This is a simple scenario compared to what other schools faced this week. While every effort will be made to keep classes and the school open, it may be necessary to pivot to remote learning when staffing shortages make in-person learning unsafe. If this happens, I will make every effort to advise families the night before however staffing shortages may not be known until the morning. I encourage you to have contingency plans in place and to monitor your email for updates. Ensuring that you and your child(ren) follow the health guidelines daily will help mitigate the spread of Covid, keep students and staff safe and classes and school open.

As you know OSTA is also experiencing staffing shortages. We were impacted today as route M80 was cancelled. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to sign up for automatic notifications about bus cancellations if you have not already done so.

On a more positive note, thank you for your financial support of Scientists in the School (SITS). The students in R6A recently participated in the program and loved it. Mme Deschambault has booked presentations for the Intermediate Early French Immersion classes she teaches. The other Science teachers are making plans to invite SITS into their classes. Paul Davies also provided engaging and fast paced workshops for all classes on social media and online safety. Thank you for your support of these workshops.

As previously communicated, we loaned out 78 Chromebooks, 15 of which went to Glen Ogilvie students. Despite the staggered return to in-person learning, the majority of Chromebooks distributed to students have been returned. Next week, we will make direct, individual inquiries around unreturned Chromebooks where the student has returned to in-person learning.

This week we welcome Darlene Annams to our Thunderbird family. She has joined us as a Lunch Time monitor helping to supervise students outside at recess. We also said good-bye to Cassandra Carvalho. Cassandra was a Designated Occasional Teacher (DOT) at ECMS. She has accepted a full time long term occasional position at another school in our district. Mme Sara James will be off on medical leave until mid February. Mme Sierra Erbach is replacing her. Mme Sierra had been a DOT at ECMS prior to this assignment. She is a natural fit for the role as she knows the students and was Mme Sara's student teacher two years ago!

EMILY CARR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Budget 2021 - 2022 30 November 2021

	Budget	To Date	Actual
	(plan)	(active)	(final)
<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Primary Fundraising</u>			
Pizza Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parent Involvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Misc Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 2.57	\$ -
SubTotal Fundraising	\$ 500.00	\$ 2.57	\$ -
Carryover from 2020/21	\$10,189.63	\$ 10,189.63	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$10,689.63	\$ 10,192.20	\$ -
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Forest of Reading Books	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Cultural Literature	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ -
Get Real Presentation (Anti-racism / inclusivity)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Indigenous Guest Speaker (virtual)	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Presentation - Paul Davis (students)	\$ 680.00	\$ -	\$ -
Scientists in the School (virtual)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
School Cleanup (Greening Initiative)	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -
Families in Need	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
ECMS Staff Support	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -
Grade 6 (Incoming) Orientation	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -
SubTotal School Support	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -
<u>SCHOOL COUNCIL</u>			
OCASC Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ECSC Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NSF Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -
SubTotal School Council Expenses	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,807.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -
Less Reserve Holdings	-\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Plus Cash Float	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less Committed Funds (2021/22)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$ 1,882.63	\$ 10,032.20	\$ -