



**Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)**  
**Feb 15th 2022 @ 6:30 pm**

**Present:** Keri Coulson, Jennifer Neill, Tanya Monteiro, Lisa Lovric, Derek Black, David Manias, Stephanie Ettinger, Gerrian MacKinnon, Nora Kennedy

**Regrets:** Karen Green, Auramarina Sawyer

**Not Present:**

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

- Tanya M: motion to approve/ Lisa L: seconded
- Add fundraising

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

- Lisa L: motion to approve / Derek B: seconded

**4.**

No Comment

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

- Accounts are in the black
- PRO Grant Deposited
- Karen will keep deducting
- Motion to approved Treasurer's Report: Lisa L / Seconded: Derek B

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

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

- Year is half way done
- Discussed leaking roof, potholes, high school registrations, report cards, no formal interviews but parents can always meet with teachers.
- Starting planning for next year. Virtual school deadline is Feb 27<sup>th</sup>
- School pictures will come this spring(no date)
- Restrictions are being eased. Intramural sports will resume soon
- Still waiting on approval for grade 8 leaving ceremony
- More rapid tests at school available as needed
- Toonie Tuesday coming for education foundation – Cash online preferred
- Next Wednesday is pink awareness day for anti-bullying

**7. Teacher's Report (Jenn N)**

- No info from other teachers
- Report cards seem longer and take more time this year
- Scientist in the school is coming
- New school newspaper club

- Next popcorn should have a pay in cash option to provide equal access. Order form needs updating
- Classes are really enjoying the Winter Olympics

## **8. OCASC (Dave M)**

- Two presentations by doctors about COVID measures and concerns
- PRO Speaker meetings next year

## **9. Discussion Items**

### **Fund-raising/Community Involvement**

- Despite the difficulties with delivery, the popcorn is a success
- Volunteers make it easy for the teachers
- We made \$200-300 for the 10 weeks it was running
- New popcorn cycle will start in April aiming to end the year with another 10 weeks
- Stephanie E to arrange

### **Book Fundraiser**

- Author wanted to donate copies of her book to sell
- Books are aimed at 3-6 year olds. Not so good for middle school

## **10. Approval of Monies**

- Nil

## **11. Meeting adjourned**

- Dave M: motion to adjourn / Stephanie E: seconded

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

## **Principal's Report**

**February 2022**

It's hard to believe that we are half way through the 2021-2022 school year. Even if I never consulted a calendar, I would know we were at the half way mark through some telltale signs:

- Students are taking their coats off at recess and forgetting about them
- Pot holes are forming in our parking lot
- Our roof is leaking
- Longer days with a clear blue sky with full sun
- The occasional bird is seen and heard outside at recess
- Gr. 8 parents are asking about the transfer process, high school registration and course selection

and .... Term 1 reports are complete!

Term 1 report cards are complete and will be sent to all families tomorrow via a secure module within School Messenger (the district's communication software). There is no formal interview period at this point in the year but parents/guardians are always welcome to reach out to their child's teacher to discuss and ask questions.

Planning for next year is underway. The district will offer both in-person and remote learning for the 2022-2023 school year. If you would like your child to attend an OCV school for the 2022-2023 school year, you must complete the registration form by February 22, 2022. The registration form can be found on the district's website and I sent it out last week in my update. Families who have registered by February 22nd will receive an email in early March asking for a confirmation of registration by March 10, 2022. Registration with OCV is a commitment for the full school year. The district recognizes though that families' needs can change. Applications received after the registration period will be considered on a case-by-case basis; there is no guarantee of space however.

We have the green light to bring in school photographers (this had been paused following the winter break) following strict protocols. Photographers will prioritize Gr. 12 students and then Gr. 8 students. I am waiting to hear if Life Touch will be able to honour our March 4<sup>th</sup> (Gr. 8) and 9<sup>th</sup> (school-wide) bookings. Stay tuned!

There has been an easing of some of Covid-19 restrictions. In-person clubs may resume and group work may take place. We will look to resume intramural sports in the near future. There is no direction from the district yet about in-person feeder school opportunities or in-person School Leaving Ceremonies. We received another shipment of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) and work has begun to place them into individual bags with two tests per bag. There will not be a full redistribution to all students and staff. The kits will be distributed as needed.

While we were certainly hit hard in the area of transportation during the peak of Omicron, our student and staff absences were manageable. We never hit the 30% mark (and were never close) for absences which would have necessitated involvement by Ottawa Public Health. While we were definitely short staff, and continue to be, there was never a need to close a class due to safety concerns stemming from high staff absences. I continue to keep all my toes and fingers crossed that we never have to do this but it remains a possibility.

Catherine Maloney, an Educational Assistant (EA), is off on medical leave for a while. Jaimee Carrey, a part time EA with us, has taken over Catherine's morning assignment. I am working with the district's Human Resources department to fill the afternoon assignment.

This Friday (February 18) is a Professional Activity Day. My learning on Friday is organized by the Ontario Principals Council. I am looking forward to learning about wellness, connection and adaptability from Dr. Shimi Kang. Following Dr. Kang, Ashley Callingbull, a First Nations activist, model and actor, will share details about her life journey with school administrators. Teachers will spend half their day in mandatory training on Anti-Human Sex Trafficking. I completed this important training in the fall and all employees will be required to complete the training over the next few months. Educators are in a unique position to be able to stop human sex trafficking but need to know what to look for and what to do to if they have concerns. This training is the beginning of this important learning. The Elementary Teachers Federation has organized learning for its members for the rest of the day. The unions for all other employee groups are responsible for organizing the activities for their members on Friday.

Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> is Family Day.

Toonie Tuesday is Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your support of this important fundraiser helps provide appropriate access to food, clothing, school supplies, healthcare supports, and opportunities for learning and recreation to ECMS students and other students within the OCDSB. If every student and staff donated a toonie, we would raise almost \$500 for the Education Foundation. A donation item has been set up in [School Cash Online](#) to make donating easy. To date, we have raised \$175.00! We will also gratefully accept cash donations on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep the donations coming.

Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pink Shirt Day encourages everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying. This year's theme is "Lift Each Other Up". Today our diversity is becoming more visible than ever as people continue to embrace their cultures, identities, and true selves in more open and direct ways - making the need to "*Lift Each Other Up*" and have greater acceptance, respect, and inclusion for everyone so important. This year we are asking everyone to join in celebrating diversity while promoting inclusive anti-bullying initiatives. Please encourage your child to wear pink next Wednesday to show their role in stopping bullying in a safe and inclusive manner.

Thank you for all support. Your financial support is of tremendous help but more importantly it is the kind words and notes of encouragement you send to me and the staff that really make a difference. I would also like to thank and recognize Stephanie Ettinger for all her work organizing the popcorn fundraiser. Popcorn Thursday is quickly becoming the best day of the week thanks to her! Thank you Steph!!

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

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	(plan)	(active)	(final)
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
<b><u>Primary Fundraising</u></b>			
Pizza Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Popcorn Program	\$ -	\$ 528.65	\$ -
Parent Involvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Misc Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 2.57	\$ -
<b>SubTotal Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,031.22</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>\$ 11,220.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
<b><u>SCHOOL SUPPORT</u></b>			
Forest of Reading Books	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Cultural Literature	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ -
Get Real Presentation (Anti-racism / inclusivity)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Indigenous Guest Speaker (virtual)	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Presentation - Paul Davis (students)	\$ 680.00	\$ 678.00	\$ -
Scientists in the School (virtual)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 245.00	\$ -
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	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SubTotal School Support</b>	<b>\$ 6,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,583.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>SCHOOL COUNCIL</u></b>			
OCASC Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ECSC Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NSF Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>SubTotal School Council Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,807.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,583.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Less Reserve Holdings	-\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Plus Cash Float	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less Committed Funds (2021/22)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,882.63</b>	<b>\$ 8,637.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>