



**Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)**  
**May 17, 2022 @ 6:30 pm**

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

**Regrets:** Jennifer Neill

**1. Welcome/Call to order:** Tanya at 6:33

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

- Derek: motion to approve / Chelsey: seconded

**3. Approval of the April 2022 School Council Minutes:**

- David: motion to approve / Karen: seconded

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

- Blue represents money collected through School Cash On-line and deposits to Council account
- Currently pizza shows profit of \$3400 but money will come down as cheques written – probably profit of \$1000
- Popcorn shows profit of approx. \$700
- We have paid out more money for Scientists in the School (as budgeted)
- Current income \$10200 but we owe another approx. \$2400 for pizza
- Question about Parent Involvement Fund – Money went to school account instead of Council
- Need to ensure signing authority is transferred over when Derek and Tanya leave. Discussion over process
- Steph: Motion to approve / Chelsey: seconded

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

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

- Impressed by students' cooperation & teamwork
- Planning for 2022/2023 – Enrolment 327 (stable) with 12 homerooms.
- A number of staff absences which are a challenge to fill. No classes have had to close yet, but families should have a plan in case a class needs to close.
- Ms Shannon is looking for digital pianos/keyboards and guitars
- Education Week = Literacy focus. Thanks to Ms. Sarah and her team for organizing those activities
- Field trips have started again. Outdoor Ed grant received to off-set costs of these trips.
- Grade 8's are planning a grad trip
- EQAO testing is happening over the next few weeks. All online and students work at own pace.
- June 2 – In-person info session for incoming students in the Great Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Looking for a rep from Council. Grade 6's will be welcoming the incoming Grade 5's.
- Karen is organizing an in-person school leaving ceremony and reception on Wednesday, June 29. Activities will be starting at 4:30, then ceremony at 5 and reception in Great Hall with sandwiches from Metro and drinks. Cake might be possible. 108 Grade 8 students - 2 guests per student and masks mandatory. There will be a photographer. Council has budgeted \$900 for the leaving ceremony and it will cover the cost of food and perhaps expense to do with the photo booth. There may be a need for parent volunteers to help.
- Question about dance: Keri says school will not supervise but if parent wants to book gym and organize one they can

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

- N/A

## **7. OCASC (Dave)**

- Shortest meeting ever!
- Discussion about masks: ECMS is following OCDSB mandate

## **8. Discussion Items**

- Aline noted that after the initial stress of PizzaPizza canceling on us, things have gone smoothly. We have a great group of volunteers. She thinks we will have profits around \$850 rather than \$1500.
- Some discussion about money owed to/from Council for popcorn and pizza
- Tanya spoke about the PRO grant. There was little interest from schools in this year's virtual speaker line-up and the short turn-around required to book speakers.
- The Board has been communicating more with Council's via Council email.

## **9. Approval of Monies**

- Nil

## **10. Meeting adjourned**

- Final meeting possibly to be held at the Blackburn Arms on June 15
- Chelsey: motion to adjourn / Lisa: seconded

**Next Meeting:** June 15th, 2022 at 6:30pm

## Principal's Report

**May 2022**

Mother Nature is keeping us on our toes this spring! From summer-like temperatures last week to torrential downpours today, she is keeping us guessing. We lucked out today though as the rain held off for all of our recesses. The variable weather is not slowing our Thunderbirds down though. Everyday, I am amazed by the great character I see in students along with their perseverance, creativity and drive. Today I watched a group of Gr. 7 students playing soccer on the field. They celebrated each other's successes, helped each other up off the ground when a player fell and guided a weaker player to improve his skills. It was a true representation of the Thunderbird spirit and all the traits within the OCDSB Character Wheel.

Yesterday was World Education Support Personnel Day! I had an opportunity to acknowledge all the great work our Educational Assistants, Library Technician, Custodial Team and Office Staff do everyday to support all students and staff and make Emily Carr a wonderful place to work and learn.

Planning for the 2022-2023 school year continues. Our enrollment is projected to be 327 and where we are currently sitting. Our tentative school organization is as follows:

English	Early French Immersion
Grade 6/7	Gr. 6
Grade 6/7	Gr. 6
Grade 7/8	Gr. 6/7
Grade 8	Gr. 7
Grade 8	Gr. 7/8
	Gr. 8
	Gr. 8
Total = 5	Total = 7

Our Special Education allocation remains the same (0.75 Learning Resource Teacher, 0.75 Learning Support Teacher and 0.5 Intermediate Student Success). We have lost our 0.5 English as a Second Language teacher for next year but our Educational Assistant allocation has increased to 0.5 to equal 3.0. I will share staff assignments with our school community next month.

On the topic of staffing, Mme Rebecca d'Entremont, French teacher to EF78A and a Designated Occasional Teacher is off on medical leave, likely until the end of the school year. Mme Sierra Erbach is replacing Rebecca. Catherine Maloney, one of our Educational Assistants, is also off on medical leave. Leigh Golding is

replacing her on a casual basis. Filling staff absences continues to be a significant challenge at ECMS and across the district. While we have not had to close a class yet, we have been very close. Families should have a contingency plan in place in the event that a class needs to close due to unfilled staff absences.

As we plan for a more “normal” 2022-2023 school year, Ms. Shannon is looking for donations of used electronic or digital keyboards/adaptors and stands as well as used acoustic guitars. If you have any of these items collecting dust in your garage or basement, Ms. Shannon will gladly accept them. This request will be going out to our larger school community in my next update.

Also, one of our amazing Gr. 7 EFI students has started a Jump Rope for Heart donation campaign. Our school’s goal is \$2 000.00. The link to the donation page will also be in my next update.

Emily Carr staff and students celebrated Education Week from May 1 - 6 by actively engaging in literacy activities. Every day we had 15 minutes of Dear Time - Drop Everything And Read. Staff gave read alouds recesses, there was a Catch Me Reading contest and we wrapped up the week with a Literacy Kahoot game. A wonderful week to celebrate the importance of education and promote literacy! A sincere thank you is extended to Mme Sara and her team for organizing these fun activities throughout the week.

Many of our classes have had an opportunity to participate in field trips over the last few weeks. Our Gr. 7 students went to Bonnenfant Education Center and some of our Gr. 8 EFI classes enjoyed our district’s MacSkimming Outdoor Education Center. Our Gr. 6s will be visiting downtown Ottawa and enjoying many of the attractions our nation’s capital has to offer and Mr. Rados is planning an outdoor education experience for the Gr. 8 Regular students. We received an outdoor education grant which we use to offset the cost of these trips. The Gr. 8 team is also planning a “grad” field trip for the last week of June. More information will be shared by Gr. 8 teachers in the weeks to come.

Our Gr. 6 students will complete EQAO testing over the course of the next 5 weeks. The format has changed greatly since the last time EQAO was administered. The assessments are online and it has almost a video game-like format to it. All students are provided with headphones and a Chromebook and they work through the assessment at their own pace under their teacher’s supervision. A paper-pencil format can be used if a student is struggling to input their responses into the computer and support staff are available to provide accommodations as needed. All students must complete an introductory assessment in the e-assessment system and so far the process is running smoothly. I am eager to see how the students adapt to the new approach and I look forward to receiving their results in the fall.

On Thursday June 2, I am hosting an in-person information session for incoming students. The information session will take place in the Great Hall and many of my current Gr. 6 students will be on hand to welcome our new families. As previously mentioned, if a representative or two from School Council is available to come out to the session and speak about School Council it would be greatly appreciated and a wonderful way to welcome new members.

Plans are well underway for our in-person School Leaving Ceremony and reception. Karen will share some of the details. Thank you!

**EMILY CARR SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Budget 2021 - 2022      17 May 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	\$ -	\$ 3,455.14	\$ -
Popcorn Program	\$ -	\$ 716.13	\$ -
Parent Involvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Misc Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 2.57	\$ -
<b>SubTotal Fundraising</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,673.84</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>\$ 14,863.47</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	\$ 1,855.00	\$ -
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>\$ 4,193.00</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>\$ 4,193.00</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>\$ 10,670.47</b>	<b>\$ -</b>