



## **Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2023 @ 6:30**

**Present:** Lisa Lovric, Karen Green, Marc Slesar, Stephanie Ettinger, Sara James, Nancy Barber, Elke Semerad, Michael Hayes, Katherine Comber, Erica Fraser, Amy Cummings, Natalie Brazeau, Juliana Laboucane, Jason Ngure, Crystal Manias, David Manias, Nic Roome, Mark Michaud, Darren Mann, Laura McRobbie, Andrea Townsend

**Regrets:** Chelsey Wynne

### **1. Welcome / Call to Order**

- Lisa Lovric

### **2. Chair's Remarks:**

- Nil

### **3. Approval of the Agenda:**

- Motion to Approve - Karen G / Seconded by David M.
- Carried

### **4. Approval of the June 2023 Minutes:**

- Motion to Approve - Elke S. / Seconded by Sarah J
- Carried

### **5. Treasurer Report**

- Starting balance \$2000
- Signing authorities to be changed
- No report to approve

### **6. Principal's Report:**

- Welcome
- Looking to increase student involvement post Covid
- Staff and students have been great. It has been a very smooth first few weeks.
- If there are issues please speak to the teacher and feel free to reach out to me.
- For the future principal's report - I will ask for items of interest.
- Have had assemblies with all three grades - themes of kindness and anti-hate. Believe they were well-received.
- Student Council is a good way for parents to stay engaged. Would like to have dialogue and go beyond fundraising.

- At this point in time, schools go through exercise to see if they will need to adjust teachers/classes etc. This will be completed on Thursday.
- Q - How big is the student body? 300
- Q -How many split classes - A - 1 (French immersion) and one English Learning Development (ELD) class
- Q - at what point do you graduate from the program (ELD)? A- in the ELD for the next few years with hope that they integrate in high school fully.
- Q - How do they integrate? A - They are registered in the homeroom class with others and participate in those classes for ½ day (not English and Math).
- Principal has a very open door policy and wants to promote open communication.

## **7. Teacher's Report (Report attached below)**

- Sarah James will be the teacher council rep.
- All grade 6 classes are running middle school "boot camp". Doing all different types of activities - learning about skills for middle school. Mixed groups from all 4 classes to get to know each other. Did a school scavenger hunt. Did a time management activity, talked about locker/binder organization, study skills etc. Received positive feed-back.
- EFI 6 - French classes - working on class routines, importance of communicating in french, rubrics, practicing vocabulary.
- EFI 6 - working on weekly routines, media Monday, "bell" work.
- All grade 6 classes are planning a field trip to the public library in Blackburn.
- Grade 7 EFI - in Geography - working on GPS, Science - Ecosystems, Math - comparing numbers and patterns,
- English 7 EFI - focusing on communicating about themselves.
- 8 EFI - Building oral communication in French. Interviewing peers and presenting them. In English - writing activity - called shades of summer.
- R6A/B Importance of biodiversity and being math learners. Adopting the mindset of a learner. Physical ed, Parts of speech and planning on getting public library cards
- Junior soccer tryouts (open girls and boys grade 6) during recess. Only students who have completed the necessary forms can participate. Mr. Hearty has sent out all forms to parents.
- Soccer tournament will be in Oct - need cleats and shin guards to participate.
- Football (Grade 7/8) girls and boys - tryouts are in the morning before school
- Cross Country had its first meeting today.
- All forms to participate in sports are available on the school website. They can be filled in online and available to Mr. Hearty directly.
- There will be intermediate soccer in the spring for grades 7 and 8.

Q - How many Chromebooks are available? A - There are approx 20 shared between 3 classrooms. Typically they set up a schedule between the classes.

Q - who supplies the Chromebooks? The board and the student council. The goal of the board is to get 1 book to 3 students.

Q - can we buy Chromebooks? A - The board discourages councils from buying as it is not equitable and does not show the government the true requirements.

Q - Can students bring their own device? A - Yes - that is encouraged - but not required.

Q - Can the students access anything on the internet? A - They are encouraged to use the OSDSB account and to get the wifi - they have to log on to their school accounts which is restricted. However, it is not absolute and they can possibly access sites without supervision.

## **8. OCASC**

- Nil

## **9. Discussion Items**

### **a) Fundraising Idea**

- Snowflake Shop - (Christmas time) families donate items to the school. Students can bring \$5 and buy gifts for family members. Good idea - send out an email to gauge interest prior to the October meeting. Crystal M will lead this.
- Pizza - needs two people to run it in the school every Thursday. Best if the coordinator can be in the school to troubleshoot. Laura M. volunteered to be coordinator.
- Popcorn - Can send out an email to see if there are any volunteers.

### **b) Ideas for council activities**

- Nil.

### **c) Unfinished / New Business**

- Hoping to have Catherine Milburn (School Trustee) attend the next meeting. Will send out an email asking for questions we can provide in advance.
- Chair will request the Principal begin a teacher's wish list for the next meeting to allow the council to begin budgeting.

## **10. Approval of Monies**

- NIL

## **11. Meeting adjourned**

- Motion Lisa L / Seconded by David M
- Carried

**Next Meeting:** October 17, 2023 at 6:30pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:** November 21, January 16, February 20, April 16, May 21, June 18

### **Teacher Update: September 19**

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| EF6A/EF6B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● All Grade 6 classes (EFI and English) participated in Middle School Boot Camp for the first two weeks of the year. The four classes met daily to participate in community-building challenges and activities, school orientation activities, and learn important strategies for organization, time management and studying that will help them to be successful in Middle School. Feedback from the students was very positive - they enjoyed working together, meeting students from other classes and slowly becoming more comfortable and familiar with the school and our expectations.</li><li>● EF6A and EF6B have been working on learning classroom routines in French class. They have been competing in vocabulary challenges and getting to know one another through games, sharing and creating self-portraits.</li><li>● EF6B Working on establishing consistent weekly routines: weekly word work, grammar and Media Monday (LA). Daily Bell work, and review number concepts. (MA) Planning on a visit to OPL in early Oct. Permission forms to be sent home in the next few weeks.</li></ul> |
| EF7A/EF7B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● In Geo, students are creating maps, and learning about GPS, latitude and longitude.</li><li>● In Science, students are creating ecosystems and learning about predators, prey and symbiosis.</li><li>● In Math, we are focusing on comparing numbers by representing them in different ways and identifying patterns (place value with powers of ten, multiples and divisibility rules, fractions = decimals = percents, factors as L and W of Area of a rectangle, graphing)</li><li>● In English we are focusing on communicating about ourselves ( group discussions, t-shirt, 3 goals paragraph)</li></ul>   |
| EF78A     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>●</li></ul>  |
| EF8A/EF8B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● In French class, students are interviewing a peer with the goal of creating a presentation about their peer for the class. This is working on the students' collaboration and communication skills.</li><li>● In English, students did a writing activity called the Shades of Summer in which they write about their activities this summer and draw a self-portrait that illustrates some of their summer activities on a pair of sunglasses.</li></ul>  |
| R6A/R6B   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Science we are learning about Biodiversity and the importance of biodiversity in our world.</li><li>● In math We are working on being positive math learners.</li><li>● Physical Education we are working on fitness and soccer</li></ul>  |
| R7A       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● In English we are working on parts of speech and using mad libs to help</li></ul>  |

us practice. We are starting independent reading and looking forward to getting public library cards by the end of the month.

- In Math we have learned to do Math talks and are exploring place value, rounding, and scientific notation.

R7B

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R8A/R8B

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Clubs

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Sports

- Junior soccer tryouts got underway on Monday. Tryouts will be taking place during recesses. We have an open girls and open boys team, of 14 students per team. Only students who have completed the necessary forms are able to participate in tryouts. These were sent out last week by M. Hearty. The tournament will take place in mid-October. Students should make sure they have their cleats and shin pads for tryouts.
- Cross country had their first meeting and practice today
- Football had their first tryouts this morning.