



## **2015 – 2016 Year-End School Council Report**

### **About the ECMS Council**

The Emily Carr Middle School (ECMS) Council is a group of active and engaged parents wanting the best for their child(ren) and the school as a whole. The ECMS Council, fundraise and return the funds to the school in programs and items that will enhance learning, but are not items normally purchased by the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

### **Note from the Chair**

2015-2016 was my 6<sup>th</sup> year on the School Council and 5<sup>th</sup> and final year as the Chair. It has been a very rewarding. It was a pleasure to do the job, as the focus was to make our school; a better place to learn, a place for our students to grow, learn to be great community partners and for students to do all of that, with a smile on their faces.

ECMS enjoyed a third year with Principal, Ginnette Thibeault. Part way through the year Vice Principal, Seema Guram moved to Glen Ogilvie Public School. At that time, we welcomed Vice Principal Kate Stoudt for the remainder of the year. All have been, or are great fits for ECMS and have been present and a vital part of all of our School Council meetings and events.

### **The 2015 – 2016 ECMS Council consisted of the following members:**

Erik Leicht	Chair
Barb Sweazey	Vice-Chair
Miao Wang	Treasurer
Yola Tannous	Secretary
Nim Cook	OCASC Representative
Uzo Onochie-Roy	Member at Large
Steven Spry	Member at Large
Joanne Thomson	Member at Large

Heather Mawhinney    Member at Large  
Kelly Matier                Member at Large

The 2015 – 2016 Council meet 7 times. The meetings were on the following dates:

- September 22, 2015 (AGM and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting)
- November 3, 2015
- December 8, 2015
- January 26, 2016
- February 23, 2016
- April 12, 2016
- June 7, 2016

A tremendous thank you to all members of council for your support, time and energies during the 2015-2016 school year. Without your participation the successes of council could not have been realized.

### **ECMS Council Activities**

The best way to list our activities is to list our fundraisers and the how we spent the money raised.

#### **Fundraisers**

- Due to Funds spent in June 2015 that were not approved by the OCDSB – Funds were returned to the General Account September 2015.
- Pizza Lunch program
- ECMS was selected for a Parental Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

#### **Purchases/Money spent**

- Parental Reaching Out Event – Surviving Stress - Moving From Tense to Chill
- Funding towards ECMS Greening Project
- Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
- Transportation for feeder schools to ECMS Gr 5 Open House
- Additional Chrome Books and Charging Case
- Grade 8 Graduation Exercise funding
- Sponsored introduction to, and instruction to, play Tennis
- Library Books
- Motivational Speaker

**Opening Balance**      \$17108.85 - September 2015

**Income (2015-2016)** \$13693.15

**Total Funds returned to school projects, programs and events:**    \$20701.10

**Closing Balance**      \$10110.60 – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

Trusting this to be satisfactory,

Erik Leicht, Chair

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