

**Emily Carr Middle School**

**Parent Council Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2015**

**Present:** Erik Leicht, Ginette Thibeault, Seema Guram, , Miao Wang, Nim Cook, Lara MacDonald, Heather Mawhinney, Yola Tannous, Joann Thompson, Uzo Onochie-Roy, Karen Green

**Regrets:** Barb Sweazy, Kelly Matier

Meeting called to order by Erik Leicht at 18:37hrs

Special Guest: Sandra Schwartz

Sandra reported that all Trustees hold a committee meeting to discuss issues to present at the board meeting where proposals are put forward then debated. She reported that the Board decisions are final. She reported that there is a fiduciary responsibility with the budget process and \$80,000,000 has been put towards staffing.

She reported that the special education program is running on an inclusion model and a proposal was made for the early French immersion program but due to lack of public consultation a new proposal was made and changes will be implemented in 2016. She encourages parents to fill in the survey and attend focus groups.

She also reported that challenges are changing the budget to a 50/50 model and layoffs to English teachers will be made to hire more French teachers. By moving to the 50/50 model the board would receive an extra \$2,000,000.

**1. Approval of September 22,, 2015 and November 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Erik Leicht: To dispense and approve the September 22, 2015 and November 3, 2015 Minutes.**

Motion was approved by Council

**2. Chairs Report**

See "old business:

**3. Treasurers Report**

Miao Wang presented her report (please see attachment #1).

**Motion by Erik Leicht: To approve the Treasurer's Report.**

Seconded by Yola Tannous

Motion was approved by Council

**4. Administration Report (including Principal and Vice-Principal Highlights)**

(Please see attachment #2)

**5. Fundraising Report**

No one has filled the position yet.

**6. Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) Report**

Nim Cook reported that there were budget shortfalls. 7 schools will include an outdoor classroom.

**7. Staff Report**

There was no staff report.

**8. Old Business**

Erik Leicht reported that he reached out to psychologists Phil Ritchie at CHEO and Carolyn Sullivan to do an evening presentation to parents about stress.

Erik also reported that the City will be giving us 5 trees to plant in the spring. He also reported that two ash trees will be cut down and there will be more.

**9. This meeting was adjourned at 20:00hrs.**

**Next meeting: March 26, 2016**

Attachment #1 Treasurers Report

**Emily Carr Middle School Parent Council  
Treasurer's Report - Sep 2015 To Nov 2015**

**Opening Balance as of September 22, 2015: \$17,108.85**

**Income**

Pizza Days Refund Receivable	\$100.65
Interest	\$2.83
OCDSB (Parent Involvement)	\$0.00
Lunch Lady	\$94.15
Misc Donations	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$197.63</b>

**Expenses**

Bank Service Charges & Cheques	\$37.22
Parental Involvement	\$0.00
OCASC Membership	\$35.00
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00

**Contributions to Emily Carr Middle School:**

Lunch Lady Payale	\$94.15
Greening Project	\$5,000.00
Graduate Ceremony	\$750.00
LST Room	\$800.00
Library Book	\$81.23
Mural Project	\$185.77

**Total Expense \$6,983.37**

**Pending Items**

Parental Involvement Money Pending (PIF)	\$1,286.93
library book	\$379.35
library seat	\$800.00
Mural Project	\$214.23
<b>Total Pending Item</b>	<b>\$2,680.51</b>

**Funds available as of Nov 2, 2015 \$7,642.60**

**Admin's Report to School Council December 2015**

- **P/VP Highlights:**
  - **Important Updates:**
    - **OSSTF** - settlement for ratification, all labour sanctions lifted
    - **Staffing:** Ms. Morrison returns from parental leave this week. Thank you to Mr. Sharif for his work at ECMS since September. Ms. Rampersad our EA is retiring December 18, 2015. We welcome Catherine Maloney to ECMS who is transferring from Avalon PS to be our Educational Assistant. Mrs. Guram will be transferring to Glen Ogilvie as of February 1st, 2015. We will be welcoming Kate Stoudt (currently acting VP at Glen O.) as our ECMS VP.
    - **Renovations:** Carpet replacement in the Great Hall over the Holiday break
    - **OCDSB:** Revised recommendations to French instruction for Kindergarten and Primary grades - Additional consultation and information on the board website.
  - **Priorities for ECMS –**
    - **Support for Student Wellness:**
      - Staff exploring how we can support our students more and help them build their capacity to cope as an adolescent learner in the 21st Century.

**Grade 8 students:**

- Transitioning to high school - high school visits have begun (Dec 3 - Cairine Wilson HS and Dec 16 - Gloucester High School) - look at the OCDSB website for Open House or Info sessions for parents

- **Upcoming events:**

**Dec:** Volleyball tournaments (many)

**Dec 7:** "We are Silent" Day - Student Awareness

**Dec 10: Progress Reports go home**

**Dec 10 & 11:** Conflict Resolution workshops for classes

**Dec 10 & 17:** Inuit games for students

**Dec 17:** Winter Concert - Dress Rehearsal at 2:15pm Concert at 7:00pm - Parents welcomed to either or both!

**Dec 21: Holiday Break**

**January 4: Classes resume**

**Accounting update: Invoices submitted for**

- Comfortable Seating for Library \$800
- **Still pending:**
  - Yard project initiatives \$1500 - Student interests
  - Other: