

Emily Carr Middle School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2016

Present: Barb Sweazy, Ginette Thibeault, Seema Guram, Karen Green, Miao Wang, Nim Cook, Yola Tannous, Joann Thompson, Uzo Onochie-Roy, Kelly Matier, Christine Deschambault, Kevin Doan

Regrets: Erik Leicht, Barb Sweazy, Kelly Matier, Lara MacDonald, Heather Mawhinney

Meeting called to order by Barb Sweazy at 18:37hrs

Special Guest: Wayne Jacobs and partner Nick.

Wayne Jacobs, the owner of Sweet Rewards attended the meeting to present a fundraiser idea that Yola agreed to undertake if Council was interested, on behalf of the school. He presented the Sweet Rewards card and explained to the group how it worked. The cards would be handed out to students to sell. The cards sell for \$20 each and provides a discount or special offer with rip off tags that are presented on the front and each comes with an access code to access every online offer in North America. The profit generated to the school would be \$10 for each card sold. Wayne would work with the school to decide which offers from our local postal code would be best to put on the front and the card. The design can be anything that the school wanted.

He continued to offer ideas of what worked best with schools that he has worked with. He also discussed the idea of offering the kids a cash incentive for selling the cards. The incentive would be split 50/50 with himself and the school.

Wayne also explained how there is no risk or expense to the school. Any cards not sold, can just be returned and any card that are not sold and not returned, he would absorb the cost within reason.

1. Approval off the December 8,, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Uzo Onochie-Roy: To dispense and approve the December 8, 2015 with two amendments to item 6 under OCASC Report from: Nim Cook reported that there are budget shortfalls 7 schools will include an outdoor classroom to: Nim Cook reported that there are budget shortfalls. He also stated 7 schools will include an outdoor classroom

Seconded by Nim Cook

Motion was approved by Council

2. Chairs Report

See New Business.

3. Treasurers Report

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

Motion by Yola Tannous: To approve the Treasurer's Report with an amendment under expenses to be changed from 806.82 to \$800.00.

Seconded by Kelly Matier

Motion was approved by Council

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

(Please see attachment #2)

Ginette introduced two teachers to the group that have stepped up to be teacher reps at our meetings. Christine Deschambault who is a grade 6 teacher and Kevin Doan who is new to the school this year.

5. Fundraising Report

No one has filled the position yet.

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

Nim Cook reported that a great resource was available called “Strategies for building executives skills in our kids”. It includes topics such as, task initiation and how to hold their attention. He suggested that it be added to our school website.

A discussion was held about adding a link to Kham Academy to our website as well as Math online helper. Ginette mentioned that Kham Academy was an American tool.

7. Staff Report

There was no staff report.

8. Old Business

Barb Sweazy reported on behalf of Erik Leicht that he was still investigating possible speakers for the Parental reaching out evening, Sarah Jane Norwook and Caroline Sullivan. Erik will share proposals at our next meeting in March to proceed with this event in April.

The Greening project update was tabled until our next meeting in order to provide more information. A question was asked about what phase we were in which Ginette responded that tree planting was the next task to be undertaken followed by the addition of possible basketball nets. It was asked if Barb would undertake another brainstorming session with the students to see if they felt their voices were heard and to see if there were any new ideas that the kids felt were needed.

9. New Business

- a. It was asked that a new report be listed under Reports of Committees to include “Staff Report”. Christine Deschambault reported that there may not always be a staff report but she will be attending meetings to provide any information from staff.

- b. **Motion by Yola Tannous: To spend up to \$200 for transportation from Forest Valley PS to ECMS for the Grade 5 open house.**

Seconded by Uzo Onochie-Roy

Motion was approved by Council.

Motion by Yola Tannous: To spend up to \$500 for books for the library.

Seconded by Nim Cook

Motion was approved by Council.

- c. **Motion to spend up to \$200 to tune the school piano.**

Nora Kennedy sent information to Council that a local piano tuner, Rob Cosh would offer ECMS a discount to tune the piano. In the 2016-2017 school year he would tune the piano at no cost as his daughter would be attending ECMS. There was discussion to see if it was even worth tuning. Yola said she would ask Rob Cosh to come and take a look to see if it was worth tuning.

Motion was tabled until Rob could look at it and give us his opinion.

- d. **Motion by Nim Cook: To allocate up to \$400 from the Parental Reaching out funds towards the Parental Reaching out Event including Stress/Anxiety management for ECMS students.**

Seconded by Yola Tannous

Motion was approved by Council

- e. **Motion by Yola Tannous: To carry forward with the Sweet Rewards fundraiser to purchase Chrome Books for the school.**

Yola will work with Wayne Jacobs in conjunction with Karen Green to prepare something to be presented at the next meeting in March and then decide when to run a 2 week blitz with the fundraiser.

Seconded by Nim Cook.

Motion was approved by Council.

10. This meeting was adjourned at 20:05hrs.

Next meeting: March 26, 2016

Attachment #1 Treasurers Report

Emily Carr Middle School Parent Council
Treasurer's Report - DEC 2015 To JAN 2016

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

Income

Pizza Days Refund Receivable	\$249.65
Pizza Revenue	\$8,878.50
Interest	\$2.83
PIP Funding	\$500.00
Lunch Lady	\$137.20
PRO Grant	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$10,768.18

Expenses

Bank Service Charges & Cheques	\$41.72
Parental Involvement	\$0.00
OCASC Membership	\$35.00
Misc. Expenses	\$0.00

Contributions to Emily Carr Middle School:

Lunch Lady Expense	\$137.20
Pizza Expense	\$1,686.81
Pizza Payable	\$6,613.19
Greening Project	\$5,000.00
Graduate Ceremony	\$750.00
LST Room	\$810.04
Library Book	\$460.58
Mural Project	\$185.77
Library Seat	\$800.00
Total Expense	\$16,520.31

Pending Items

Parental Involvement Money Pending (PIF)	\$1,286.93
Motivational/Goal Setting Presentation	\$400.00
Mural Project	\$214.23
Total Pending Item	\$1,901.16

Funds available as of Jan 21, 2016	\$9,455.56
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Summary For Pizza:

Amount deposited	8878.5
Expense	1686.81
Estimated Payable	6613.19

Attachment #2 Admin Report

Admin's Report to School Council January 2016

P/VP Highlights:

○ **Important Updates:**

- **Staffing:** Mrs. Guram - last day is Friday, January 29th - February 1st, 2016, we will be welcoming Kate Stoudt (currently acting VP at Glen O.) as our ECMS VP. Mrs. Harris accepted an increased contract at Castor Valley ES. Kevin Doan has accepted the 0.25 contract here. He is a great addition to our staff.
- **Renovations:** Tile in 2 locker bays at March break
- **OCDSB:** Budget cuts - significant consideration given to all depts to best assess how we proceed efficiently with the cuts.

○ **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 and academically targeting Numeracy

Grade 8 students:

- Transitioning to high school -looking at Option sheets - Cairine Wilson HS this week

• **Upcoming events:**

Thurs. Jan 28: We follow a Friday schedule

Jan/Feb: On-going skating - thanks to all the volunteers/ Inuit games for students

Feb 4: Report Cards go home

Feb 11: Start of Spirit Week - Friendship Dance

Feb 12: PD Day - No school for students

Feb 15: Family Day - No school for students

Tues Feb 16: We follow a Monday schedule

Feb 16-18: Spirit week continues: Jersey Day & Whole school Walk/ ECMS colours and Crazy Hair (Grade 5 visits)/PJ Day and House Trivia Challenge

Feb 19: Winter Activity Day

• **Accounting update:**

- \$400 was spent on the Athletic Fees - Thank you from all of the coaches!

• **Still pending:**

- Yard project initiatives \$1500 - Student interests
- Other:
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Staff Wish list

	For who?	Description:	<u>Estimated cost:</u>
	Library	\$500 - Books - current, update series (see letter)	\$500 or whatever you would like to approve
	ECMS	Bus for Forest Valley students visiting ECMS	\$200
	ECMS	Chromebooks	\$350/each