

Emily Carr Middle School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2015

Present: Erik Leicht, Ginette Thibeault, Steven Spry, Barb Sweazy, Miao Wang, Nim Cook, Lara MacDonald, Joann Thompson, Heather Mawhinney, Kelly Matier

Meeting called to order by Erik Leicht at 18:30hrs

1. Approval of September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

2. Chairs Report

Erik Leicht reported that he met with the City of Ottawa and ECMS administration to walk around the school property and discuss the greening project. Two trees and possibly up to five will be planted on the property.

Erik also reported that he has made some calls to professionals in regards to a stress management presentation to the school and parents. Nothing concrete has been set yet.

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 the meeting was dominated by the potential strike action. There was no OCASC report.

7. Staff Report

There was no staff report.

8. Old Business

Heather Mawhinney and Selene Gee have sent home pizza forms. Pizza will start November 19th.

9. New Business

a) **Motion by Erik Leicht: To approve an additional \$10.04 for supplies purchased by Ms. Quigley account.**

Motion was approved by Council

b) **Motion by Erik Leicht:** To approve \$400 of the \$1200 that sits in the School Council generated funds account to put towards athletic fees as mentioned in the staff report.

Motion was approved by Council

- c) **Motion by Erik Leicht:** To spend up to \$400 to hire a motivational/goal setting speaker, to present to all students.

Motion approved Council.

- 10.** This meeting was adjourned at 17:50hrs.

Next meeting: December 8, 2015

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
Total Income	\$197.63

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
Total Pending Item	\$2,680.51

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

Attachment #2 Principals Reports

Admin's Report to School Council November 2015

- **PVP Highlights:**
 - **Important Updates:**
 - **ETFO** - settlement for ratification, labour sanctions lifted, OSSTF still in Labour sanctions (Support Staff)
 - **Bomb Threats** - Communication from the board/ working directly with Ottawa Police
 - **Staffing:** Mr. McMahon accepted a position at Heritage PS - WE welcome Susannah Harris to the ECMS team who has accepted our 0.25 vacancy. She was a full time teacher in BC, always worked with intermediate students, loves this age group.
 - **Renovations:** Carpet replacement on Nov. 20 and 21st (PD Day and Saturday) - relocation plan if smell persists on Monday...
 - **Priorities for ECMS –**

▪ **Support for Student Wellness:**

- On-going priority: aligning student needs with available supports
 - Regular meetings to discuss whole school needs
 - Weekly Student of Concern mtgs
 - Training for staff - last year IEP development, this year Mental Health
 - Making as many resources as possible available to staff and students: Body Break room, DPA room, widgets and special equipment (wigggle cushions, therabands, exercise balls, standing desks)

Greening and yard project:

- Meeting with the City of Ottawa - 3 trees in the spring
 - Chalk games - assessing student needs in the yard
 - New benches and tables

Students -

• **Upcoming events:**

Nov 4: Student photo Retake Day

Nov 5: Immunization clinic for grade 7 students and grade 8 girls

Nov 6: GRIS Anti-bullying workshops for classes

Nov 10: Inuit games and Visual Arts presentations for students

Nov 11: Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:00 am

Nov 12: Progress Reports -delayed to December

Nov 13: Dental Screening for grade 8's

Nov 17: Visual Arts presentations for students

Nov 20: : PA Day - no school for students

Accounting update: Invoices submitted for

- Mural - wood purchased \$185
- Wellness room in Ms. Quigley's office- furnished
- **Still pending:**
 - Comfortable Seating for Library \$800 - technology removed/space planned/looking at options
 - Yard project initiatives \$1500 - Student interests
 - French Horn Rental \$250 - can be released for this year, the rental is not required, students rented their own
 - Accumulated amount over the years \$1200 : Suggestions:
 - a small amount left to cover expenses that go over up to an amount agreed by council (Ex: cover up to \$10...)
 - Some of the funds allocated to the Student Assistance: (ex: field trips, special activities, supplies etc.)
 - Other:

For who?	Description:	Estimated cost:
School teams	Athletic fees	\$400