

EMILY CARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Council

Working together, with students and staff, to enhance the school experience for our children

Minutes of Meeting

January 23, 2019

Attendance

Katie Lee McConnell	Stacy Ma	Julian Dicks
Lorna Braber	Robin Petri	Asal Nikoopour
Roy Quiñones	Joy Wood	Principal Lorraine Terretta

Minutes of Meeting:

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Principal and Staff Information

- All Report Cards distributed by end of January in new CSL format
 - Please speak with teachers for any clarity required
 - One more informal update and final Report Card prior to end of school year
- Saleema Noon Update
 - A motion to sponsor the Saleema Noon Program (\$1500) to compliment curriculum programs every other year was seconded and approved. This will begin in the 2019/2020 school year. Staff feedback generally supportive of Saleema Noon Program, in particular with Saleema Noon herself providing the presentation
- Grade 1 - Home Reading Program started in January
- Grade 4 - "Project Chef" to start in March (PAC sponsored activity)
- Grade 6/7 - Homework club has started after school

2) Minutes of last PAC Meeting from November 20, 2018 were approved

3) Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- PAC Council Positions still available (Secretary / New Family Liaison / Class Reps)
 - Great opportunity to grow the community and work with Emily Carr staff
 - Please speak with PAC Executive for further information on these opportunities!
- Christmas Concert
 - Parents are invited to join a sub-committee to brainstorm ways to improve the Winter Concert experience for everyone!
 - Areas where the evening concert could be improved included:
 - Traffic issues entering and exiting the gymnasium
 - Entering and exiting during performances
 - Adjusting start times of the Christmas Concert
 - Ticketed seating
- Emily Carr "Garage Sale" February 2nd, 2019
This community event is intended to raise funds for the Emily Carr Playground Project. Items to donate include toys, books, outdoor clothing and sports equipment for kids Grade 7 and younger.
- Fun Fair
 - Kick off meeting February 27 - look for details of upcoming volunteer opportunities!
 - To be held Friday, June 7th

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4) School Safety

- A discussion was held to communicate the current safety procedures during recess, lunch and emergencies:
 - Numerous supervisors on school grounds
 - No students are allowed to leave school grounds during school hours unless signed out
 - Sign-out protocols are strictly adhered to
 - Emergency protocols include numerous fire drills throughout the year
- Areas that are out of the line of sight were acknowledged and included in the areas of supervision

5) Eric Hamber Seismic Upgrade Project Presentation

- Carr being one of the feeder schools to Eric Hamber, this is a significant project that will have a long term impact on the Carr community.
- Stephanie Yada, Vice-Chair of the Eric Hamber PAC provided a summary of the Facilities Planning Meeting with the VSB from earlier in the evening. Key points are below:
 - The Project is expected to start January 2020 and complete in 2022
 - Once complete, the original Eric Hamber will be used as a “swing school” from 2022-2032 while other schools undergo seismic upgrades
 - The design phase for the new Eric Hamber School takes place from October to March, with significant impacts to the school.
 - Updates can be found on the Eric Hamber PAC website <http://hamberpac.ca>

Meeting Adjournment

Next meeting - Wednesday, March 6th