



ECSS School Council Meeting Minutes

APRIL 15, 2024 – In Person Meeting

School Council: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx	
Agenda Items	Minutes
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Start @7:18 p.m.</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023/2024 ECSS School Council Members<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Co-Chairs: Ajay Kumar, Andre Tsopelas✓ Treasurer: Joanne van der Leeuw✓ Secretary: Lisa Rapisardi✓ Parent Representative(s): Monica Kaushik, Gabriella Nagy, Joanne Romano✓ Community Representative: Tina Medina✓ School Staff Representatives: Maryclaire Odorico✓ ECSS Administration: Tanya-Lynn Paul, Principal, Nadira Lawrence-Selan, Vice-Principal, Paula Borges, Vice-Principal <p><u>Absent:</u> Ajay Kumar, Gabriella Nagy, Tina Medina</p> <p>Land Acknowledgement</p>
Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes From February 20, 2024, Meeting approved.</p> <p>Quorum Met.</p>
Student Council Report	<p>Jaytin Kumar</p> <p>Deferred.</p>



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ECSS Staff Reports
(Administration +
Teaching &/or Non-
Teaching Staff)

From Our Teachers

Updates for School Council
What is Going on at ECSS
4th Quarterly | April 15, 2024

From Music

THE STEM CLUB
SCIENCE TECH ENGINEERING MATH
Students Exploring the World of Stem
Mr. CLARK RM 150 During LUNCH
Mon-Fri.
Students register to the Google Classroom CODE: PPSOT2K

From Science

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From Library

- MLL Classes are working on Journal Writing regarding their time in Canada. The students had writing lessons in the library and the opportunity to work on their portfolios.
- Grade 12 Kinesiology is partaking in research workshops in the library and creating posters of Famous Athletes Past and Present that will eventually adorn our gym walls. We hope to print and laminate them.
- Valentine's Day Lunch time activities were a huge success!!
- Grade 9 Math Students will learn about CODE and use their knowledge to create a code for an automatic water pump and a soil sensor that will water the plants even when no one is around. Science students will use code to water plants in the library.

From Phys Ed.

INTRAMURALS
APRIL and MAY
*Badminton
*Pickle ball, Spike Ball, Kan Jam
*Track & Field
*Volleyball
*Flag Football in MAY



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From Guidance

YRDSB 2024 SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - Registration is now open in myBlueprint. Students were shared information and steps to register via the grade specific Google Classrooms. Students who expressed interest during course selections by way of the Google Form still need to register and have received a personal email to their gapps accounts with their next steps to register. Please see information shared [here](#).

A presentation on **HOW TO APPLY TO OSAP / FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION** is taking place for students on **Tuesday, April 16th during the lunch hour in room 116**. A representative from George Brown college will be sharing their expertise with students. ***Please encourage your child/student to attend this session if they are considering applying to **OSAP**.

JUNE GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES have been shared with our Potential Graduates this week via the Grade 12 Google Classroom. Please encourage your student to apply for those they are eligible for. The deadline to apply for June Graduation Scholarships is **Tuesday, April 16th, 3:00p.m.** In order to maintain a fair process, late applications will not be accepted after this day and time.

STUDY AND GO ABROAD INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS are now available for students and families. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Registration for **TRANSITION DAY, HOSTED BY U OF T ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES** is now open and is taking place on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Transition Day is an opportunity to learn more about the transition to university for students living with disabilities. This free, hybrid event is for prospective high school students, families, and supporters looking to learn more about how accommodations are implemented in post-secondary education. This event will take place online over Zoom *and* in-person at 455 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 1A1.

Attendees will also learn more about Accessibility Services and student support services available, including details about assessments and documentation requirements to register for accommodations. Common transition challenges for students and appropriate resources will also be reviewed. If you have any questions, please feel free to connect with the team at as.learning@utoronto.ca. If you require any accommodations to fully participate in this event, please connect with as.learning@utoronto.ca at least two weeks before the event. You may also find more information about their transition programming at the link [here](#).

From Coop

*Coop is growing - More students will taking COOP next year 2024-2025

*Our community partnerships are growing: more partners in Trades, Health and Wellness, Business, also, the Arts like the McMichael Gallery, and marketing businesses.

*Our SHSM program - specialized and ministry-approved program allows students in Grades 11 and 12 to focus their learning on a specific sector. We have Health & Wellness, and Business while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). We presently have Health & wellness and Business sectors. We have applied for the Arts and the Environment sectors as well which we hope to obtain for next year.



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GRADE 9 MATH EQAO All students taking grade 9 math will be writing Math EQAO on Monday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 11. More details to follow.

From International Languages & History

In Collaboration with EF tours ECSS is planning a trip to
Ancient Empires: Italy & Greece
Spring 2025

Information Session:

Meeting Date: April 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Link for RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3vmz1re>

From MLL

*MLL Students were Acting Ambassadors of translation and interpretation for our Leadership Staff in our Leadership Meeting this month,

*ECSS Students representing 9 countries/9 languages were assigned the role of Ambassadors to guide Staff into an experience of translation and provide a unique experience with language learning: Japanese, Chinese, Urdu, Farsi, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Spanish, Turkish, Tamil

*As Acting-Ambassadors, students guided Staff to pronounce and practice reading an excerpt in translation to interpret for a Choral Reading.

*Staff afterwards were guided into reflections and to share their experiences as learners of languages and learning more about our MLL students and their representation.

Principal Updates:

Traffic Flow - The city is currently working through a study which involves Al Pal and the complex and YRDSB will bring up traffic flow as part of this discussion.

Field - The field is in a design process, and it looks like the construction will start early next year.

Information Evening re: Potential Italy & Greece Trip during March Break 2025 happening April 17th @ 6:30pm in the school library / learning commons.

Montreal Trip is coming up May 3rd - Final student / family meeting on April 24th.

Timetabling / Staffing Cycle has begun in the school, timetable is based on student requests. We are expected to decline a bit, but not as much as we originally anticipated due to the closure of TDSS to transfers.

VP Updates Ms. Lawrence -Selan:

- Prom - Thursday, June 6 at Montecasino



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- Mid term marks distribution April 25-29
- Semester 2 Math EQAO - Monday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 11

VP Updates Mrs. Borges:

OSSLT

Spring Administration

Thursday, April 18

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Friday, April 19

2024

A&E&C

- Mid-term Marks
- Grade 9 EQAO Math
- Culminating/Exams - June 19-24

CLUB EVENTS

- Family Night - April 4th
- Cultural Expo
- Student Council Elections

LOOKING AHEAD

- CARRnival - May 30
- School Play - May 9
- Spring Concert - May 29
- Prom - June 6
- Graduation - June 26

Pro Grant Presentation Launch

Mark your calendar for an Informative and Motivating Event!

Emily Carr Secondary School Council Presents:

Relationspaces

Transforming Relationships with Your Children

Wednesday May 22, 2024

Guest Speaker:

Vicky Essebag MEd-CPSY, OCT, CSFC.



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	<p>Vicky Essebag is a relational communication specialist and author. She pairs her extensive background in education as a teacher, guidance counselor, curriculum consultant, and administrator, with her experience as a parent, family therapist, and solution-focused coach. Vicky is widely known for adapting the Solution-Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) model to support effective relationships within families, schools, and organizations. She is a public speaker, instructional leader, consultant, and coach. Vicky is Founder of the company – Relationspaces.</p> <p>In her presentations, Vicky sets the tone for a supportive and compassionate learning space. She inspires parents with the power of prioritizing communication to encourage effective and inclusive relationships, and to improve the whole family. Based on her book – Relationspaces; A Solution-Focused Handbook for Parents, Vicky shares relevant scenarios, potential challenges, and practical strategies to help transform the parent/child relationship.</p> <p>Date: Wednesday May 22, 2024. Location: Emily Carr School Library - 1st Floor</p> <p>Relationspaces; A Solution-Focused Handbook for Parents</p> <p>Available for purchase - \$25.00 (cash only).</p> <p>www.relationspaces.com. info@relationspaces.com.</p>
School Council Updates/Reports	<p>Emily Carr Secondary School Council Initiatives Recap 2023 – 2024</p> <p>April 15, 2024</p> <p>The following are activities and initiatives led by or involving the participation of ECSS Council during the past school year. As some initiatives are multi-year efforts that require coordination with the school board and appropriate municipal resources, this also contains a go forward position and proposal for next year’s Council to maintain, enhance, and push towards completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The council met 4 times throughout the year (September 18, 2023; Nov. 20, 2023; February 20, 2024; April 15, 2024) with a few virtual meetings scheduled between formal council meetings to gain participation and momentum.• October 26, 2023, Interview night support. We welcomed parents and students into the school.• November 14, 2023. West School Council Forum. We attended the forum at Maple High School where we participated in workshops. One of the results was the escalation of our need for a traffic study.• Grade 8 Welcome night: we attended the evening where we met parents with future ECSS students. The Council Chair presented to the audience and helped with the prize draw.• We attended the annual Winter Concert at Pierre Berton.





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- Fundraising in support of student engagement:
 - While the council discussed opportunities to support the semi-formal event, the timing, limited resources, and restrictions on hosting a local market evening made it an overwhelming challenge.
 - The Council did propose and executed a donation drive through the board approved School Cash Online. \$550 in contributions were successfully raised. This process was simple, but the number of donations was nowhere near the potential of the community. Suggest an earlier start for a donation drive each year with clearer objectives and a couple of reminders.
- School Grounds improvements: This topic came up during COVID restricted 2021 when the council Chair brought to the attention of the school's administration and YRDSB the need to completely renovate the school's track and field. The badly rusted goal posts we painted the following year and pavement markings were repainted for safety and stop signs were added. The field itself is scheduled for an overhaul in 2025. The roundabout driveway is crumbling and in need of repair as well.
- Traffic Flow: Traffic flow, especially in the afternoon when it is the heaviest, was a great concern this school year as it created some dangerous situations directly impacting on our students' safety. The Council worked with administrators and the transport services to improve bus flow. That concern has been improved; however, a greater traffic study has been escalated through the appropriate channels in an effort to reduce risk to our students crossing the paths in front of the school as well as the overall flow around the school grounds and the intersections. It is unclear at this time what next steps the Council can take to maintain and increase momentum on this initiative. There is a meeting scheduled with the City Councillor on April 19 when this will once again be discussed as part of the agenda.
- A parent survey was conducted, and feedback was reviewed. Suggest an earlier start with a survey next year, with less open-ended questions focusing on aspects of activities that the council deems appropriate given the resources available.
- PRO Grant Funded Community engagement presentation: As we do each year, we scheduled a presentation for May 22, 2024 – RelationSpaces by Vicky Essebag- to provide some valuable tools for parents to communicate and help their teenage children through their challenges and ambitions.
- Grad Night Speech – June 26 evening Council chair will speak to the audience of the graduating class of 2024 acknowledging the school's admins, staff, teachers, and the parents and guardians for their support and encouraging the students for continued success.

Setting Date for first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year:

Next meeting September 16 or 23 dependent on the scheduling of the Leadership Meeting.

Action: Request a parent council meeting end of May or June to discuss fundraiser to assist with the funding of the Nutrition Program pending outcome of potentially discontinued support from President's Choice charity program.



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Meeting Adjourned:	@ 8:10 pm Next meeting September 16 or 23 dependent on the scheduling of the Leadership Meeting.
2023/2024 School Council Meeting Dates First meeting will be held September 16, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Library / Learning Commons	