

**ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

7:00 pm Monday Apr. 23, 2018 Esquimalt High School Staff Room

**Attendance:** Dave Allen, Trish Best, Marilyn McCrimmon, Gary Moser, Ryan Richard, Tammy Renyard, Barry Scott.

**Regrets:** George Copley, Brenda O'Connor, Lorna Reid, Colette Scrimgeour,

**1. Call to order – Brenda O'Connor**

In Brenda's absence, Gary Moser called the meeting to order at 7:10.

**2. Minutes of January 22, 2018 – Marilyn McCrimmon**

Marilyn McCrimmon moved approval of the minutes. Carried.

**3. Heritage Report – Margo Bell**

a. Inventory of Archive material

See Action #1.

b. Report on Margo's (and Marilyn's) visit to Vic High Archives

Margo summarized the visit to the Vic High Archives and discussed the many ideas she has for organizing and displaying archive items.

Margo does not wish to chair an Archives Committee, but she will be a member of the committee, and will take on specific areas of the archives. She is interested in creating displays such as "then and now" photo displays to make the archives more relevant to current students.

Some of the future needs for archives include: a larger room, a computer and scanner, and a budget.

ACTION

1. Margo and Nola will make lists of what is currently in each of the "decade" boxes in the Archives room.

2. Dave will consult with Brenda about a possible chairperson for the Archives Committee.

3. The new Archives Committee chair will call a meeting of the group of individuals who are interested in helping with archives.

4. Tammy will try to obtain a computer for the Archives Room.

5. Tammy will speak to the photo teacher at EHS about having students restage historic photos for "then and now" displays.

**4. School Update – Tammy Renyard**

a. Turf Field

Dave and Tammy attended a meeting with the purpose of moving the turf field proposal forward with the Esquimalt Council and the Victoria School Board. Tammy's goal is to have the field completed by 2020.

After May 29<sup>th</sup>, a working committee will be established to shepherd the funding proposal through the various political levels. Dave will represent the Alumni Association. The first step is to have the field surveyed to see what is under it, at an estimated cost of \$7500. Tom Woods may have access to a less expensive option.

b. Other news

A school play called The Heathers is underway. It is a musical that deals with heavy themes. Tammy reports that the new teacher is doing an amazing job.

Staffing is projected to be a bit smaller next year, but Tammy expects the school's population to reach 600 by September.

There are more sports teams than ever, partly due to a young enthusiastic staff.

The Robotics team competed at an international competition in Texas. Next year there will be a robotics class as well as a club.

There will be a 3 on 3 tournament in memory of a student who died in the fall by suicide. The boys' parents are behind it and want to honour their son's memory.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Brenda O'Connor**

a. Bank signatures

In Brenda's absence, the plan to obtain current signatures for the alumni bank account has been carried over to the next meeting. Executive members stressed that this should take place as soon as possible.

**6. Membership, Registry & Website – Ryan Richard**

a. Website updates

Ryan will meet with EHS teacher Geoff Orme to do an overhaul of the current website. He will delete outdated information and add current information. Ryan has received a couple of recent requests: one for a 1944 grad photo and one for a spare yearbook from 1973 or 1974.

ACTION

Ryan will email executive members for feedback as he updates information.

**7. Scholarship Report – Lorna Reid**

a. Update from school

In Lorna's absence, Tammy provided an update on scholarships. Esquimalt students have been very successful recently, winning entrance scholarships to UBC and to Berklee School of Music.

ACTION

1. Trish will contact Lorna and ask her to meet with the school's scholarship coordinator, Dana Bjornsen, before the next meeting so she can report on the status of applicants for this year's alumni scholarships.

**8. Spring Newsletter – Colette Scrimgeour**

a. Facebook page

No report available.

b. Turf Field petition – Dave Allen

Colette forwarded a report to Brenda to be shared at the meeting, but in Brenda's absence, Dave reported that he hopes to see a short story in the spring newsletter asking people to sign the petition for the Turf Field. The school staff can't sign it, but the alumni association can send the petition out, linked to the newsletter, and encourage parents, students, and alumni to sign. The executive members were in support of this idea.

ACTION

1. Dave will contact Colette to have a story on the turf field and the petition included in the spring newsletter.

**9. Buccaneer Days – Dave/Brenda**

a. Tent Repair – Dave

Dave asked for volunteers for Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> to help him repair the tents. He will have some student help. He needs five operational tents.

b. Sale of merchandise – Barry Scott

Barry will bring some inventory to sell at Buccaneer Days.

c. Other

The school is taking charge of the EHS table and the selling of langos this year. The Rainbow Kitchen will not be involved.

The Alumni association will have displays and merchandise at one end of the table.

There will only be one table this year, and it will be outside.

ACTION

1. Dave will circulate a schedule asking for alumni members to volunteer a couple of hours over the weekend. The dates are May 11, 12, 13.

**10. Other Business**

a. Discuss fund-raising methods

This item has been deferred to the August meeting.

b. Access to information – George to help guide us to develop a process for doing this.

In George's absence, this item has been deferred to the August meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: Monday August 20, 2018.

Note: The Funding Society Executive Meeting will be held right after this meeting (8:00 pm).