

**Esquimalt High School Alumni Association**  
**Minutes of Directors Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Monday Jan. 20, 2020**  
**Esquimalt High School Staff Room**

**Attendance:** Dave Allen, Marilyn McCrimmon, Tina Pierik, Lorna Reid, Ryan Richard, Barry Scott, Gary Moser, George Copley.

**Regrets:** Trish Best, Robert Laidler, Brenda O'Connor.

**1. Call to order – Barry Scott**

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Minutes of October 21, 2019 meeting – Marilyn McCrimmon**

Marilyn moved acceptance of the minutes as circulated, and Dave Allen seconded. Carried.

**3. School Update – Tina Pierik**

Barry Scott and Ryan Richard responded to an invitation from EHS students to attend the Santa Breakfast activities on the last day of school before Christmas break. Barry reported that the performances were excellent and appeared to include most of the student body. They enjoyed the pancakes and appreciated the special table that had been set up for Alumni Directors. Tina joined the meeting in progress after attending a joint EHS/Mt. Doug 4C Information Meeting being hosted by EHS, and provided the following update:

1. A staff "survivor" game was a very popular activity held during the two weeks leading up to Christmas.
2. The school had two Christmas concerts due to the large number of groups scheduled to perform.
3. Tests for numeracy and literacy are scheduled this week.
4. Tina met with Esquimalt Rec Centre staff and reported that the Rec Centre would like more involvement from young people. There will be a one-day leadership workshop at the Rec Centre on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, which is a Pro D Day. Next year, the school and the rec centre will partner to offer a PE/Aquatics specialty for students. Students will be able to begin their lifeguard certification while earning their PE credits.
5. In spite of the snow, the Firefighters Basketball Tournament attracted 16 teams to EHS.
6. A Fine Arts Fiasco is scheduled for this coming Thursday.
7. Education Minister Rob Fleming attended a Robotics information session in early January at the school.
8. Second semester begins next week.
9. The incoming grade 9 transition process is underway. The parent information meeting has already taken place. Student club representatives and leadership students played a big role in the evening.
10. The snow day was a new experience for the new international students who have just arrived at EHS, in some cases from countries that have never had snow.
11. A group of Russian exchange students will be at EHS in May. EHS students went to Russia last year, and the Russian students are doing a reciprocal visit for a week in May.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report – Ryan Richard**

Ryan reported that all required changes of signatories have taken place. We currently have a \$1664.05 bank balance. There is one outstanding cheque that has not cleared. The ledger balance is \$1579.71. The books have been reviewed by Dawn Paniz and all is in order.

- a. Ryan reached out through Facebook to find a new person to do our yearly financial review, as Dawn Paniz was a contact (sister) of the previous principal and has done the job for several years. Kristin Morrison, an alumni member who has done audits and has worked for the provincial government in finance, has offered to do our yearly review of the books. Dave Allen moved that we accept Kristin's offer to review the books for the 2019-20 year. Gary Moser seconded. Carried. It was pointed out that we just need a financial review, not an audit.
- b. Executive members expressed their appreciation for Dawn's past service. A thank you card was passed around for everyone to sign.

#### **ACTION**

1. Ryan Richard will deliver an EHS scarf and the thank you card to Dawn Paniz.

#### **5. Membership, Registry & Website – Ryan Richard**

Ryan reported that he has received one new membership application from the 2014 grad class. Social media has been quiet. Ryan noted that former EHS teacher Ed Kowalyk recently passed away.

#### **ACTION**

1. Ryan will meet with Geoff to update and declutter the website.

#### **6. Scholarship Report – Lorna Reid**

Lorna reported that the thank you notes that she has received from the scholarship winners have been printed and included in a quickly expanding binder of our annual scholarship recipients.

#### **7. Heritage Report – Dave Allen**

- a. Update on distinguished alumni process

Dave has talked to alumni directors at Spectrum, Oak Bay and Vic High about their criteria for recognizing distinguished alumni. The alumni association is not involved at Oak Bay, where the focus of alumni recognition tends to be on sports. Vic High is in their third cycle of recognizing distinguished alumni, and have criteria that are probably most similar to what we will establish. They sell 150 tickets at \$100 each, and all ticket purchasers receive a tax receipt for \$50. Money raised goes to their scholarship fund.

Dave has touched base with some alumni and plans to speak to more alumni about becoming members of a committee established to come up with suggested criteria as well as a list of potential honorees. The proposed criteria will come to the Alumni Directors for approval, and the Directors will also select the honorees to be recognized at the future recognition banquet. Alumni can be recognized post-humously.

- b. Cleaning up archives

Dave has some volunteers willing to help, and hopes Alumni Directors will also help, with the categorizing and cataloguing of the growing archives collection.

## **ACTION**

1. Dave will email some February dates for volunteers to come to EHS and help with archives clean-up.

## **8. Other Business:**

### **a. Remembrance Day Attendees – Barry Scott**

Barry Scott and two Leadership students attended this year's Remembrance Day ceremony. It was noted that this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row that an Alumni member and an EHS student have attended the ceremony.

### **b. Update on Turf Field – Dave Allen**

There is still no news on the application for government funding. Tom Woods checks regularly, and will inform us once he hears. As far as we know, none of the \$135,000,000 allocated for community recreational facilities in B.C. has been allocated. We requested \$3 million. Our Turf Field account currently has about \$260,000 in it. RibFest donated \$68,000 towards the turf field this year.

### **c. Art Donation – Dave Allen**

Dave will meet with the Fine Arts Department to coordinate with their Fine Arts week to display the paintings of long time Esquimalt resident Joan Thompson that were donated to the Alumni Association. We are hoping to raise money with the paintings through a silent auction. Sherri Robinson is talking with members of the Arts Council for their input on this proposal.

### **d. Spring Newsletter – Ryan Richard/Marilyn McCrimmon**

Directors were asked to contribute to the Spring Newsletter by the deadline of Tues. March 31st. All items should be sent to Ryan Richard. It was noted that 2020 RibFest dates should be included in the newsletter.

## **ACTION**

1. Lorna Reid will do a brief write-up on the 2019 scholarship winners.
2. Dave Allen will do a write-up about the art donated by Joan Thompson, and will include a photo of a piece of art. Given her art expertise, Lorna Reid will assist Dave with this.
3. Tina Pierik will do a write-up on the upcoming school musical as well as on other upcoming Performing Arts events.
4. Tina O'Keefe will do a write-up on Buccaneer Day. Tina Pierik will pass this request on to Tina.
5. Dave Allen will contact Wendy Swan to see if the Celebration of Lights is occurring this year. If so, he will provide a write-up of the upcoming event.
6. Barry will do a brief piece on available merchandise.

### **e. Merchandise – Barry Scott**

Barry reported that we are low on EHS merchandise and requested a budget to order new stock.

Ryan moved that \$500 be allocated to buy new t-shirts. Dave Allen seconded. Carried.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Barry Scott moved adjournment, and Dave Allen seconded.

## **10. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday April 20, 2020.

Note: The Foundation Executive Meeting was held following this meeting.

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