

**Esquimalt High School Alumni Association**  
**Minutes of Directors Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Monday August 22, 2022      EHS Staff Room**

**Attendance:** Dave Allen, Marilyn McCrimmon, Sarah Garr, Ryan Richard, Robert Laidler, Barry Scott, Cathy Wong, George Copley, Brenda O'Connor.

**Regrets:** Lorna Reid.

**1. Call to order – Barry Scott**

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**2. Minutes of April 25, 2022 meeting – Marilyn McCrimmon**

Barry moved acceptance of the minutes as circulated. Carried.

**3. Addition to the agenda - official nomination of Sarah Garr**

Dave made an addition to the agenda to officially add new EHS principal Sarah Garr to the EHS Alumni Executive. Dave moved that Sarah Garr be placed on the board of the Alumni Association in an ex-officio capacity, and that we accept Tina Pierik's resignation. Brenda O'Connor seconded. Carried.

**4. School Update – Sarah Garr**

Sarah Garr is the new principal of EHS, and she started by telling us a little about her background. After working and teaching in Richmond and Surrey School Districts, she moved to EHS, where she has been a vice-principal for a couple of years, before becoming principal this year. Ali Hoffmann and Jared Adams are the two vice-principals. Sarah's emphasis will be on promoting good relationships with the students, teachers and community. Student attendance is always an issue and building good relationships with the students is a good way to improve attendance. She plans to continue the programs established by former principal, Tina Pierik.

At present there are a couple of counselling positions open. The current indigenous counsellor, Rachel Trebilco, is on maternity leave.

Sarah anticipates a population of 750 students this fall. She also hopes to promote more long-stays with the International students, encouraging some to stay and graduate, rather than attending for only a few months.

The music program is healthy, and there are 24 new grade 9 students entering the Challenge program in September.

**5. President's Report – Barry Scott**

Barry commented that RibFest would need Alumni support, and also the Archives clean-up will need support, and hopefully some students will get involved. He said both topics will be addressed by Dave Allen later.

Barry identified two EHS Alumni as possible candidates for a profile in the newsletter: Ray Bryant and Frank Mitchell.

He has approached Sheri Robinson (Esquimalt Archives) for some help, and she apparently has some more names to suggest for future profiles.

The newsletter will include an invitation to alumni to forward potential names.

**ACTION**

1. Dave Allen will ask Tom Woods for some information about Frank Mitchell.

2. Marilyn McCrimmon will ask some friends of Ray Bryant for an update on his current status.

**6. Treasurer's Report – Ryan Richard**

Ryan reported a bank balance of \$638.95. (The formalizing of the springtime emailed motion mistakenly included on this agenda will be addressed by the EHS Foundation.)

**7. Membership, Registry & Website - Ryan Richard**

Ryan is screening Facebook postings as we are still getting some spam. There were a couple of new memberships. Dave mentioned that former EHS teacher Denis St Clair intended to join. It was suggested that Denis St Clair could be a good profile subject for the newsletter.

**8. Scholarship Report - (Lorna Reid)**

In Lorna's absence, there was no update. Lorna will meet with Dana in the fall to select the three recipients of this year's Alumni Scholarships.

**9. Reunions - Robert Laidler**

Two classes plan to hold reunions during RibFest. Both the 1971 grad class and the 1972 grad class held their 50 year (or 50 plus one) reunions this year. Marilyn will do a write-up on both reunions for the newsletter.

We will include a reminder in the newsletter for reunion organizers to contact Robert for support and to access any archive materials.

## 10. RibFest - Dave Allen

Dave reported that friends of Jason Buie raised money for a bench by the Esquimalt Rec Centre. They wanted the leftover funds to go towards a scholarship in Jason's memory for a student planning to pursue music. Dave suggested to the RibFest committee that the Alumni Association could manage the scholarship along with the three annual scholarships that we manage. They agreed, and they plan to collect \$15,000 so that the scholarship becomes a self-supporting \$1000 yearly scholarship.

Dave moved that the EHS Alumni Association manage the Jason Buie Scholarship as part of the annual Alumni Scholarships. Ryan Richard seconded. Carried.

Dave reviewed the work schedule for this year's RibFest:

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – Set-up – tents and fencing. PE classes can help, but more volunteer (adult) help is needed.

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> – There will be six people per shift (2 Leadership students, 2 Rainbow Kitchen volunteers, 2 Alumni) working in the EHS langos booth.

### ACTION

1. Barry will see Chastity about getting more merchandise for the booth. He will also look into getting some keychain sized and larger "stuffies" of the new school mascot to sell at the booth.

## 11. Other Business:

### a. Fall Newsletter (Ryan Richard/Marilyn McCrimmon)

The following articles will be included (not a complete list):

1. Write-up on RibFest – article by Dave and photos by all Alumni members who attend RibFest
2. Write-ups on the 50 year reunions of both the 1971 and the 1972 grad classes – Marilyn
3. Reminder for reunion organizers to contact Robert Laidler - Robert
4. Profile of Frank Mitchell or Ray Bryant – Barry Scott
5. Invitation to alumni members to forward possible candidates for a profile in the newsletter - Marilyn
6. AGM Information – Ryan

### b. Turf field update (Dave Allen)

The committee is still hoping to apply for a grant from the federal or provincial government. They are making another joint submission with the Esquimalt and Songhees bands. They will have close to \$350,000 after this year's RibFest.

### c. Next steps for the Archives clean-up (Dave Allen)

Dave reviewed the Archives Clean-up May 17, 2022 document that he emailed earlier. He mentioned that 2012 and 2015 were big reunion years, and that our next target year for a big reunion would be 2025.

The financial files only need to be kept for 7 years. The "decade" boxes are overflowing and need to be catalogued and archived. Photos can come out of frames for easier storage. Yearbooks need to be reorganized, and the donated paintings need to be auctioned off.

### ACTION

1. Dave will organize a work party in the fall to begin the next step of organizing the Archives.

### d. Developing a list of EHS grads to feature in future newsletters - Barry Scott)

Barry presented the names of Frank Mitchell and Ray Bryant, and said that he had already begun to gather information on both former EHS grads.

### e. Presenting the history of EHS First Nations (staff and students) in future newsletters

We discussed this topic once again.

### ACTION

1. Dave will talk to Butch Dick for his input about the idea of documenting the history of EHS First Nations staff and students in future newsletters.

## 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

## 13. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday Oct. 17, 2022.

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

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