

Carrot Seed Preschool 2021 Annual Report

Opening the school in September for the 2021/22 school term marked the 33rd year Carrot Seed Preschool has provided excellence in Early Childhood Education programming and instruction to the community.

Head of School – Tanya Burnett

Teaching Staff – Tia Robinson, Julia Nobel, Jennifer Elliot, Sabrina Allen

Business Manager – Julia Nobel

General Maintenance -

Board of Directors – Roger Miller (Chair), Nicholas Miller (Secretary), Rick McMahon, Heather McNab, Julia Nobel, Petra Warnock

Once again, this past year was defined by Covid-19 as we continued to implement health orders set by the BCCDC adjusting to a dynamic situation in which staff and student safety were forefront at all times. Like many, we thought Covid was behind us only to be hit with the threat of Omicron. As we have one of the largest outdoor play areas of any preschool in Victoria, we altered our programming to spend as much time as possible outdoors. Indoor spaces continue to follow strict sanitation regime assisted by investment in specialized cleaning equipment. Since September, Carrot Seed maintained enrollment levels of 90 per cent and hope this will continue to be the norm into the new year.

This past year, British Columbia signed on to the federal government initiative to provide \$10/day daycare. We are certain that this will impact Carrot Seed, in some fashion, at some time, however details of any provincial/federal plan for implementation remain unknown. We stand by to assess the plan once it is socialized.

School infrastructure was enhanced this past summer as the new flooring laid in the summer of 2020 quickly deteriorated once the students returned to class that fall. The entire floor was replaced with a more durable product and has since been a great addition. Once again, much volunteer work was conducted by many throughout the year to support the school which we are grateful.

The CS BOD appreciates the support and efforts of the CBUC Council, staff, Property Committee, and the congregation.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Miller, Chair