

Carrot Seed Preschool 2024 Annual Report

Opening the school in September for the 2024/25 school term marked the 36th year Carrot Seed Preschool (CS) has provided excellence in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programming and instruction to the community. The school's licensed capacity is 27 children in the mornings and 16 children in the afternoons. The mornings are at 100% of licensed capacity and the afternoons are at 100% of licensed capacity.

The school staff and Board of Directors composition are as follows:

Head of School – Tanya Burnett

Teaching Staff – Tanya, Eunice, Sabrina and Elena will begin in April.

Business Manager – Julia Nobel was formerly in this role but is currently on long term Disability and thus the job is officially vacant.

General Maintenance – Carrot Seed has hired their own cleaner. They are currently working with the Property Committee the removal of a fir tree.

Board of Directors – Vacant (Chair), Vacant (Secretary), Heather McNab, Pat Taylor, Rick McMahon.

Although ECE certificated teachers are in short supply in Victoria, CS is in very good standing both with Camosun College and the British Columbia Early Childhood Educators (BCECE) advocacy group. Our ECE mentorship program run by our Head of School in conjunction with Camosun College ensures CS the very best of teaching staff.

The Provincial/Federal Government \$10/day daycare program continues to evolve yet there are still many unknowns, and we are uncertain as to how it will affect Carrot Seed Preschool. We continually assess/reassess the plan as it slowly rolls out.

We highlight the need for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors due to the loss of Roger Miller (Chair) and Nicholas Miller (Secretary). We are working with the Council and the Nomination Committee to seek new members for these important tasks.

The CS BOD appreciates all the support from the CBUC Council, staff, Property Committee, and the congregation. In particular, the Property Committee has worked diligently to ensure the Safest Snow Day protocol and has responded effectively and economically to vandalism of one of the school's windows, and to safety requirements of a drainage problem in the children's play area.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Taylor, on behalf of the CS Board