

Carrot Seed Preschool 2022 Annual Report

Opening the school in September for the 2022/23 school term marked the 34th year Carrot Seed Preschool (CS) has provided excellence in Early Childhood Education (ECE) programming and instruction to the community. The school gratefully appreciates full student capacity with a waiting list for this year, as well as the next five years. Parents with new-born infants are queuing to ensure future attendance. These successes allow CS to financially support CBUC through school operating fees to the church general revenue of between \$40-\$45k/annum.

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

Head of School – Tanya Burnett

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

Business Manager – Julia Nobel

General Maintenance -

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

Although ECE certificated teachers are in short supply in Victoria, CS is in very good standing both with Camosun College and the BCECE (British Columbia Early Childhood Educators) 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.

Although it once again appeared as though we had COVID behind us, the school still struggled with health issues with the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) that unfortunately seems to target the little ones. As we have one of the largest outdoor play areas of any preschool in Victoria, we focus our programming to spend as much time as possible outdoors in fresh air.



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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.

The BOD composition will change for the 2023/24 school year as our long serving secretary, Nicholas Miller, will be resigning after ten years to focus on other challenges. The Chair will also be relinquishing duties in order to get a fresh perspective on challenges faced by the school. We are working with the Council and the Nomination Committee to seek new members for these demanding tasks.

The CS BOD appreciates all the support from the CBUC Council, staff, Property Committee, and the congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roger Miller, Chair*



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