



Ernest Manning School Council Meeting

April 16, 2025 6:00 pm - MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Wilson (Principal), Brandi Dyck (Co-Vice Chair), Shannon Thomas (Secretary), George Katsimihis (Treasurer), Janice Hefner, Rakhshandra, Laverne M

Online: Sabrina Tan (Chair), Robyn Derdall, Eileen L, Favour C, Kim B,

Welcome/Call to order - 6:03 pm

2. Review & Approval of the Agenda (motion) 1st: George 2nd: Rakhshanda

3. Approval of the Minutes from February 19 (motion): 1st: Brandi 2nd: George Carried.

4. Chair Council Report: Sabrina

- CBE learning Opportunity - Feb. 24 held virtually of various school council members. Workshop presentation was email to member on February. 27th. School council is a bridge between the school and community to enhance the learning experience and community spirit.
- ASCA grant - getting information from Joan on how to use this money. Brandi to provide an update. First option is a guest speaker who can only present online. Second option is to purchase resources that would be used by families or resources in different languages. Third option is having resources for a parent book club. If anyone has any additional ideas please reach out to council online. Sabrina asked a question about second option on how this would be managed. Money will need to be spent by end of school year so we are looking to make a decision soon. Principal Wilson suggested a sign out sheet in the office to manage the resources to parent. Suggested books about the teenage brain; resources on vaping, social media use. Principal offered matching dollar for dollar so they could purchase resources for students and have them available in the learning centre.
- Rakhshanda suggested that instead of book resources she would prefer some type of resource that targets them through where they are - on social media. Principal will put together list of recommendations. Digital books is not an option because you are required to purchase them every year.
- April 27th - Annual School Symposium - missed registration date to sign up so unfortunately we are not able to attend. Brandi suggested that we can get an synopsis of the day and can share it back with the group to review.
- Go Fund Me - very successful for the teach appreciate on May 16th. Want to thank all the parent community for your contribution. Thank you George for helping to set up the page

5. Treasurer Report:

- Upcoming items:
 - Football raffle net proceeds to be transferred to AGLC account

- Football raffle completed. Raise approx. \$10,400 net of Rafflebox fees less approx. \$3,250 prizes for a net to football club \$7,150
 - Funds will be transferred to the AGLC Society account shortly
- GoFundMe has raised approx. \$3,190 (net of fees) for the teachers/staff appreciate lunch, fantastic contributions from EMHS parents!
- Completed fiscal year end financial for this account for Aug 31, 24 → reviewed and approved

6. Principal Report: Mike Wilson

- school was recognized for a National Inclusive Education Award. Very proud and a bit of write up on the school website.

1. School Budget Update - approx. 1950 students projected for next year. Below is an estimate amount for operation for next year. \$8M for teacher, \$250K for support positions and \$969K for admin. Will provide a clearer budget next year. Main goal is to buy a bus

a. Estimated Projection – 1949

Budget Information					
RAM Allocations:					
Per School total	\$	1,852,956			
Per Student total	\$	9,100,545			
Total RAM Allocations	\$	10,953,501			
RAM Deployment Plans:					
		Scenario A		Scenario B	Scenario C
Organization		FTEs		FTEs	FTEs
Teachers	\$	8,837,155	79.9	\$ -	\$ -
Support staff	\$	260,112	3.7	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$	969,130	9.6	\$ -	\$ -
Total staffing	\$	10,066,398	93.2	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies / other	\$	887,103		\$ -	\$ -
Total RAM Deployment Plans	\$	10,953,501		\$ -	\$ -

2. Survey data - what this is telling us, is there is more improvement around student development plan. How do you get kids to focus on the learning vs. The testing.

We share SDP information and updates in different ways. Please indicate the ways you have learned about our SDP. Check all that apply.



Results

Answer Option	Count	Percentage
School website	32	50.79%
School council meeting	3	4.76%
SchoolMessenger	34	53.97%
Other (please specify)	12	19.05%
Total	81	

The SDP is developed with all students in mind. Please select your level of agreement with the following statements:



Results

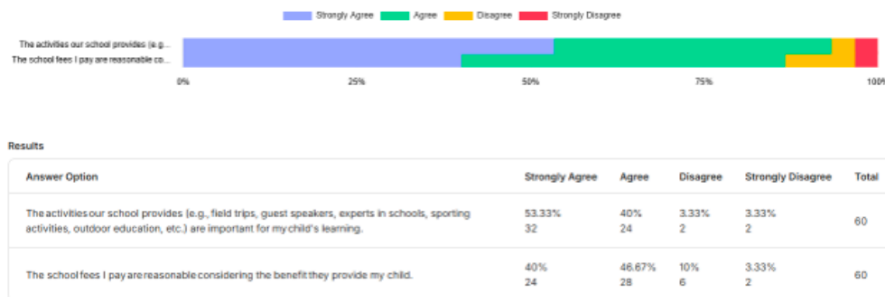
Answer Option	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
My child's learning can benefit from the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP.	30.16% 19	57.14% 36	9.52% 6	3.17% 2	63
The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP.	22.22% 14	63.49% 40	9.52% 6	4.76% 3	63

Below, you will find all comments provided in the survey as they were written. Comments have not been edited for spelling, grammar, sentence structure, truncation or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.

Please share any other thoughts you may have about our SDP.

- I don't have a good understanding of the school SDP
- SDP's focus seems to be on passing and graduating students by whatever means possible. I would prefer to see my child get a strong education. If it means that he must redo the course, that is a better alternative than the school aiming for a high graduation rate of less capable individuals.
- SDP is meaningless with teachers who don't follow it. Some teachers are excellent, and others do not utilize your plan.
- More sharing of hard data from surveys would be helpful.
- As a teacher and parent, I noticed there are always some students who do not benefit well from the SDP. One can argue that every student benefits in some way, but it truly does not comprehensively address the needs of students who fall outside of what is deemed 'normal' / average. The SDP attempts to address most students, but it does not truly succeed.

Please select your level of agreement with the following statements:



Please share any other thoughts you may have about our school budget and fees.

- I find the current fees affordable
- Would definitely be willing to pay more in fees to enhance activities and service offerings
- Fees are increasing quite a bit and getting hard to pay
- I feel that the fees we have been charged are fair and reasonable.
- I haven't heard of guest speakers at Manning. Can you have guest speakers that can talk about new and upcoming careers, and the academics and post-secondaries that provide those. Guest speakers that are professionals and successful would be a positive influence on my child.
- Artist in residence is not a "must have" to me. I support art supplies and athletics, not the guest speakers and AIR.
- Athletic fees change year to year and are unknown prior to tryouts. Coaches should share the cost before kids tryout. And coaches should consider the impact of the cost of participating when deciding to buy swag and plan travel.
- Had to pay over \$100 for the track and field team and over \$40 of that was for a t shirt and toque (unnecessary and perhaps not ethically sources). Just use a school 'bib' that can be used over and over year to year.
- Don't know what school fees are and can't compare

- our goal is to give students to right space to grow and become better adults

3. Proposed June Exam Schedule Update - diploma dates are set my Alberta Education. Principal will publish the calendar on Monday, April 21st.
June 10th Grade 12 BBQ

4. March/April Review

- Grade 10/11 yr course selection - starting to build course for next year. Summer school in at Ernest School which is a good option for students
- Badminton Divisional -
- Wrestling City Finals -March 14/15 at Crescent Heights. Two students represented Ernest Manning
- Jr. High Volleyball Final - March 18
- Parent-Teacher interview March 20-21 -
- Non-instructional day March 21st
- Big Band Gala April 4 - was very successful raising approximately. \$12K
- Rogues Gallery Production April 8-10 - a very creative play performing

- CBE Round Dance Celebration April 10 - 300 people were here
- Inclusive Education Award - April 11

5. April at a glance

- Good Friday - April 18
- Non-instructional Day - April 21
- School is an election site - April 28

6. Proposed 25-26 Meeting dates and proposed teacher presentations

- **September 17** (Face-to-face/virtual) – Heather Albers; Assessment/SDP
- **October 15 – AGM** (Face-to-face/virtual) – Nikki Davidson; Soc St.
- **November 19** (Virtual) – Eric Freeman; Math
- **December 17** (Virtual) – Kevin Wehlage; Sci
- **February 18** (Face-to-face/virtual) – Brendan McDermott; Fine Arts
- **March 18** (Face-to-face/virtual) – Rob Champ; CTS
- **May 20** (Face-to-face/virtual) – Mickey B.; Student Services
- Sabrina would proposed updating November and December to virtual meetings only due to weather.

7. **Adjournment:** 6:40 pm

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025 in person and virtual