



Ernest Manning School Council Meeting

December 17, 2025 6:00 pm - MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Wilson (Principal),, Eileen, Janice Hefner

Online Attendance: Sabrina Tan (Chair), George (Treasurer) Shannon Thomas (Secretary), Joan Waringer, David Byers, Cathy Antaya, Durrant Williams, Tsering Youdon, Irene Lam

1. **Welcome/Call to order** - Sabrina at 6:02pm
2. **Review & Approval of the Agenda** (motion) 1st: Cathy A 2nd: David B Carried.
3. **Approval of the Minutes for November 19** (motion): 1st: Cathy A 2nd: David B Carried.

4. **Reports:**

a) **Chair Council Report:** Sabrina -

Orientation night, the council offered a guest speaker presentation on the application process for post-secondary education. The council has received a proposal from the speaker to do a second presentation. The topic would be for students and parent and would be about how to build a better application for scholarships; how to deal with common pitfalls; how to prepare for more competitive programs; how to deal with video/in-person interviews.

Received some feedback that this might be good for Grade 11 students. Chair looking for feedback on if there would be any interest. Maybe offer the presentation in the Spring.

Overall feedback from attendees was positive that there would be interest. Option to send out in the weekly as a stand alone - could be just after teacher's convention and good idea to put it out to Grade 11s.

Sabrina asked for some dates from the school so that she could confirm with the speaker. Joan will look at the bookings of the gym during that time and send available dates to Sabrina.

b) **Treasurer Report:** George

Sept 1, 2025 to Dec 16, 2025 Activity

- EMHS School Council provided thank you morning treats to teachers and administration upon return from strike period
- Council provided the use of its GoFundMe account for the Jr Football Team parents to raise funds for coaches appreciation
- Deposited Casino tips, cannot go into AGLC account

Account #		221179300			
Ernest Manning School Council					
Fiscal Year September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026					
Treasurer's Report for Dec 16, 2025					
GENERAL ACCOUNT					
DATE	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT	DEBIT	BALANCE	NOTES
01-Sep-25	Opening Balance			\$ 1,287.59	Opening Balance
10-Nov-25	Teacher Thank You Morning Treats		221.75	\$ 1,065.84	
Nov and Dec	GoFundMe For Jr Football Team	924.35		\$ 1,990.19	
06-Dec-25	Reimbursement to Jr Football Team		886.00	\$ 1,104.19	
06-Dec-25	Casino Tips - not to AGLC Acct	87.50		\$ 1,191.69	
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	Ending Balance			\$ 1,191.69	TRUE
Total Credits/Debits		\$ 1,011.85	\$ 1,107.75		

c) **Principal Report:** Joan Waringer (proxy for Mike Wilson)

Nov/Dec in Review

- Parent Teacher interview - Nov. 27-28
- Senior Boys Football Provincial Champs - Nov. 29th; coach super grateful for all the fundraising for the team. Big thank you to supporting this opportunity for the athletes
- Winter Sports start-up
 - Bball
 - Wrestling - unfortunately this was cancelled due to weather but will reschedule for early Jan.
 - Strength training (new) - currently operating as a club. New opportunity for students offered by teachers
- PE Winter Hostel Trip - Dec. 10/11th
- Drama Directors Night - Dec. 10th - students have to create their own plays. Presented 5 play and had 50 people in attendance.
- Band Christmas Concert (UofC)- Dec. 12th - was at the Rosza Centre and did a great job. Very festive. There were some technical issues but overall spirit of the evening was great. All this week the students are welcoming the students with Christmas tunes
- Basketball Tournament - Dec. 12/13th

- Winter Break - Dec. 19th - Jan. 4th
- Extended Sem 1 - Last day of class Jan. 23rd
- Credit Recovery - Jan. 26-27th - no classes but students are invited to come to school to work on re-assessment. Teachers will run credit recovery in the morning and then work on prep in the afternoon.
- Jan. 28th - first day of Semester 2
- Grade 9 Tours - Jan. 26th
- Speed Mentoring March 19

5. Special resolution - 6 meetings this year due to teacher strike , delay of AGM

Sabrina put forward a motion to vote to have this past. Resolution has been past.

6. ASCE grant review and proposals

- Sabrina asked Joan to provide some feedback on the the use of the lending library and if this was a good use of funds.
- Joan provided feedback that when people are in the office, they do review the books but not many people are signing out the books.
- Joan suggested that she could highlight some of the books within the weekly email communication, work with the broadcast students to highlight and promote to students to bring home for parents
- Cathy provided feedback that parents are not typically in the building; so access to library might be low because there is little or no traffic. Might be good to actively promote it in the weekly rundowns or post on the Facebook page. Suggested using the funds to book a presenter on a topic that would be of interest to the parent community.
- Sabrina will ask Cindy to post about the library on the school Facebook page.

7. Questions

Question asked about posts on social media community group about the cancellation of academic awards for all students, all grades and all academics. Feedback she gave was that it was a wonderful awards night for the community focused on the academic achievements of the students. She wondered the continuation of night for Griffins and sports - which is deserving - but feel that the cancellation of the recognition night is the wrong choice. Would really like to see the night come back especially as the school is so academically.

Discussion around the fact that the recognition awards were not necessarily cancelled but rather shifted to types of recognition that would recognize students

inclusively; about finding the right balance for all students - those who are academically excelling but also for those who should be recognized because of their resilience. Open to continue to having those conversations and have a further discussion about what a balance recognition approach would be.

Comment from the parents is that they would love the return of academic and arts recognition awards night.

Question asked about the potential cancellation of the Halifax band trip. Has the impression that teachers don't want to go on the trip because of the strike; looking for clarification.

CBE organize these opportunities that are led by teacher in charge and are required to meet a number of criteria in order for it to go forward with these trips so if there are changes it may be due to some barriers with that teacher in charge and would recommend following up to the teacher to find out all the information.

8. Adjournment at 6:54 pm

Next Meeting: February 18, 2026 virtual and in person