



Ernest Manning School Council Meeting

February 18, 2025 6:00 pm - MINUTES

In person Attendance: Mike Wilson (Principal), Sabrina Tan (Chair), George Katsimihias (Treasurer), Robyn Derald (Director), Kim Tulloch

Online: Shannon Thomas (Secretary), Tsering Youdon, Cathy Antaya, Rema, Durrant

1. **Welcome/Call to order** - Sabrina @ 6:00pm

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

3. **Approval of the Minutes from December 17, 2025** (motion): 1st: George 2nd: Robyn

4. **Chair Council Report:** Sabrina

- Opportunity to bring in: Post-secondary presentation for Grade 11 students. Second option: Early prep Grade 12 - scholarships, interview, student profiles, current trends for applications. Would like to offer something in May/June this year. Council wanted to see if this works for the school.
- COSC meeting on Jan. 21. Shannon (Secretary) attended on behalf of the council. Meeting presentation was a general overview the Superintendent's Team and introductions of the Board of Trustees; their roles and responsibilities around governance, advocacy and our role as members of the student council. They also conducted roundtable discussions and asked for input/feedback on what was important to our school. Overall themes were around fundraising, parent engagement, communication and volunteerism, student well-being, safety and inclusion. The presentation and notes can be found the CBE school council webpage. Link is <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Pages/meetings.aspx>

5. **Treasurer Report:**

Feb 17, 2026 - Treasurer's Report Submitted By George Katsimihias

Bank Account # 00221179300 at ATB Westhills Branch

Sept 1, 2025 to Feb 17, 2026 Activity

EMMPA completed their Dec 2025 raffle. Proceeds come to EMHSPAC non-AGLC account and then transferred to the AGLC account internally

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 Feb 17, 26					
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	
01-Feb-26	EMMPA Raffle Proceeds to/from AGLC Acct	4,671.80	4,671.80	\$ 1,191.69	
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	Ending Balance			\$ 1,191.69	TRUE
Total Credits/Debits		\$ 5,683.65	\$ 5,779.55		

6. Principal Report: Mike Wilson

1. Welcome

2. Fine & Performing Arts Overview – Brendan McDermott

- Big band gala fundraiser - Mar.4
- Invitation to join the school for Alice in Wonderland theatre production April 13 - 16th

3. Grad Speaking Positions – start process for filling/nominations key roles Fri Feb 20th.

- a. Ceremony
 - i. Valedictorian
 - ii. Acknowledgement of the Land
- b. Banquet
 - i. MC
 - ii. Acknowledgement of the Land
 - iii. Class Historians
 - iv. Toast to the Parents
 - v. Toast to the Teachers
 - vi. Toast to Students

4. Projected School Enrollment – a. Estimated Projection – 2013 students. 7 more than we had this year. We are at full capacity and anticipate this number to go down after the new catholic high school opens in the area.

Gr 10 – 630
 Gr 11 – 669
 Gr 12 - 676

5. March/Apr in Review glance

- i. Jr High Volleyball Feeder tournament – Feb 20th
- ii. Grade 10 Assurance Survey – Feb 26- Mar 6th

- iii. Non-Instructional Day – Feb 27th
- iv. Grade 10/11 Nxt Yr Course Selection Pres – Mar 4th
- v. Big Band Gala – Mar 6th - get tickets in the weekly update. Great audition items
- vi. Spring Sports Start-up – Mar 9th
- vii. Robotics Vancouver Comp – Mar 4th – 8th
- viii. Model UN Comp – Mar 13th
- ix. Jr High VBall Finals – Mar 17th
- x. School Council – Mar 18th
- xi. Speed Mentoring/Flex Day – Mar 19th -
- xii. P-T Conference – Mar 19th & 20th
- xiii. Spring Break – Mar 23rd – 29th
- xiv. First day of Class – March 30th
- xv. Good Friday – Apr 3rd

6. Funding Requests

- i. Indigenous Mural Request
- ii. Climbing Club
- iii. Gizmo
- iv. Follow-up

A. Does construction receive funds from other sources for purchases?

Our primary source of funding is class fees. The vast majority of these fees are allocated directly to student projects that they take home. A small portion remains for equipment repair, replacement, or upgrades; however, this typically only covers repairs and the occasional small purchase, such as measuring tapes or a palm sander. It does not help that as lumber prices have increased, the amount we have left for repairs has decreased. We also receive small amounts of funding designated to tool repair when we complete a project for other departments. For example, we are creating sets for the upcoming play and were able to buy a 2 new blades through the drama/performing arts department.

B. To what degree does the CBE fund equipment requests?

Since the transition to the Essential Complimentary Equipment Emergency funding model (ECEE), we have not received funding from CBE for new equipment purchases. ECEE funding has been used strictly for emergency replacements when critical tools fail (for example, replacing our primary mitre saw). This funding does not cover items such as router bits, and it cannot be used to purchase new equipment that was not previously part of our program.

C. Are there sponsorship opportunities to be explored to fund requests?

I will continue to explore potential sponsorship opportunities; however, in my experience as a construction teacher, support has generally been limited to donations of scrap materials such as short 2x4 offcuts or exterior sheathing. We do receive modest educational discounts from certain suppliers (such as KMS Tools), but these savings are minimal and do not allow us to keep our equipment up to date with industry standards.

7. Review of June diploma exam schedule. Cathy - question around making diplomas optional. Principal confirmed that it will go forward in June and not be optional.

Thank you to council for support our student raffle fundraisers

7. Nomination and vote for new council member

- Kim Tulloch as Co-Chair
- Nominated: Sabrina Tan
- Official Vote: Carried

8. Questions/New Business

9. Adjournment: 6:44pm

Next Meeting: March 18, 2026 in person or virtual