



# Ernest Manning School Council Meeting

May 21, 2025 6:00 pm - MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Wilson (Principal), Brandi Dyck (Co-Vice Chair), Sandra Kane (Co-Vice Chair), George Katsimihis (Treasurer), Shannon Thomas (Secretary), Eileen, Israr, Ateaque

Online: Durant

**Welcome/Call to order** - 6:04 pm

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

**3. Approval of the Minutes from April 16** (motion): 1st: Sandra 2nd: George Carried.

**4. Chair Council Report:** Brandi (Co-Vice)

1. Last Friday was the Staff appreciation. Chair did a great job organizing. Was a great time for the teachers to get together and spend time together.

Presentation idea for next school year

2. ASC grant money used to purchase 4 books of each title below to by part of library to be used for support to parents at the school. The purchased books

1. Hold On to Your Kids – Hardcover \$34.57; Paperback \$26.95
2. Bad Therapy - Hardcover \$20.88; Paperback \$19.37
3. Smart But Scattered Teens - Hardcover \$80.76 (strange?!); Paperback \$15.97
4. The Essential Conversation - Hardcover \$26.51; Paperback \$25.99

**3. Council is exploring a presentation for next year -**

*"A Parent's Guide to Postsecondary Admissions."*

With 20 years of experience working in postsecondary education — including admissions roles at both the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary — and as a parent currently navigating the application process with my own child, the speaker understands how overwhelming this journey can be for families. My goal is to share the kind of honest, practical advice I give to my own kids, and help other parents feel informed, confident, and prepared.

**Key topics include:**

- The most common mistakes I saw students and families make in the admissions process — and how to avoid them

- What really matters (and what doesn't) in application reviews, based on my experience behind the scenes
- A clear, month-by-month timeline: what to do, when, and why timing matters
- How to research and choose programs strategically — beyond rankings and hearsay
- How to support your child without adding pressure, micromanaging, or missing key opportunities

The school council would like to book this session early in the year. Principal recommends running it in the Fall and during the high school orientation.

Sabrina (Chair) to follow up to confirm a date and coordinate with administrator.

4. Graduation - Was a fantastic day for 544 grads and approx. 5000 people in the room. Very celebratory. Big shout out to Lam-Szalay and McGilvary who lead the organization of the planning leading up to the day. And thank you to the whole grad committee for helping to organize the event.

## 5. Treasurer Report:

Bank Account # 00221179300 at ATB Westhills Branch

| Account #                                       |                                    | 221179300    |              |              |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Ernest Manning School Council                   |                                    |              |              |              |                 |
| Fiscal Year September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025 |                                    |              |              |              |                 |
| Treasurer's Report for May 16, 2025             |                                    |              |              |              |                 |
| GENERAL ACCOUNT                                 |                                    |              |              |              |                 |
| DATE                                            | DESCRIPTION                        | CREDIT       | DEBIT        | BALANCE      | NOTES           |
| 01-Sep-24                                       |                                    |              |              | \$ 834.56    | Opening Balance |
| 09-Apr-25                                       | Football Raffle Transfer #1        | 10,000.00    |              | \$ 10,834.56 |                 |
| 10-Apr-25                                       | Football Raffle Transfer #2        | 1,252.43     |              | \$ 12,086.99 |                 |
| Mar 7 - Apr 11 25                               | GoFundMe for Staff Lunch           | 3,193.61     |              | \$ 15,280.60 |                 |
| 15-Apr-25                                       | Football Rafflebox Fee             |              | 852.23       | \$ 14,428.37 |                 |
| 15-Apr-25                                       | Football Raffle Gifts              |              | 3,250.00     | \$ 11,178.37 |                 |
| 07-May-25                                       | EMMPA Raffle Net Proceeds Received | 574.89       |              | \$ 11,753.26 |                 |
| 16-May-25                                       | Transfer Net Proceeds to AGLC Acct |              | 7,725.09     | \$ 4,028.17  |                 |
|                                                 |                                    |              |              |              |                 |
|                                                 | Ending Balance                     |              |              | \$ 4,028.17  | TRUE            |
| Total Credits/Debits                            |                                    | \$ 15,020.93 | \$ 11,827.32 |              |                 |

Sept 1, 24 to May 16, 2025 Activity

- $\$574.89 + \$7,150.20 = \$7,725.09$  net raffle proceeds transferred to AGLC account
- EMMPA Raffle completed, net proceeds of \$574.89
- 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 have been transferred to the AGLC Society account

- GoFundMe has raised approx. 3,315 gross proceeds for a net amount of \$3,194 (net of fees) for the teachers/staff appreciate lunch, fantastic contributions from EMHS parents!
  - o Families preferred this platform. More flexibility, can use credit card

## 6. Principal Report: Mike Wilson

1. Greetings - please welcome teachers to EMHS
  - a) Mr. Pete McMahon – EP Scarlett HS
  - b) Ms. Marnie Garner – Bob Edwards School

We currently have 8-10 open position for staffing, and hope to hire for the positions in the coming weeks.

Principal will have more information end of year.

Next year anticipating approx 1950-1990 students. There will be additional portables added for increase in student populations. Our official building capacity is 1760 = 135% capacity.

### 2. 2025-2026 Proposed Timetable

- no changes

3. May/June in review, & at a glance
  - a. 200 student currently taking Advanced Placements (AP) Exams (second largest AP program in Calgary) – May 6<sup>th</sup>– May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - b. Provincial Skills – May 6<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup>,
    - focuses primarily on trades. EMHS was well represented;
      - i. Gold | Amal H. Job Search; Eric M. & Chris C. 3D Animation; Diego D. Electronics; Cooper R. Web Development; Judy Y. IT Office Software App
      - ii. Silver | Eli M. Architecture; Monray L. Mechanical CADD; Anthea X. IT Office Software App
      - iii. Safety Award: Anthea X. IT Office Software App
      - iv. Amal, Eric, Chris, Diego & Cooper will be representing Ernest Manning as Team Alberta at the National Skills Canada Competition in Regina.
  - c. Spring Sports
    - i. Track - 180 students tried out for track
    - ii. Rugby (Girls/Boys) - competed this weekend and did very well
    - iii. Boys Soccer
    - iv. Badminton - provincials is coming up this weekend
    - v. Field Hockey -
  - d. Grad – May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Spring Concert at Rozsa Centre, U of C = get your tickets – May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - f. National Skills - May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> Winnipeg
  - g. Academic Awards Evening – June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - h. Night of the Griffin Athletics Awards – June 9<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Last Day of Class/Grade 12 BBQ – June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - j. Football Spring Camp – June 10<sup>th</sup>

- k. Part A ELA/Soc St – June 11/12<sup>th</sup>
- l. Credit Recovery – June 13<sup>th</sup>
- m. Exams – June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>
- n. Marks Appeal – June 26<sup>th</sup>
- o. Last day of staff – June 27<sup>th</sup>

7. Additional items

- Thank you to all council members for their contributions over the past year. We would like to make a call to the parent community to consider participating in council and playing a role and the coming year with EMHS
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- 8. **Adjournment:** 6:36 pm

**Next Meeting:** September 27 2025, in person and virtual