



Ernest Manning School Council Meeting

, 2024 6:00 pm - MINUTES

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

Online:

1. **Welcome/Call to order** - Sabrina @ 6:00pm
2. **Review & Approval of the Agenda** (motion) 1st: George 2nd: Carried. Sandra
3. **Approval of the Minutes** (motion): 1st: George 2nd: Carried. Sandra
4. **Reports:**

a) **Chair Council Report:** Sabrina

1. Sara provided an overview of the COSC Meeting minutes;
COSC- Community of School Councils
 - Comprised of :
 - School council chairs from all CBE schools
 - Members of the Board of Trustees
 - Representatives from CBE administration
 - Purpose of COSC: Allow for effective interaction between the CBE and its school councils
 - Two meetings this school year – Oct 2024 & Apr 2025
 - Meeting on Oct 23, 2024:
 - Overview of role of trustees, administration and school councils
 - Enrolment Update
 - Provincial government's July funding announcement and what it means for CBE
 - Provincial School Construction Accelerator Program
 - 2025-28 Capital Plan requests by CBE
 - School council communication with school community - done through email and newsletter
 - Alberta School Council Association – fees & grant will pay the membership of any council who want to join
 - EducationMatters– CBE's Trust: Fundraising for your school (more info on EMHS website)

Anyone interested to view the full presentation, Sandra can share

2. Board of trustee letter sent to the Minister of Education about the impact of rising inflation along with the increase of students year after year is putting a strain on schools to keep pace with the requirements needed and ensure quality of education (technology, teachers etc). Chair hoping this letter will have some effectiveness. Principal talked about the good relationship with the MLA and the minister with EMS. Principal encourages group to reach out and discuss their concerns with this issue.

b) Treasurer Report:

Sept 1, 24 to Nov 24, 2024 Activity

- No account activity
- Completed fiscal year end financial for this account for Aug 31, 24 → reviewed and approved

c) Principal Report: Mike Wilson

Welcome - hoping parents and family enjoyed their fall break

1. October/Nov in review

- Fall Sports Wrap-Up – Nov 16th
 - Girls Soccer Div II City Champs
 - Jr Boys FB Div I City Champs
 - basket ball tryouts and wrestling
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – Oct 24th & 25th
 - keep with format of in person and virtual
- Drama Production Auditions/Rehearsals (on-going)
 - in full swing. Stay tuned for information about the play
 - Demonstrated the video showing the camera that they were able to stream. Feedback was that person online could not hear the audio.
 - Dec. 6th is the winter concert and tickets are on sale online.
- Post-Secondary Fairs – Oct 23rd & 28th
- Feeder School Concert** – Oct 30th
- Term 2 Begins – Oct 30th
- Halloween Celebration – Oct 31st
- Remembrance Service** – Nov 7th
- Fall Break – Nov 8th– 13th
- Grad Photos – Nov 13th
- Debate Tournament – Nov 21st
 - great team. Lots of fun and encourage students to participate.

2. Nov/Dec at a glance

- Flex Day – Nov 28th - courage students to set goals and create their own study habits to work with teach. 9-2:30pm. Will also have the Grade 9 to campus
- Grade 9 Tours/Open House – Nov 28th
- Non-Instructional Day – Nov 29th
- Lockdown Practice #1 – Dec. 4th
- Music Winter Concert – Dec 6th
- Awards Evening – Dec 11th - any questions please send an email to the Principal.
- Basketball Tournament – Dec 13th
- School Council? – Dec 18th - posed whether or not the council would like to pause this council.
- Winter Break – Dec 20th– Jan 6th
- Exam Period – Jan 13th & 14th

3. Funding Requests

- Athletic jersey evergreen - \$10,000 to buy out new jerseys.

4. School Development Plan Update

- posted on website (<https://ernestmanning.cbe.ab.ca/school>)
- Outcome: The implementation of Outcomes-Based Assessment within and across disciplines in all grades 10 and 11 courses, aligned with the guiding principles of assessment that are fair, transparent, and equitable, will allow students to demonstrate an increased mastery of learning.
- Highlighted interesting trends and feedback from students in the report.

Feedback or questions reach out to the Principal

5. Election: Directors at Large

- Chair asked if there was any interest in joining council. No questions. If you have interested in volunteering please contact the council via email:

6. Staff appreciation lunch

- Question posed if we would like to organize one in the Spring and discussion around how to fund. Last year, parents organized an go fund-me page. Question asked about the money in the Treasury budget (\$300) that could be used. George will explore further and report back

Date suggestion - May 16th, 2025

Approval of date and for chair to explore setting up a go fund page: 1st: George 2nd: Sandy

7. ASCA grant: \$500

- Discussion around how do we want to used
- Can't be used for gifts, entertainment or permanent fixture at the school.
- Principal: resources for the students, Sandy made a suggestion to bring in a guest speaker
- Principal will put together a list of suggestions

7. Adjournment: 6:45pm

Next Meeting: Dec. 18th, 2024 (virtual)

