



Ernest Manning School Council Annual General Meeting

September 18, 2024 6:00 pm

In-person and Virtual Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Mike Wilson (Principal), Sabrina T. (Co-Chair), Brandi D. (Secretary), George K. (Treasurer), Wenke T., Eileen L., Natalia K., Kyongo J., Weiwei Z., Shannon T., Nian Z., Sarine M., Fang fang X., Jun Fang W., Ateeque P., Sandra S-K., Steven Z.

Online: Rahim D., Raichshanda, Kim B., Carla M., Cathy A., Rema, Sofia, Kim S-Y, Kelly H., Janice H.

1. Call to Order and Welcome - Sabrina 6:01 pm
2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Sabrina First: George Second: Sarine Carried
3. Approval of the September 20, 2023 AGM Minutes Motion First: George Second: Sabrina Carried

4. Reports

a. Annual Chair Report - Sabrina

- 6 meetings last year;
- mandate to support parental support of school community
- parents have space to be involved and informed;
- Alyssa created a "go fund" page for donations to fund a staff appreciation lunch

b. Treasurer Report - George

Bank Account # 00221179300 at ATB Westhills Branch

Sept 1, 23 to Aug 31, 2024 Activity

- Feb to Mar activity was the GoFundMe Staff Appreciation Lunch fundraiser \$2,788 raised
- Lunch cost \$2,628
- Transfer to/from account for raffles for the EMMPA and EMHS Football team, net \$0 to account

o. Ms. Elly Yu – Chinese Language and Culture/EAL Support

p. Mr. Michael Qiu – CTS/Comp Sci

q. Ms. Kristal Bailey – Science

r. Ms. Shaifana Katsimhas – Science

s. Ms. Laura Larrad – Spanish/EAL

4. Current student population is 1885 students

- gone up about 300 students in the last 3 years; Sept 30 will be our final, official student count for the year
- 82.4 total teaching staff; looking to add some teaching staff in the 2nd semester; trying to keep a 35 student cap in classes; some are lower due to safety limits

5. Sept at glance and in review: We have a strong community, and strong academics, and kids will also find their place in clubs, discovering passions, strengths and careers

a. Thursday, August 22 | Fall Sports Try-Outs: Football JR 3:00 pm & SR 4:00pm

b. Monday, August 26 | Teachers return to school;

c. Tuesday August 25 | Fall sports try-outs: Sr Boys/Girls Volleyball 1:00 pm

d. Wednesday, August 26 | Fall sports try-outs: Girls Soccer 3:00pm

e. Thursday, August 29 | First day of school & Athletics Fair at lunch

f. Friday, August 30 | Regular school schedule

g. Monday, September 2 | Labour Day – No School

h. Monday, September 16 | Cafeteria Service Begins

i. Wednesday, September 18 | School Council meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

j. Monday, September 23 | EMTV – EM DAILY Season 9 Premiere; teacher works part-time with 2 TV stations; quality production; there is communication emhs_cbe Instagram; stay connected and informed

k. Week of September 23 | Extra-curricular Clubs Fair

l. Thursday, September 26 | High School Orientation Evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Meet the Teacher, but it's not Parent -Teacher interviews; 6 pm AP meeting 1st; meeting in the gym, then "a day in the life" schedule

m. Friday, September 27 | Non-Instructional Day

n. Monday, September 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School

6. Oct at a glance:

a. Tuesday, October 1 | Student Book Club 1st Meeting- growing club; includes a few field trips

b. Wednesday, October 2 | Gr 12 Parent Post-Secondary Info Session - applications, registrations

c. Monday, October 14 | Thanksgiving Holiday

d. Wednesday, October 23 | Out of Province Post-Secondary Fair - day for students, and evening sessions for parents

e. Thursday, October 24 | Evening Parent-Teacher Conference - in-person; book all interviews through My Conference

f. Friday, October 25 | Day-time Parent-Teacher Conference - virtual

g. Monday, October 28 | Alberta-based Post-Secondary Fair - students in day, parents in evening

- h. Tuesday, October 29 | Lifetouch re-takes
- i. Wednesday, October 30 | Feeder School Concert - middle school bands and our EMHS bands
- j. Thursday, October 31 | EMHS Halloween celebration - dress in appropriate costumes, and there will be some celebrations

We have the greatest culinary course in the city!

7. EMHS Portable Classroom Project Update - identified as needing portables; adding 6 new classrooms, hoping to have them in by Dec., and in use for Semester 2; if not, use in Sept 2025

8. Mobile Device Update –

CBE is implementing a standardized Personal Mobile Device & Social Media Use in Schools Policy effective Aug. 29. This policy will comply with the Ministerial Order provided by the Government of Alberta this past June. The Order was informed by significant survey feedback provided by families, which overwhelmingly supported introducing restrictions on personal mobile devices in the classroom.

We are trying to prepare students for real-world critical thinking and situations. Teachers may ask kids to use phones sometimes as a learning tool. Accommodations are made for students who require them. Please do not text students during the day; contact the office.

CBE still has to finalize their policy.

9. Additions

Hudl Camera and EMHS Livestream

-Piloting; can livestream athletics, theater, etc

-Camera in gym - livestream court games

Parent Questions and Comments:

Parent: almost 1900 students - what is capacity? Answer: We are about 120%. Capacity is just under 1700;

Parent: What trend do you see with student numbers? Answer: Over the next 3 -5 years, numbers will go down if more schools are built. Otherwise numbers will continue to grow.

Parent: - Is it possible to have the link to the Livestream in the weekly update? Answer: Yes will be coming soon. If families need financial help, it can be provided.

Parent: How do class numbers at EMHS compare to other highschools? Answer: Pretty comparable across CBE. Classes with 40 + get flagged at CBE central office.

Parent: We have some new teachers, and lost some teachers. What is the turnover rate? Answer :About 10% turnover every year. Retirements, new staff with growth.

Parent: Timetable of students are missing some essential courses. Answer: only 4 classes per semester; most courses are semestered

5. Election of the 2024-2025 Executive

SC and PAC are distinctive councils, but can have same executive, but we must have 2 elections. PAC is mostly about generating funds and funding school requests to support students.

- a. Chair - Sabrina - acclaimed
- b. Vice-Chair - Brandi and Sandra - acclaimed
- c. Treasurer - Adeequa Patel - acclaimed
- D. Secretary - Shannon - acclaimed

6. Adjournment 6:44pm

Next General Meeting: October 16, 2024