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School Planning Engagement

Information was presented and feedback gathered during the March School Council Meeting. This meeting was both in-person and online.

Location: Eric Harvie School

Date: March 18, 2026

Below you will find all comments and feedback that was gathered during the meeting. This feedback was provided orally by the in-person participants and in the chat section for those participants who joined the meeting online.

In-person Participants: 13 Online Participants: 2

Feedback Summary

School Development Plan (SDP)

- Of the participants surveyed, 13 reported that they learn about the school's School Development Plan (SDP) through School Council meetings. Three participants indicated they learn about the SDP through SchoolMessenger, and three participants reported learning about it through the school website. No participants indicated learning about the SDP through other means.
- Twelve participants agreed that their child's learning can benefit from the goals, outcomes, actions, and resources outlined in the SDP.
- When asked whether the learning needs of all students are reflected and prioritized in the goals, outcomes, actions, and resources in the SDP, most participants indicated that this question was difficult to answer because they are not aware of the full range of student needs within the school. We discussed what the SDP would look like at a classroom level to help explain what this might look like.



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School Budget and Fees

- When asked which activities and services are most important, all participants agreed that field trips, in-school programming with guest presenters, and residencies are valuable. Council members noted that they work hard to raise funds to ensure students have access to a balance of field trips, in-school programming, and residencies. Participants agreed that they appreciate on-going programming such as swimming that provides important life skills.
- One participant commented that school residencies may be particularly beneficial, as they have the potential to expose students to a wide range of activities and skills.
- All participants agreed that the activities provided by the school are important for their child's learning. Participants also reported that school fees are reasonable considering the benefits to their child.
- One participant suggested that budget information could be shared more widely with families. This could help build a greater understanding of how school funds are allocated between staffing and operational expenses and highlight the importance of School Council fundraising efforts.
- Another participant reiterated the importance of providing a variety of experiences for students and noted the positive impact of exposing students to different opportunities.