

February School Council/Association Meeting –Principal Report



1. Learning Lab Update:

We are excited to share that our students are continuing to make strong, consistent progress in phonemic awareness through Learning Lab. As students work through their individual literacy gaps and develop stronger foundational skills, we are now expanding Learning Lab to include a Fluency Focus.

In this next phase, students will engage in structured fluency activities designed to deepen comprehension and confidence, including:

- Wide Reading and Text Set Reading
- Partner Reading
- Fluency scooping and phrasing
- Annotating and “iceberg reading” to uncover deeper meaning
- Connecting anaphors to meaning across texts
- Timed and accuracy-based reading assessments to monitor growth

This fluency-focused work helps students read more smoothly, understand what they read at a deeper level, and build stamina and confidence as readers. Learning Lab continues to be responsive and targeted, meeting students where they are and supporting continued growth for every learner.

We are proud of the progress our students are making and appreciate the ongoing support of our families as we continue to strengthen literacy across the school.

2. School Updates

- City Hall School
- Digfest Volleyball Tournament
- Badminton
- Spring Showcase
- Book Fair March 16-20, 2026

3. RAM is coming:

How Equity Funding Supports Students at Our School

Ensuring every student has what they need to succeed



What Is Equity Funding?

Equity funding is **needs-based** funding provided to schools to ensure students who face **additional barriers** to learning receive timely, targeted support.

It is based on:

- School & student data
- Anonymous community (census) data

This funding is **not optional** and must be used to directly support students.

What the School Data Tells Us

School-based data reflects the **real** learning needs we see every day.

Key indicators include:

- **Attendance & engagement**
 - Absenteeism
 - Student mobility (moves in/out)
- **Learning supports**
 - Early literacy assessments
 - Targeted intervention & specialized supports
- **Language & newcomer needs**
 - English Language Learners (ELL)
 - Refugee and newcomer students
- **Indigenous student support**
 - Culturally responsive programming
 - Identity and reconciliation-informed supports

→ These indicators help ensure funding follows student need, not averages.

Our Commitment

Equity funding allows us to respond intentionally to student needs while maintaining high expectations for all learners.

What the Census Data Tells Us

Community-level data helps us understand broader factors that can affect learning.

Includes:

- Household income trends
- Lone-parent families
- Home ownership vs. renting
- Adult education levels
- Immigration and language background

This data is anonymous and never identifies individual families.

What This Means for Our School

Equity Funding Allocation

- Weighted Equity Funding: **\$145,233**
- Total Per-Student & Equity Allocation: **\$1,835,372**

This funding supports staffing, programs, learning materials, and supervision that directly benefit students.

How Equity Funding Is Used

Equity funding supports:

- ✓ Early literacy and numeracy interventions
- ✓ Small-group and targeted instruction
- ✓ Inclusive and specialized learning supports
- ✓ English language & newcomer programming
- ✓ Student well-being, safety, and supervision
- ✓ Access to learning materials and technology
- ✓ Career & Technology Foundations (Grades 7-9)

We value transparency and partnership. Families are always welcome to ask questions about students.

4. School Development Plan (SDP) & Budget Survey:



