

School Fees / Funds For Information



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Summary:

- Discussion on School Fees, what we collect, for what purpose
- Balances in School Funds

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School Fees

- I have defined School Fees for the Purpose of this report as any amount that is collected from parents / families during the school year
- School fees and school funds can be quite intertwined. Fees collected from parents are not included in our general operating funds, but tracked separately in a set of records we call school funds along with fundraising dollars and other types of revenue
- As a Division, we obviously use the funding provided by the Province and Municipalities to provide education at no cost to parents, however, there are some things that at times, we may ask parents to cover:
 - Student Fees General – some schools ask that parents provide a set amount annually to cover general team building or social events, field trips, or various supplies for extra curricular activities
 - Field Trips – some schools will not collect general fees, but specific fees for field trips
 - Supplies – Some schools will ask parents to make a payment to order school supplies to ensure all students have what they need
 - Other items – the list can be expansive, but things like locks for lockers, sports teams and extended field trips would fall under this category

School Fees

- I have polled our 13 public schools and asked what types of fees are collected.
 - The majority (9 of 13) do not charge an annual generic school fee
 - Of those that do, for the most part it is used for student led events like Spirit Week
 - Many schools do charge for, or allow parents to opt in for school supplies to take advantage of pricing and ensure all students have the required supplies
 - Many schools do charge nominal fees for field trips, however on regular, curriculum based trips, this is generally limited to the entry fee, often \$5 or \$10
 - Other trips, such as overnight trips, band trips, sports trips, are often charged to the families
 - There are various other activities for which fees are charged:
 - Band instrument rentals or music books
 - Lock fees (often refundable if lock is returned)
 - “Exposures” additional materials. Things like industrial arts, home ec., when a project is beyond the standard

School Fees

School	School Fees	Supplies	Field Trip (Cirr)	Field Trips (Other)	Other (Detail)	Other (Cost)
Anola	None	10 to 40 depending on grade	One paid trip per grade, school pays bus and up to \$5	Any other Trip, school pays bus, parents pay entry	Yearbook	Optional
Hazelridge	None	45 standard fee includes agenda	Cirriculum, depends on cost, for a \$10 session shared		Skating	\$10
OBE	None	30 for K, 50 for grade 1, 6 for agenda	School covers part, parents cover a portion. Depends on cost		Recorders	\$6
Powerview	None	We charge for supplies, dependent on grade	Cost share admission, no more than 5	Overnight or athletic trips		
Whitemouth	None	None	Students are asked to pay the fee (ticket)	No difference	Lock fee	\$10 reimburseable
Dugald	\$15	\$40 for supplies	\$5 Covered rest is charged to parents		Visual Arts, Band method book, instruments	\$50 Visual Arts, \$10 Method Book, instrument rental
Centennial	None, fundraising	Varies by grade, \$8 to \$45	Charge entrance fees, \$5 to \$10 and 1 to 2 trips per year		Camp Arnes	\$145
SCI	\$25 for community building	\$30 for Art supplies	Charge for band trips (not mandatory)		Grad fees, sports teams charge fees	
LDBSS	None	None	Admission or ticket fee only		Sport fee for tournaments, year end BBQ and T-shirt	\$25
Gillis	None		Fee up to \$10 for admission		None	
BEYS	None	\$50 for supplies and agenda	Periodically charge for fees or higher cost trips		None	
EESS	Fees go to student parliament to fund things like Spirit week	None	Have in the past depending on cost of the trip		Nothing	
SMS	\$10 agenda, and supplies for the classroom	\$10 fee	Some, when overly expensive		Band and exposures collect for projects	

School Funds

School Funds are tracked separately from the Division's regular operating accounts and are unique in the fact that these funds do not come from Provincial or Municipal Funding. These funds can come from various places:

- Fundraising – general fund raising (thing like chocolate sales), and specific fund raising like a grad car wash or read-a-thon to support our libraries happen in most of our schools
- Parent fees – as discussed under school fees, some of our schools do ask parents to either submit an annual fee for general items or payments for specific things like field trips, or in some cases course materials (art supplies, band music books)
- Other revenues – many of our schools operate canteens or vending machines and use the profit or commissions made to support their funding. Some vendors will support the school through a commission on items like school photos or yearbooks.

In all cases, spending on school funds must still follow Divisional procedure and policy. Funds are spent for the benefit of students and rationale must be provided.

School Funds

We have performed a review of school funds balances in each school. Specific purpose funds are funds collected that must be spent on a designated purpose. For example, we cannot collect from parents for a ski trip and then use those funds to support the library. Discretionary funds are funds that can be spent at the discretion of the school (but still within guidelines):

School	Discretionary	Specific Purpose	Balance	Enrollment (FTE)
Anola	(1,391.92)	6,060.83	4,668.91	211
Beausejour Early Years	9,674.64	3,716.29	13,390.93	438
Centennial	508.61	6,504.44	7,013.05	194
Ecole Dugald	(3,007.14)	8,312.30	5,305.16	467
Edward Schreyer	30,045.80	49,660.38	79,706.18	649
Gillis	1,890.92	8,199.03	10,089.95	181
Hazelridge	3,889.50	6,450.75	10,340.25	66
Lac du Bonnet Senior	11,264.90	6,809.43	18,074.33	200
Oakbank Elementary	18,781.80	9,503.43	28,285.23	541
Powerview	30,282.09	20,914.77	51,196.86	425
Springfield Collegiate	20,843.97	28,884.55	49,728.52	579
Springfield Middle School	3,464.77	11,371.17	14,835.94	303
Whitemouth	8,560.74	22,694.16	31,254.90	163
Total	134,808.68	189,081.53	323,890.21	4,417