



**Sport Team Registration Fees  
June 4, 2024**

The following information was collected at the request of the Board after parents made inquiries about the collection of fees and related expenses for some of our sports programs.

While families are made aware of the cost and opportunities related to these extra-curricular activities, and voluntarily pay fees in exchange for their child's participation, the school division should ensure fees collected are closely related to actual costs. Schools should also be collecting registrations fees in a transparent manner.

	ÉESS Cheer	ÉESS Hockey (F)	ÉESS Hockey (M)	SCI Hockey (F)	SCI Hockey (M)	PVS Hockey (F)	SCI Football
Fee/Student	\$150	\$750	\$1 400	\$1 050	\$1 100	\$1 000	\$500
Fees Collected	\$3 640	\$10 500	\$21 000	\$18 900	\$20 900	\$15 650	\$13 980
Other Revenue	\$520	\$18 702	\$45 971	\$1 505	\$30 349	\$520	0
Total Revenue	\$4 160	\$29 202	\$66 971	\$20 405	\$51 249	\$16 170	\$13 980
Total Expenses	\$3 577	\$27 640	\$62 610	\$18 252	\$56 340	\$17 006	\$14 575
Surplus (Deficit)	\$583	\$1 562	\$4 361	\$2 153	(\$5 091)	(\$836)	(\$595)

The above information would indicate that fees collected from families for these activities are appropriate based on expenses. Fees collected, combined with other sources of revenue such as fund-raising, sponsorships and donations, are a relatively close match to expenses.

Hockey revenue and expenses were higher for the male hockey programs at ÉESS and SCI as the teams attended tournaments in Ottawa and Chicago respectively.

Schools showing a deficit have funds available in their school funds to cover the deficit for the year. Schools showing a surplus for the year have indicated the surplus will be used to replace jerseys (after multiple years), purchase equipment or used to cover future or past deficit years.

It should be noted budgeting for a sports team can be difficult as some expenses can be unpredictable. As an example, how far a team advances in hockey playoffs can change expenses by thousands of dollars when considering game and practice ice rentals, and transportation costs.

While students at LdBSS also participate in high school hockey, the team is administered by Pinawa Secondary School. Registration fees are collected by Pinawa Secondary School.

**Recommendations:**

1. When collecting registration fees for these programs, schools should provide parents a budget outlining estimated revenues and expenses for the season.
2. When a team has a surplus of 15% or more of the original registration fee, after expenses for jersey and equipment replacement, and reserve or start-up funds have been considered, schools should offer a partial refund of the registration fee to families. Funds associated with fundraising, donations or sponsorships will not be refunded.