



Participant Feedback Summary – School Planning and Engagement (Marion Carson School)

Marion Carson School – Feb. 20, 2026

Number of participants in attendance: 12

1) School Development Plan (SDP). We share SDP information and updates in different ways. In what ways have you learned about our SDP?

- **School website**
 - Yes
- **School council meeting**
 - Yes
- **SchoolMessenger**
 - Yes, as Principal's message

2) The SDP is developed with all students in mind. Do you agree that:

- **Your child's learning can benefit from the goal, outcome, actions and resources in the SDP?**
 - 8 participants said yes, 1 participant said no
 - Comments around how most parents want their children to learn reading writing arithmetic and how to be good citizens with general agreement.
 - A parent comment about school and government surveys focus on the wrong questions.
- **The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goal(s), outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP**
 - General agreement, but more resources would be very supportive
 - More specialized resources such as literacy supports, and a statement that teachers can't be expected to be specialized in all areas and stay up to date with everything
 - More resources to support teachers with EAL and complexities / behavioural issues
 - Need more resources. 3 staff (1 teacher and 1 EA) if that's what school is getting is not enough
 - Systemic problem of staffing, and hiring qualified, experienced people.



3) School Budget & Fees - Schools must operate within their budget and too many fees can be unmanageable for families. Knowing that, what activities and services are most important to you?

- **Field trips, In-school activities, Artist in residence, Overnight Field Trip (Grade 6 Outdoor Camp)**
 - In school activities and field trips are discussed as highest priority
 - Comment around residency and purpose/intent of residencies being appreciated and welcomed.

4) School Budget & Fees

Do you agree that:

- **The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, experts in schools, sporting activities, outdoor education, etc.) are important for your child's learning?**
 - General agreement of yes
 - Other parents in support of overnight trips
 - Majority of parents want overnight camp (1 parent does not agree with outdoor camp and appropriateness for this age group)
 - Discussions around camp including
 - Unnecessary pressure on students who
 - All experiences are important. Some are going to be more memorable of others in positive and negative ways.
 - Important to have those experiences and opportunities.
 - Subsidy available
 - Happy with amount of field trips
 - Tough to plan for all grade ages.
 - Big fan of field trips and additional
 - Cost has been reasonable
 - A lot of this is supported by School Council
 - Comment that trickster was very successful
 - One comment that K performance wasn't appropriate (a couple other parents in agreement), but intent of event was appreciated and welcomed (parents in agreement)
 - Feedback provided to Trickster about this by parent and school.
- **The school fees you pay are reasonable considering the benefit they provide your child?**
 - Fees are reasonable for the benefit to children.
 - One parent stated that they would pay more for these experiences, understanding that this is not the case or ability for all