

Ethel M Johnson Elementary School Parent Council

March Agenda

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: EMJ In-Person and Virtual (MS Teams)

1. Call to Order - 6:08 pm

Dhanashree Shinde, Alison, Elke, Shaun, Samantha, Jessica Eadie, Tgisty Asdedom, Vitthal,

2. Review and acceptance of February minutes

Approved - Alison, second, Samantha

3. Treasurer's Report

- 68.58 from healthy hunger

- Balance is currently at 9962.12\$

Casino funds are in - 89 637\$

After the cheques go out, we will have 95 522\$ for next year.

4. Playground Committee Update

A meeting with the CBE grounds and facilities.

Discussion about moving the playground closer to the building.

Haultain has a really good playground; reach out to their council.

We need to make the playground accessible.

We are at 20 years roughly. In good shape, but we need to start looking at it.

Sam will make a Canva poster, and we will try to form a playground committee.

5. Grade 6 Trip Discussion

Popcorn fundraiser? Shirts? Decision not to do shirts. Reach out to Kelsey regarding the bottle drive.

6. Spring Dance Preparation

Students will determine a theme.

Clean up

Grade 6 opportunity for a fundraiser.

7. Loose Parts

Open-minded materials such as buttons, beads, feathers, ribbon, bottle caps, rocks, and craft

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materials can be used to create things. Spark creativity, problem-solving, storytelling. Currently, the supply is limited and not sustainable to support all grades.

The vision is a Loose Part Library. Organized and labeled bins. Stored in a central location.

Ask for all to find things that may be able to help fill up the loose parts library. Invite people to bring in their donations.

Bins will be needed. Will be kept in the Kindergarten room. Sam will coordinate this with Julie.

8. Planter Box / Garden Discussion

Mr. Topolnisky is looking for volunteers for garden boxes. Materials have been donated, boxes have plans, and a watering system has been made. Build day? Looking to do it in May. Brent will build them. 3 planters.

9. EMJ Administration Updates – School Engagement Presentation

Thank you from the staff and students (Alien inline skating - division 2, Swimming - division 1)

Staff update

Shelagh Reading in for Melanie Clark until March 20

Waiting to hear about the Complexity team funding.

March 16-19 Flanigan and grade 6 Chief Hector

March 20, PD day, Parent Teacher Conference.

March 21-29 Spring Break

March 30 - Apr 2 - Topolnisky Zoo school

April 3 Good Friday No School

School Development Plan, Reading fluency is the focus. Last year was a writing target and we decided to adjust it for this year.

Improving through a focus on basic facts and foundational number sense.

School Engagement can be viewed online by March 31st 2026.

:School received \$3 179 517 for the 2025-2026 school year. At least 75% of the budget was for staffing.

Enrollment was 322 students.

10. ASCA Grant Ideas Brainstorming

Possible online safety seminar.

11. Fundraising Update

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12. Round Table

13. Adjournment : 805