



Total number of attendees that signed in: 86

Total survey responses: 57

Respondents were asked to rate their agreement or disagreement with the following statements as: Strong Agree, Agree, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree. Below are the responses that were received.

1. This meeting provided me with useful information.
  - 19 strongly agree (33 per cent)
  - 31 agree (54 per cent)
  - 5 disagree (9 per cent)
  - 2 strongly disagree (4 per cent)
  - 0 did not answer (0 per cent)
2. I had an opportunity to share my ideas and opinions at this meeting.
  - 7 strongly agree (12 per cent)
  - 31 agree (54 per cent)
  - 13 disagree (23 per cent)
  - 3 strongly disagree (5 per cent)
  - 3 did not answer (5 per cent)
3. I enjoyed the opportunities to discuss topics with other CBE school councils.
  - 33 strongly agree (58 per cent)
  - 22 agree (39 per cent)
  - 0 disagree (0 per cent)
  - 0 strongly disagree (0 per cent)
  - 2 did not answer (4 per cent)
4. Topics I'd like to see covered at future COSC meetings
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Other comments included:

- Thank you for all of the information.
- I seriously doubt this sincerity of this Board, MLA's and Council Reps.
- Sharing of supportourstudents.ca as a site to visit when considering MLA letter writing and advocacy.
- Appreciate your hard work.
- We ran out of time.
- What do we do? How can we help other than writing to the MLA?
- Artificial 8pm deadline, this is an important topic, COSC usually goes to 9pm, why we were cut-off? Also, where was Brad G? Budget info is important.
- Meeting too short.

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- CFO should have been here to take questions. More time should have been planned.
  - Very surprised that Brad-CBE CFO was not in attendance.
  - More detail required to fully answer questions. Please come prepared with correct slide deck and answer w/o defer to website.
  - Questions were not actually answered, they were spoken around, but direct answers not given or we were told to look it up.
  - Good job!
  - Answers to questions were not answered directly. With a lot of dancing around the facts incredibly disappointed in the response.
  - I feel like the elephant in the room is that we are a group of parents (who by virtue of our kids being here) who value a strong, egalitarian system. How can we be harnessed to advocate for a system?
  - I respect the integrity of our Chief Superintendent.
  - Thank you for answering q's & a's as best as possible.
  - Thank you
  - 1 hour was not enough time. It should have been anticipated that there would be many questions, so a longer meeting should have been scheduled.
  - 1-hr was NOT long enough. I was prepared for a 2-hr meeting. A parent raised an excellent question at the end regarding WHY the CBE elementary buys the school supplies vs the parents (per Jr. High. /sr. high/other schools) - valid question since we are talking about cost savings. Her question was met with a smile and "goodbye. It is after 8:00" it deserved an answer.
  - Meeting was respecting people's time but questions & answers were cut short. Limited engagement for ideas to be circulated.
  - Honestly, I was disappointed that there was not any plans in place for cuts before hand. Historically conservatives cut. It is not a surprise. I work in a publicly funded institution and as soon as the election was over there were plans made for a 5% and a 10% cut.
  - The information that was provided did not provide the right amount of detail. It was only a reiteration #'s in the news. Parents need to understand the full context e.g. Explain what a \$7M reduction means. Numbers were inconsistent and contradictory. One hour was NOT enough time. The Board representatives did not put forward a plan for what they would do. It was clear parents wanted more information. Not the right detail, not the right amount of time. - NO Answers.
  - Please make it clear to parents in spring that the 317 temp. contracts will be gone in the fall plus additional losses of front line staff.



- There should have been an open Q & A session and you should have had a rep from finance here to answer questions.
- It is a very difficult situation with lots of variables and some complexity. Good Luck!
- A lot of answers given by board trustees were brushed off and were swayed towards blaming the provincial govt. and did not even know how to answer on behalf of the CBE & any extra planning for the future.
- I feel like this meeting was extremely disorganized. I also feel like they did not actually know the information they spoke about and questions were not answered.
- Where was Brad? (CFO)
- We all collectively need to spend smart, reduce, & cut fluff. 3R's is #1. Special needs & PE included. Beyond that, we are out of money as a province. Until our economic engine runs, austerity is the name of the game. Sad reality.
- Financial uncertainty remains to be the primary concern for us as CBE parents.
- Thank you for all the great work you do.

