

Edmonton Catholic Schools

What We Heard

| CAVANAGH PLANNING | ENGAGEMENT | FEBRUARY 2024 |



Background

In March 2023, as part of the Alberta Education's Budget 2023, the Cavanagh K-9 Catholic School project received planning funding. This was an important step in the approval process and demonstrated a commitment from the Alberta Government. The project remains a top priority in [ECSD's Three-Year 2024-2027 Capital Plan](#) and will see a new K-9 Catholic school built in the Cavanagh neighbourhood in the years to come. The new school once built, will relieve enrolment pressures felt at the nearby St. Thomas Aquinas and Monsignor Fee Otterson Catholic Schools, and meet the growing needs of the southwest community.

ECSD believes all students should have equitable access to high quality and vibrant learning environments and is excited about the opportunity to build a new school in this neighbourhood.

Engagement Objectives

ECSD is committed to successful public participation, which includes sharing information and letting stakeholder voices be heard, with the commitment that stakeholder feedback will be considered before a final decision is made. Each opinion, idea, and voice are valued through this process.

The objective of the Cavanagh Programming public participation process was:

- Families of the communities this new K-9 Catholic school will serve provide input on programming which will be used by ECSD and Alberta Infrastructure in designing the school.
- Engagement is solutions-focused, and stakeholders have an opportunity to be heard and provide meaningful input.
- Stakeholders feel that they have been seen, heard, and understood.

Engagement Process

Edmonton Catholic School Division is in the planning phase for a new school in the community of Cavanagh. As part of this planning, ECSD is engaged with families in the communities this school would serve to understand the types of programming they would like to see offered at the new school.

The online survey was open from February 7, 2024, to February 16, 2024. Families were asked to participate by swift sent directly from the Principals at St. Thomas Aquinas and Monsignor Fee Otterson schools on February 7, 2024.

The feedback gathered from the survey will be used to inform Facilities and Alberta Infrastructure on the programming suggestions for the new K-9 school in Cavanagh.

Engagement Results

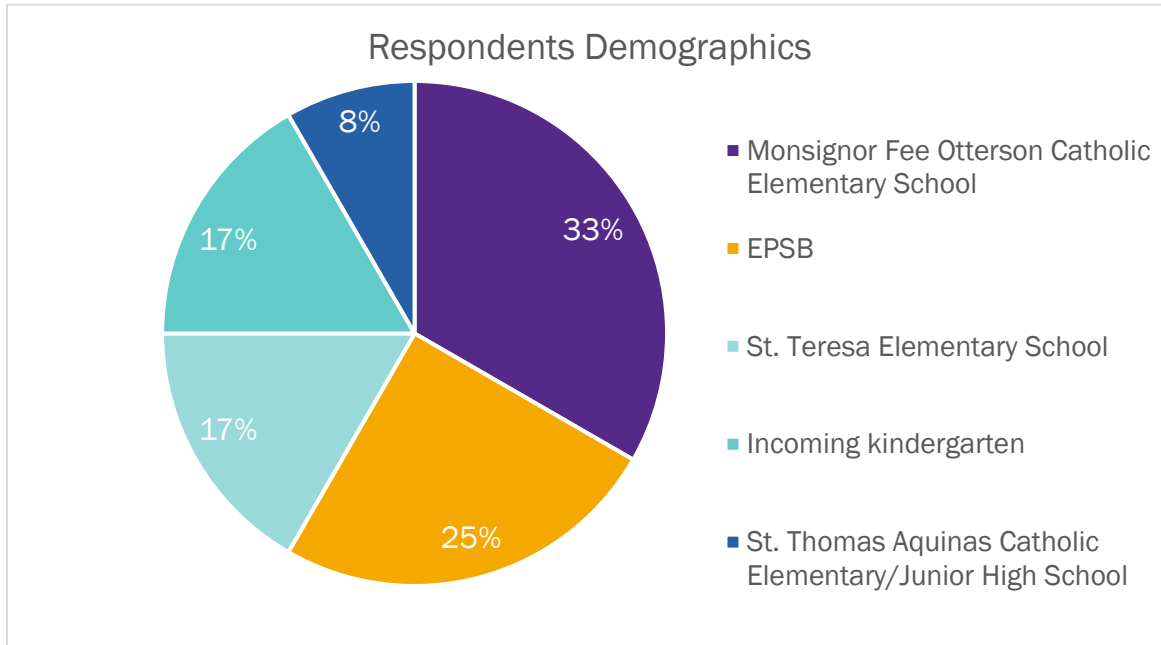
There were twelve respondents to the survey. A summary of the survey results is below.

Question 1:

Participants were asked to identify if they were a parent/guardian of a child at:

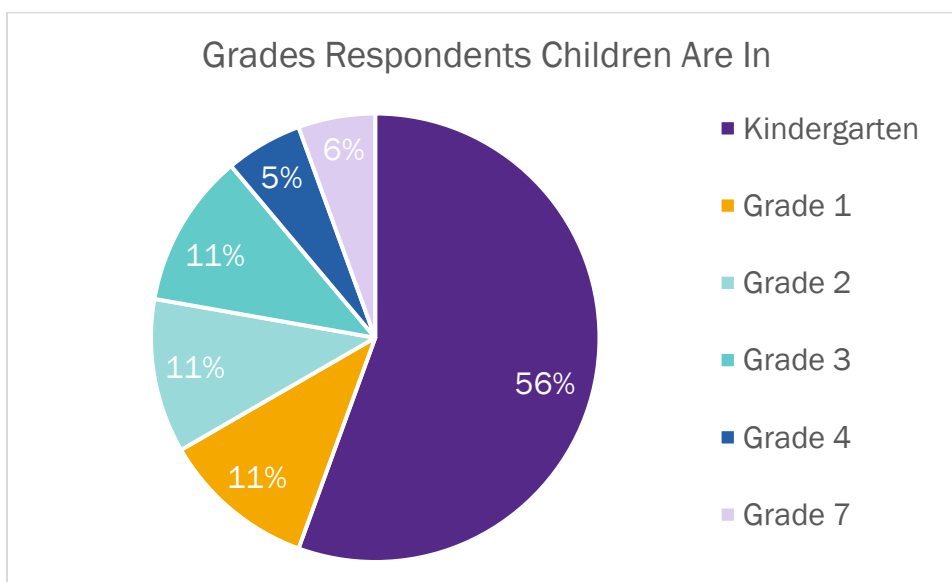
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Elementary/Jr. High School,
- Monsignor Fee Otterson Catholic Elementary/Jr. High School, or
- Other (This was a fillable field).

The responses were as follows:



Question 2:

Participants were then asked what grade(s) their child(ren) were in.



Respondents did not have any children in Grades 5, 6, 8 or 9.

Question 3:

Respondents were asked what clubs they would like to see at the new school. The following is a list of what they said:

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| • Fitness | • Numero/Math Games |
| • Art | • Life Skills/Financial Budgeting |
| • Chess | • Cooking |
| • Leadership | • Lego |
| • Student Leadership | • Coding |

Question 4:

Respondents were then asked what teams they would like to see at the new school. The following is a list of what they said:

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| • Basketball | • Soccer |
| • Volleyball | • Tennis |
| • Swim | • Badminton |
| • Dance | • Taekwondo |

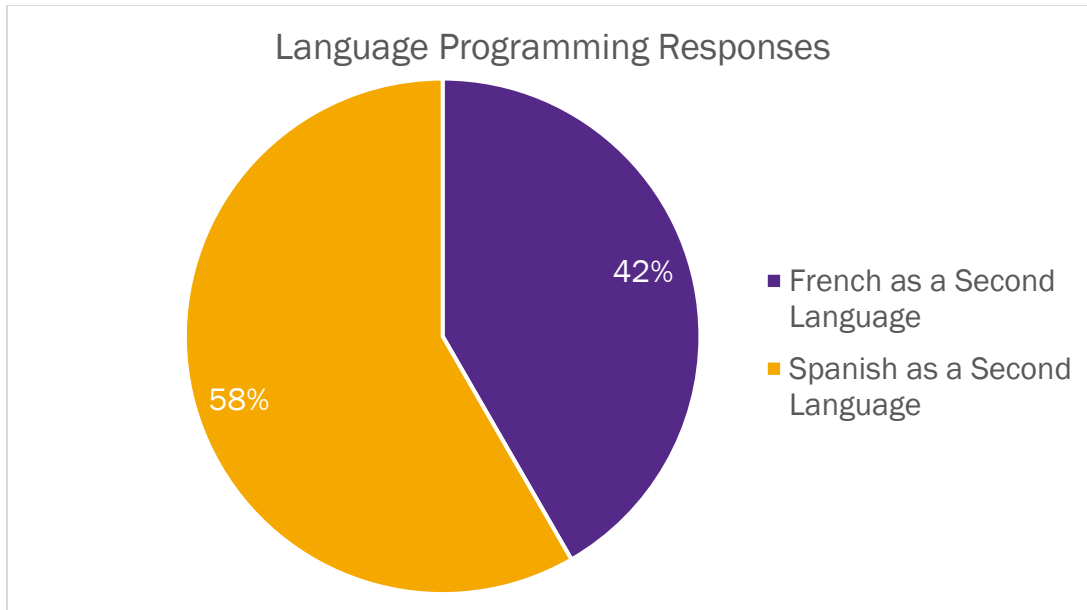
Question 5:

Respondents were then asked what options they would like to see at the new school. The following is a list of what they said:

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| • Art | • Communication Tech |
| • French | • Musical Theatre |
| • Math Minds | • Photography |
| • Robotics & Coding | • Sports Performance |
| • Band | |

Question 6:

Respondents were then asked what language programming they would like to see at the new school.



Question 7:

Finally, question 7 asked respondents what outdoor play fields on the grounds at the new K-9 Catholic School in Cavanaugh they would like ECSD to advocate for with the City of Edmonton. Below is a list of the responses:

- Playground
- Skating rink
- Spray park
- Soccer field