



2023 Maskwacis Education Ohpikinahawasiwin Report

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SUMMARY

The Maskwacis Education Ohpikinahawasiwin Conference was held on Saturday March 4, 2023, at the Maskwacis Cree High School. This conference was planned by the Circle of Parents, with support from the Superintendent's office. The conference was a hybrid of informational and educational resources about MESC & Community programs. MESC schools had an information booth to share information about PAC's and existing school programming. Community partners were invited to share information to Ohpikinahawasiwin that would support parent involvement with community resources.

- March 4, 2023 agenda
 - Gathering Area/Theatre
 - 12:00 pm - Student drummer presentation
 - 1:00 pm - Elle Swampy, Moderated by Mario Swampy
 - 2:00 pm - Magoo Crew Entertainment
- MESC Branches/Departments
 - MESC Board of Governors-Information booth
 - MESC Circle of Elders-Storytelling & tea with keteyahk
 - MESC Learning & Student services-Information booth on student attendance
 - MESC Learning & Student services-Information booth on curriculum resources
 - MESC Learning & Student services-Information booth on student & family support
 - Nanatohk Miciwin-Informational booth on Universal school food program
 - MESC Transportation- Hiring & bussing concerns
 - MESC Peoples Services-Recruitment for employment at MESC
- MESC Schools
 - Grace Marie Swampy Primary School
 - Ermineskin Elementary School
 - Kisipatinahk School
 - Maskwacis Cree High School
 - Mimiw-Sakahikan School
 - Maskwacis Outreach School
 - Meskanahk Ka Nipa Wit School
- Community Partners Involvement
 - Maskwacis Early Years-Kids Corner
 - Integrated Family Services-Awasisak Activities
 - Maskwacis Public Health-Informational Booth
 - Maskwacis Sexual Health-Informational Booth
 - Maskwacis Counseling-Informational Booth
- Fun activities
 - Face painting
 - Photo Booth

Spirit North-Outdoor skiing

Evaluation results and feedback collected through engagement wall and google survey provided in this report.

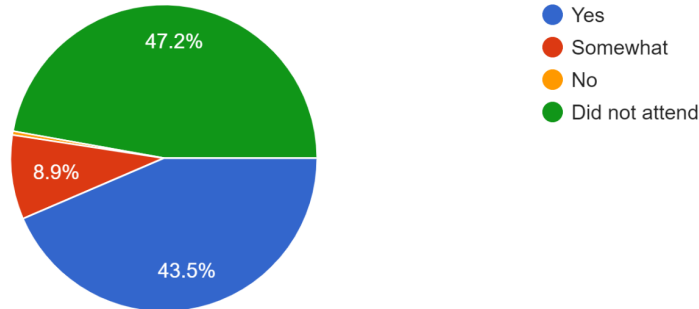
MASKWACIS EDUCATION OHPIKINAHAWASIWIN CONFERENCE EVALUATION

236 ohpikinawasiwin & their children attended the conference in person. Each household who completed the survey on site, received a \$50.00 giftcard to one of four options

- 1) No Frills grocery store
- 2) Petro Canada Gas
- 3) Giant Tiger
- 4) Sobeys Grocery

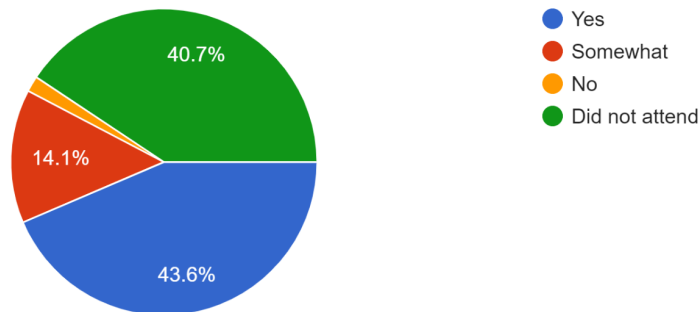
Were you satisfied with this event?

248 responses



Was the information provided helpful to understand the direction of education in Maskwacis?

241 responses



3. Why did you attend this conference?

Comment themes:

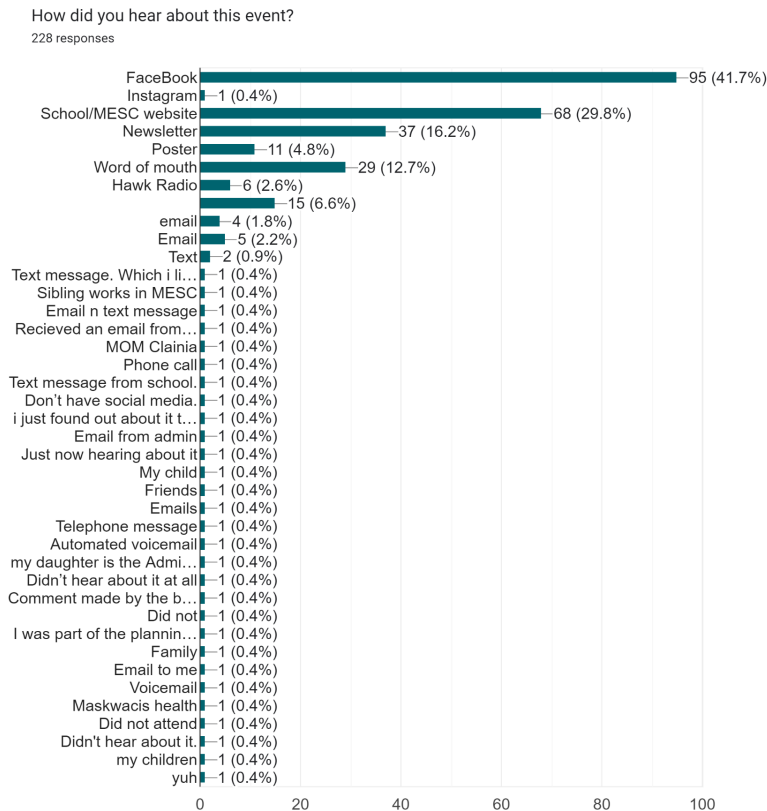
- Learn about the different schools
- Entertainment
- Family friendly event
- To see what MESOC has to offer

4. What information would you like to be shared at the 2024 Ohpikinahawasiwahk conference?

Comment themes:

- more information on school safety
- Information on bullying prevention
- linking services eg. hub awareness for families
- information on why the school amalgamated without parental support
- sports showcase
- information on what PAC's are working on and are they a success?

5. How did you hear about this event?



CONFERENCE ENGAGEMENT WALL

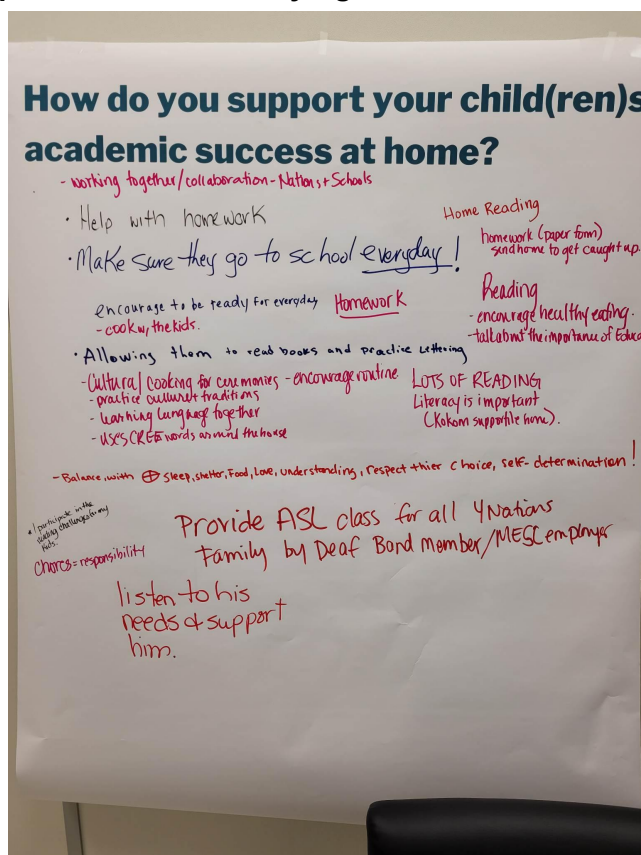
4 questions were posed to ohpikinahawasiwin on an interactive wall for parents to respond

1. How do you support your child(ren)'s academic success at home?

Comment themes:

- Help with homework
- Make sure they go to school everyday/attendance
- Uses Cree words around the house
- healthy sleep schedules nutritious foods

2. What is your interpretation of the Treaty right to education?



Comments

- “As long as the sun shines...”
- “That is it a treaty right”

1. How can parents/guardians support the school to address bullying?

Comment themes:

- starts at home, modeling positive behavior
- taking responsibility of children's behavior

-engage in case conferences with principal and student supports

2. What did you enjoy/appreciate about today's conference?

Comment themes:

- Booths
- Entertainment
- Time with family

MESC OHPIKINAHAWASIWIN SURVEY RESULTS (2023)

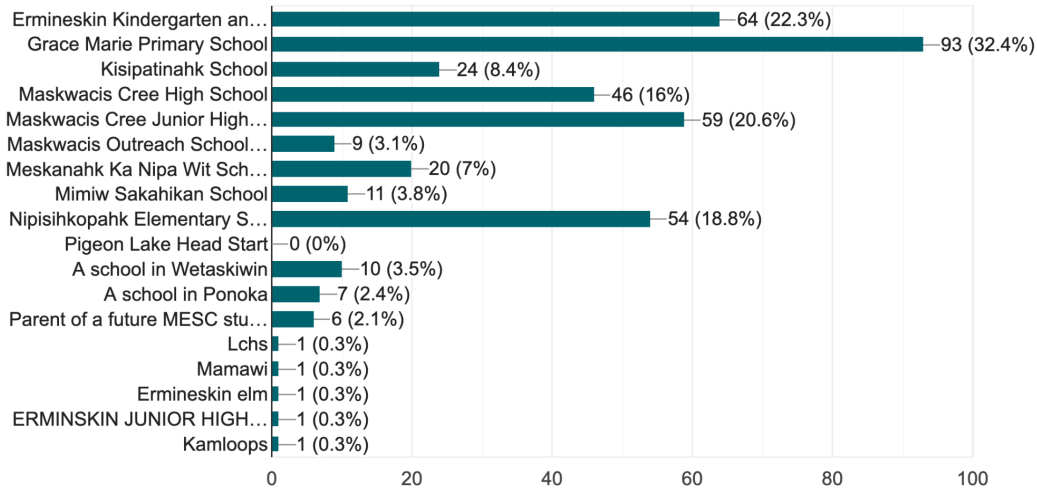
MESC annually engages ohpikinahawasiwin by a google survey regarding MESC's performance measures. MESC uses a variety of communications tools to assist parents to complete survey.

1. Paper copies of surveys are distributed and available at in-person conferences.
2. Development of QR code on poster (links to virtual survey)
3. Posters distributed at Maskwacis gathering areas
4. Facebook campaign/contest
5. Instagram post
6. Paper copies shared at miyoskamiw ohnikomawak Engagement
7. School messenger/email alerts to parents with link to survey

This survey was open for 3 weeks, and closed on March 31, 2023 at 4:30 pm. MESC Executive, BOG, and Superintendents office review the feedback of the survey and follow up on parent/caregiver concerns to improve the learning experiences of students.

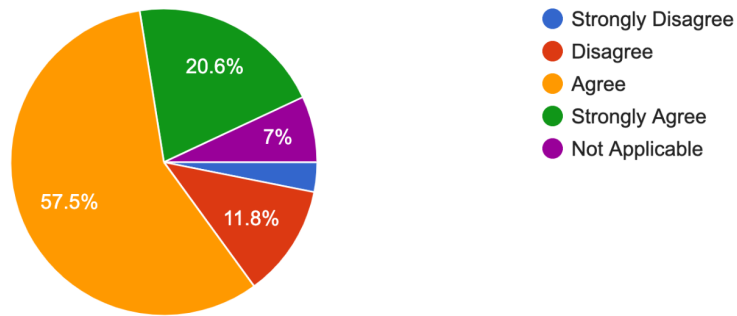
My child(ren) attend:

287 responses



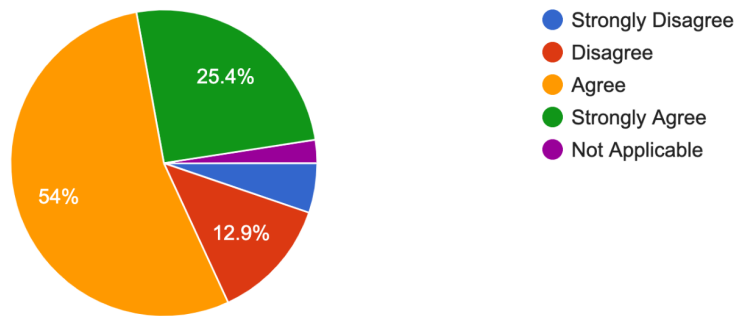
I know the vision and mission of MESC

287 responses



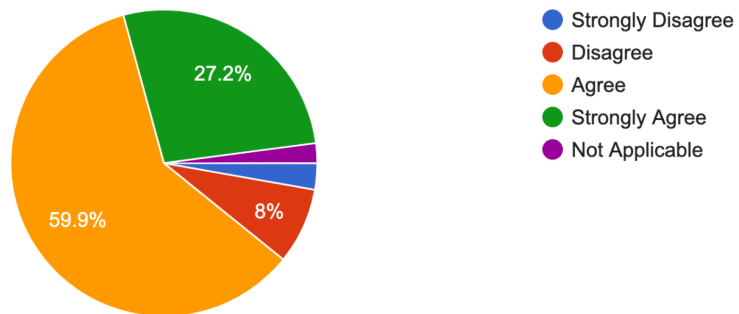
I am satisfied with how safe the school is

287 responses



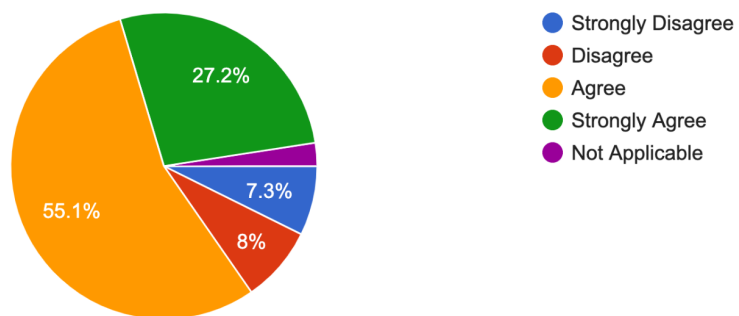
I am satisfied with the school facilities and grounds

287 responses



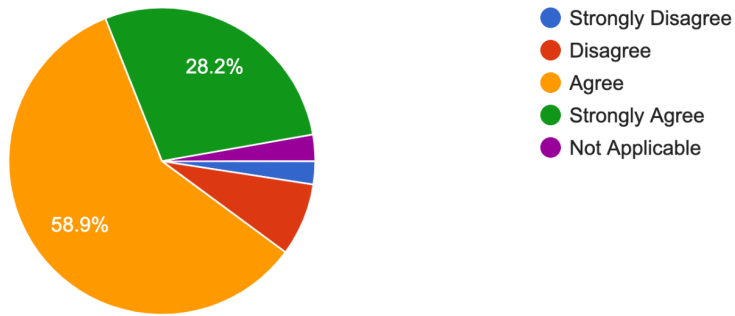
I am satisfied with the communication between my child(ren)'s school and me

287 responses



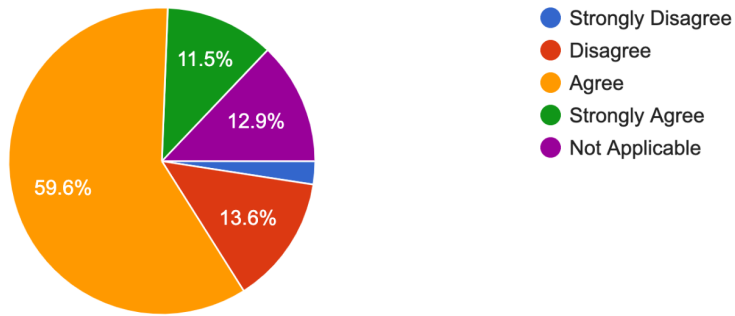
I am satisfied with the quality of education my child(ren) is receiving at school

287 responses



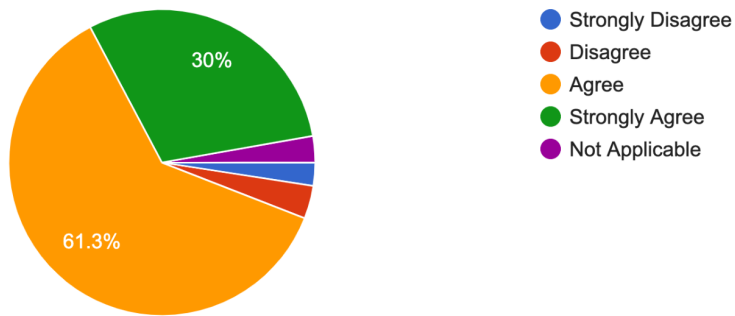
I attend events at my child(ren)'s school (including virtually)

287 responses



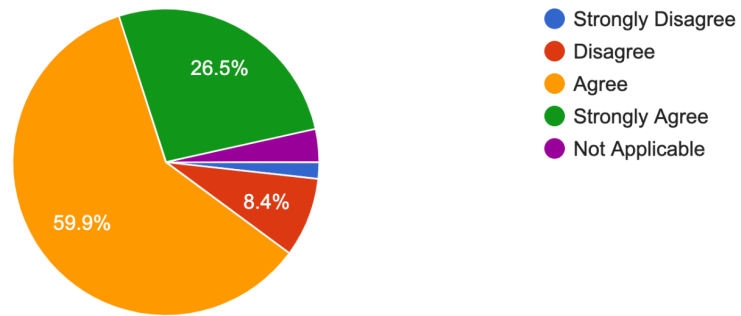
I am satisfied with the school calendar (Instructional Days, PD Days, Early Dismissals, Holidays, etc.)

287 responses



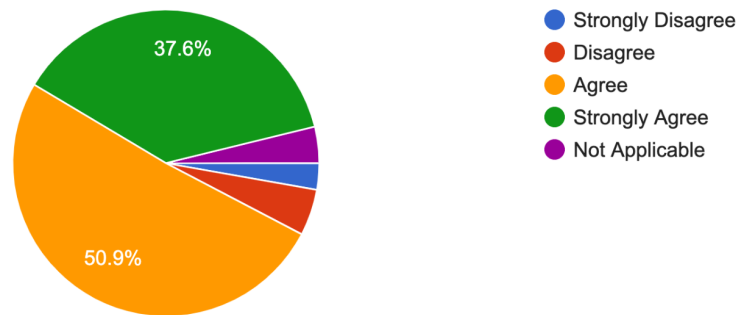
The school adequately monitors and tracks the progress of my child(ren)

287 responses



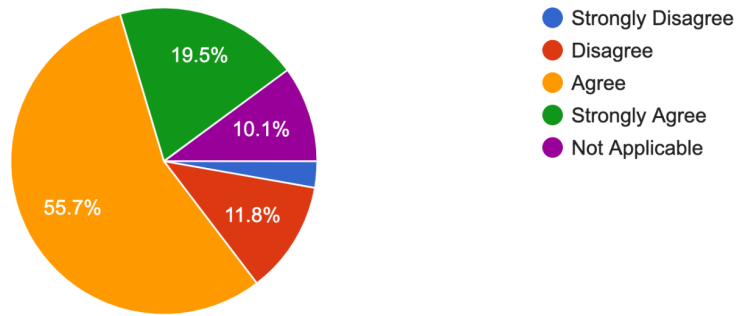
I am satisfied with the Universal Foods Program at the school

287 responses



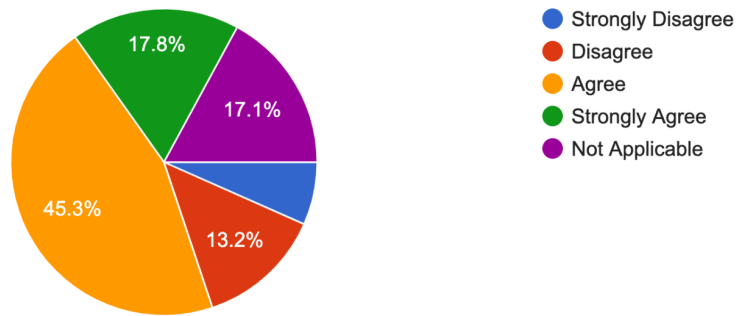
I am satisfied with the MESC Board of Governor's performance

287 responses



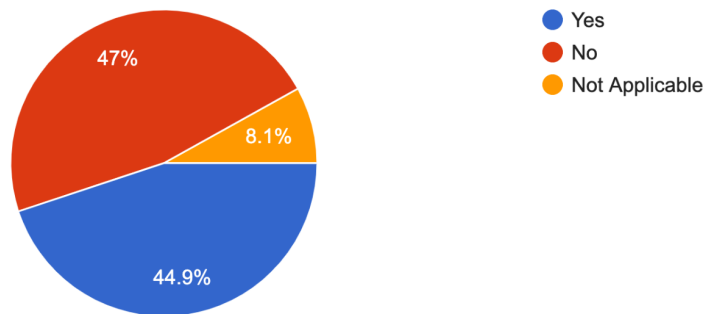
I am satisfied with busing

287 responses



Are you aware of the Parent Advisory Committee at your child(ren)'s school?

285 responses



Any further comments

Comment Themes:

- Accessibility for deaf students and those requiring ASL
- Issues of bullying
- Bussing concerns, bullying on busses, driver issues, route issues.
- Staff shortages & school closures
- more diversity of food offered to students
- concerns of amalgamation
- additional languages to be taught like french & spanish
- communication from school to home