

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday**, **March 12**, **2025** via Zoom. It commenced at 7:00pm and was presided over by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, Chair. Ashley began the meeting with Westmount Charter School's land acknowledgement and shared three specific charities in our city that help provide services and programs to Indigenous communities; <u>Miskanawah</u>, <u>Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth</u> and <u>Metis Calgary Family Services</u>.

Attendees

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration	
 Chair: Ashley Wilford-Matthews Vice-Chair: Ameet Kooner Secretary: Jodi Hornung Treasurer: Lisa Fedko-Gott Communications Director: Terri May Fundraising Director: Clara Ip Parent Engagement Director: Melissa Wolsey Social Events Director: Tammy Chan Director-at-Large: Kanwar Gill Director-at-Large: Victor Shen 	 Elementary Principal: Adriana Klassen Elementary Assistant Principal: Karly Bagnall Mid-High Principal: Graeme Finlay Student Council President: Shazain Wasif Board Liaison: Simon Corrin 	
Absent: Kanwar Gill		

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Melissa W. and seconded by Victor S.

Approval of Minutes

 A motion to approve the <u>February 12, 2025</u> general meeting minutes was made by Terri M. and seconded by Ameet K.



Agenda

1. Chair's Remarks

Introduced 'Council Corner', a monthly newsletter highlighting School Council's ongoing initiatives and the many ways parents can get involved to help support Westmount's students and staff. The School Council Executive Team is currently investigating the best ways to share the newsletter with families and will provide additional detail soon.

2. School Reports

- a. Student Council President | Shazain Wasif
 - Have been working through logistical changes and constitutional amendments within Student Council in response to a member resigning.
 An internal vote was held and a new Logistics Director was elected (this member is also currently fulfilling grade rep duties).
 - Next week is the big talent show with approximately 25 performances scheduled. It is also Spirit Week which will focus on fun, creative activities each day (including St. Patrick's Day). Additional detail will be emailed out and posted on Schoology.
 - After Spring Break, Student Council will begin focused preparations on the next mid school dance and will work to support School Council with the year end event.
- Elementary Principals | Adriana Klassen & Karly Bagnall
 Elementary Campus March 2025

Special thanks to Mary Beth Walsh and Melissa Wolsey for their help in supporting the Trickster residency and performances. Parents provided feedback that Trickster was an incredible opportunity for students and that the performances (namely the Grade 4 shadow puppet performance) was very emotional. Job well done!

c. Mid-High Principal | Graeme Finlay Mid-High Campus – March 2025

Announcement: one of Westmount's Grade 11 students is organizing a career day for April 24, 2025 from 6-8pm. Call out for any parents who would like to share their occupation with students (eg. what their job is like, the journey they took to get there, etc.). Please watch for additional information in the weekly newsletter.



3. School Council Reports

a. Parent Engagement | Melissa W.

Youthlink Calgary Police Interpretive Centre has provided a follow-up PDF to the Cyber Safety parent engagement session held last week. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the PDF, please email wcschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Melissa is hoping to schedule one more parent engagement session before the end of the year, potentially focused on bullying. If parents have any specific requests or suggestions, please feel free to email her at wcschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Upcoming Coffee Talks

Elementary: Friday, April 11, 2025 9:15am - 10:15am, *online* Mid-High: Friday, March 14, 2025 9:15am - 10:15am, *online*

b. **Treasury** | Lisa F.

Thank you to all families who have contributed to School Council's direct donation campaign, the link remains open and donations can be made at any time https://www.paypal.com/donate/?campaign_id=6FE5ZAHKTVKW6.

c. Fundraising | Clara I.

Fun Lunches

A reminder that in addition to scheduling your child's fun lunches, families can also now purchase e-gift cards through the Healthy Hunger website and a portion of the proceeds will go towards School Council's fundraising efforts. There are many options available, so please check it out!

Stamps Parking

Stampeder parking at the Mid-High campus will pick up again this Spring with the first game in May. Volunteers meet at the mid-high campus on game days and take payments (\$10/car) for cars wishing to park in the campus parking lot. Once the cars are parked, volunteers are free to go! At this time, for safety reasons, School Council requests all volunteers to be over the age of 16.

SkipTheDepot

Still actively running SkipTheDepot. If you have any bottle recycling that you would like to donate, please visit <u>skipthedepot.com</u>, download the app and schedule a pick-up!

Read-a-thon

School Council will be hosting a Spring Break Read-A-Thon at the Elementary Campus for all students K-4. It will run from **March 17 to April 7** and the last day to submit pledges will be **April 8**. A special assembly will be held on **Friday**, **April 11** to announce the winners. Participants will earn pledges based on



minutes read and there will be prizes for grade winners, classroom winner and an overall grand winner. Pledge packages will be sent home with students.

d. Social Events | Tammy C.

Reminder to save the date for the year end event: **June 6, 2025**. The celebration will run after school at the Elementary campus. More information, including volunteer opportunities, will be coming soon.

4. **Board Update** | Simon C.

The HR committee is actively preparing for the Superintendent search. The posting will be available over Spring Break. Elections for next year's Board members will take place over the first couple weeks of April (nominating committee is in a holding pattern until then). Excited to have the Ever After Program and City traffic engineers supporting our traffic concerns around the school. Awaiting their proposed project plan to determine next steps.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Meeting Recording

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Date:	Wednesday, April 16, 2025	Time:	7pm – 8pm
Zoom ID:	695 453 4724		
Zoom Passcode:	Westmount!		
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