



MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday, April 16, 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 a fun, interactive map for families to explore over the long weekend: www.native-land.ca.

Attendees

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chair: Ashley Wilford-Matthews2. Vice-Chair: Ameet Kooner3. Secretary: Jodi Hornung4. Treasurer: Lisa Fedko-Gott5. Communications Director: Terri May6. Fundraising Director: Clara Ip7. Parent Engagement Director: Melissa Wolsey8. Social Events Director: Tammy Chan9. Director-at-Large: Kanwar Gill10. Director-at-Large: Victor Shen	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Elementary Principal: Adriana Klassen2. Elementary Assistant Principal: Karly Bagnall3. Mid-High Principal: Graeme Finlay4. Student Council President: Shazain Wasif5. Board Liaison: Simon Corrin
Absent: Melissa Wolsey, Terri May, Simon Corrin	

Approval of Agenda

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tammy C. and seconded by Victor S.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve the [March 12, 2025](#) general meeting minutes was made by Victor S. and seconded by Tammy C.



Agenda

1. Chair's Remarks

Upcoming Elections

The School Council AGM will be held next month on **May 14, 2025** online at 7pm. We will be looking to fill the following positions:

Vice-Chair (*1 year term which moves into Chair*)

Secretary (*incumbent intending to stay*)

Special Events (*incumbent intending to stay*)

Communications

Director at Large (x2) (*1 year position that is great for new parents*)

All parents are encouraged to attend the AGM and consider running for one of the available positions. It's a wonderful opportunity to get involved with the school, meet other parents and work alongside administration. We'd love to have you join us!

2. School Reports

a. Student Council President | Shazain Wasif

- Spirit week and talent show took place the week leading up to Spring break and were a huge success!
- April events include an Easter scavenger hunt for mid-schoolers (grades 5-8) on April 17th. Students will be outside exploring different stations, participating in fun activities and filling out scorecards. They can then submit their completed scorecards to receive a chocolate prize.
- Upcoming focus will be on Student Council elections taking place near the end of May. Student Council will also be planning a spirit week before the May long weekend.
- Brainstorming has begun for School Council's year-end event and Student Council is happy to help out.

b. Elementary Principals | Adriana Klassen & Karly Bagnall

[Elementary Campus – April 2025](#)

c. Mid-High Principal | Graeme Finlay

[Mid-High Campus – April 2025](#)

Mid-High Highlight: WCS' 13th Annual Exeunt One Act Play Festival is coming up May 12th, 13th and 14th. The festival will feature two plays: "The Internet is Distract—Oh Look A Kitten" by Ian McWethy and "Game of Tiaras" by Don Zolidis. Please visit westmountcharter.com to purchase tickets.



Stay up to date with [@wscsmidhigh_official](#) and the latest mid-high news by following [instagram.com/wscsmidhigh_official](https://www.instagram.com/wscsmidhigh_official).

Reminder that fee assistance is available and any family needing support can contact the school directly.

3. School Council Reports

a. **Treasury** | Lisa F.

A big thank you to all families who have contributed to School Council's direct donation campaign and fundraising initiatives so far this year! School Council has budgeted \$31K for revenue and is currently sitting at \$36K revenue with several months left to raise money. This is a great position to be in because it means at the end of the year School Council will have more money to give back to the school. Thank you parents for your support and please keep an eye out for upcoming fundraising efforts including Stamps parking and the year-end event.

b. **Fundraising** | Clara I.

Read-A-Thon

The WCS-Elementary Spring Read-A-Thon 2025 was a huge success! Thank you to all K-4 students who participated! In total, students raised \$9688 and read for a combined total of 113,492 minutes. A special assembly was held on April 11th to celebrate the students' participation and announce the winners.

Stamps Parking

Stamped parking at the Mid-High campus will pick up again this Spring with the first game May 24. Volunteers will meet at the Mid-High campus on game days and take payments (\$10/car) for cars wishing to park in the campus parking lot. 5-6 volunteers are needed per game for a maximum of two hours (no police clearance required). Each game raises appx \$500 and volunteer information will be sent out to parents by the end of April.

SkipTheDepot

Still actively running SkipTheDepot. If you have any bottle recycling that you would like to donate, please visit [skipthedepot.com](https://www.skipthedepot.com), download the app and schedule a pick-up!

c. **Special Poll: lunch supervision fee increase at WCS-Elementary 2025/26**

WCS-Elementary is unique from other schools in that currently students are able to eat lunch in their individual classrooms rather than sitting together and eating on the gym floor. This is possible because the school hires lunch supervisors to ensure each classroom has an adult overseeing the students while they eat, allowing teachers a lunch break. This set-up helps limit behavioural issues and



offers a more manageable response in case of a lock-down event. Lunch supervisors work three hours and also perform the morning recess supervision, lunch recess supervision and offer support to teachers as needed. In order to continue offering the lunch supervisor program next year, a proposed \$100 increase to the lunch supervisor fee for grades 1-4 and a \$50 increase to the lunch supervisor fee for ECS is suggested. If fees are not increased, the program will see a loss of five supervisors and remaining supervisors will have to share classrooms with a priority on ECS. A poll was run during the meeting to solicit feedback from WCS-Elementary families.

Poll Results

86% Yes, in favour of the increase

14% No, not in favour of the increase

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

Not available.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Meeting Recording

[Click here to view](#)

Next General School Council Meeting - AGM

Date:	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	Time:	7pm – 8pm
Zoom ID:	695 453 4724		
Zoom Passcode:	Westmount!		
Zoom Link:	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6954534724?pwd=YqZtU4HmYsTaBUbk4eGZtc2DVdf10H.1&omn=87296280822		