



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026** 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 recognized the Indigenous athletes representing Canada at the 2026 Winter Olympics.

Attendees

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration
1. Chair: <i>Ashley Wilford-Matthews</i> 2. Vice-Chair: <i>Hannah Klassen</i> 3. Secretary: <i>Jodi Hornung</i> 4. Treasurer: <i>Lisa Fedko-Gott</i> 5. Communications Director: <i>Travis Davidson</i> 6. Fundraising Director: <i>Clara Ip</i> 7. Parent Engagement Director: <i>Melissa Wolsey</i> 8. Social Events Director: <i>Tammy Chan</i> 9. Director-at-Large: <i>Meg Nicholson</i> 10. Director-at-Large: <i>Pin Sahota</i>	1. Elementary Principal: <i>Karly Bagnall</i> 2. Elementary Acting Assistant Principal: <i>Ashley Cuthbert</i> 3. Mid-High Principal: <i>Graeme Finlay</i> 4. Student Council President: <i>Dipto Sikdar</i> 5. Board Liaison: <i>Cathy Feehan</i>
Absent: Lisa Fedko-Gott, Travis Davidson, Tammy Chan, Dipto Sikdar	

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Melissa W. and seconded by Clara I. A request to amend the agenda to include School Safety Protocols was approved.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the [Jan. 2026](#) minutes was made by Clara I. and seconded by Hannah K.

Agenda

1. Chair’s Remarks

Our hearts go out to all those affected by the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, BC and we wish them strength during this difficult time. This event has certainly lead us to think of our own school and the safety protocols put in place, which our Principals will speak to during this meeting.



2. School Reports

- a. Student Council Vice-President | *Aishani Singh*
 - Valentine's Day 'Crush for a Crush' event was a success with 708 sales; cans of pop were delivered on Feb. 11. Kudos to junior council for organizing this great event!
 - The Logistics and Communications roles have been amended in the Student Council Constitution shifting the role of general communication between student council and school administration to the Communications Director role (it was previously under Logistics). This amendment compensates for the current lack of Logistics Director.
 - Currently running a suggestion box to elicit student feedback.
 - Upcoming: talent show March 16-18, spirit week March 16-19. Both events are still in the planning phase.

- b. Elementary Principals | *Karly Bagnall & Ashley Cuthbert*
[Elementary Campus – February 2026](#)

- c. Mid-High Principal | *Graeme Finlay*
[Mid-High Campus – February 2026](#)

3. Amended Addition: School Safety Protocols

Note from Principals: both campuses are secured with cameras and intercoms at front and back doors. WCS runs two lock-down drills per year in coordination with Calgary Police Services in which protocols are practiced and feedback is provided.

Conversations are held with students to help minimize excitabilities for these drills. If a class is outside the school during a lock-down event, the teacher will be notified via cell phone and the class will move to the nearest safe place. The school also works diligently with student services and councillors to provide support to students and are obligated to report any potential threat of harm to others or self.

Parent shared feedback that she had not been questioned when she buzzed the front door and is suggesting processes be revisited to discern who is permitted access into the buildings. The school will take this feedback and review with front staff.

The school will be sending out a communication to families in response to what occurred at Tumbler Ridge. If families have any questions, please reach out to your Principal.

Council shared: *Feeling unsafe after Tumbler Ridge shooting? Here's how kids can cope* | story | Kids News <https://share.google/OmMZ5gLprcsUhMINJ> & <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7084589>



4. School Council Reports

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- a. **Treasury** | *Lisa G.*
Not available.

- b. **Fundraising** | *Clara I.*

February fun lunches: Feb. 20 Chachi's and Feb. 27 NAM Vietnamese Kitchen. Place orders at healthyhunger.ca no later than five days before the scheduled lunch. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the direct donation campaign! There is still time to help us reach our goal of \$30,000 [donate here](#). Back this spring is the read-a-thon – expanded to include grades 5 and 6 (for students K-6) more information to follow. SkipTheDepot is an ongoing campaign and families can schedule bottle recycling pick-ups at <https://app.skipthedepot.com/westmountcharter>. Stampeders parking volunteer opportunities coming this May.

Note on Casinos: the WCS Fundraising Committees run the casinos; next is Feb. 28 – March 1 and they are still looking for 11pm-4am shift volunteers and back-up volunteers. Sign-up can be found in the EC Newsletter. Going forward, both campuses will include volunteer sign-up opportunities in weekly newsletters. No training or volunteer clearance required.

- c. **Parent Engagement** | *Melissa W.*

The next Mid-High Coffee Talk will be Feb. 20, in person at 8:45am. The next Elementary Coffee Talk will be March 6, online at 9:15am [ZOOM LINK](#) | ZOOM ID: 695 453 4724 | PASSWORD: Westmount!.

Upcoming online parent engagement session on Nutrition and Physical Literacy presented by Ally Johnson on Friday, Feb. 20 @ 7-8pm [ZOOM LINK](#) | ZOOM ID: 695 453 4724 | PASSWORD: Westmount!.

- d. **Additional Updates**

Grade 4 Farewell Celebration Planning: WCS School Council would like to coordinate a special send-off for this year's Grade 4 students as they get ready to say farewell to the Elementary Campus. If you are interested in helping us plan and execute a fun and memorable celebration, please join us at our first planning meeting! Invite is open to any grade 3 parents that may also be interested.

What: *Grade 4 Celebration - Initial Planning Session*

Date: Wednesday, **February 25**, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: [ZOOM LINK](#) | ZOOM ID: 695 453 4724 | PASSWORD: Westmount!



WCS 30th Anniversary: In preparation for Westmount's 30th anniversary celebrations, Council is seeking a community member able to assist with aerial/drone photography. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Melissa at schoolcouncil@westmountcharter.com.

Westmount will be revealing its new logo May 1 as part of the 30th Anniversary celebrations and the mid-high is organizing a spring clothing order featuring the new design. Details to follow.

5. Board Update | Cathy Feehan, Non-Parent Director

Nominations for the Board have closed. Facilities hopes to hear if WCS is in the run for funding by the end of Feb/March.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Meeting Recording

[Click here to view](#)