



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday, March 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 recommended [Women’s History Walk](#) at The Confluence in celebration of International Women’s Day.

Attendees

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

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hannah K. and seconded by Uthpala T.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the [Feb. 2026](#) minutes was made by Meg N. and seconded by Melissa W.

Agenda

1. Chair’s Remarks

As we welcome in spring, we begin looking ahead to the School Council AGM in May. There will be open positions available for new parents to join, and we encourage anyone interested to consider applying. If you are interested and wish to know more, please email wcschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Additional information regarding specific positions will be made available in the coming months.

2. School Reports

- a. Student Council President | *Dipto Sikdar*



- **Spirit Week March 16-19:** Monday - *PJ day*; Tuesday - *St. Patrick's Day (wear green)*; Wednesday - *Heros vs Villains (dress as your favourite hero or villain)*; Thursday - *Time Period Day (dress in your favourite time period)*.
 - **Talent Show March 16, 17, 18** at lunch in the gym with a winner announced each day.
 - **Spring Dance April 23:** mid-school dance in the afternoon 1-3pm; high school dance in the evening 6-9pm. There will be optional classroom activities during the mid-school dance for students who need an alternative to the noise in the gym.
 - Student Council is currently working on a slideshow as part of WCS's 30th Anniversary celebrations taking place in May.
 - Student Council will be recognizing all school staff during Education Week (second week back after spring break).
- b. Elementary Principals | *Karly Bagnall & Ashley Cuthbert*
[Elementary Campus – March 2026](#)
- c. Mid-High Principal | *Graeme Finlay*
[Mid-High Campus – March 2026](#)

Notes:

The Outsiders program for grade seven will not be running next year given that Mark Knoll will be taking a year of absence. A new integrated program called Studio Seven will be offered, led by Ms. Strauss. This program will focus on creativity and community mindedness.

Additional grade five field trips are planned for the remainder of the year.

Mid-high admission decisions have been made, and families are currently being notified.

Confirmed that grades 5 & 6 will be looping.

3. School Council Reports

[Council Corner – March 2026](#)

- a. **Treasury** | *Lisa G.*
No update.
- b. **Fundraising** | *Clara I.*
Fun Lunches: April 10th and 17th (vendors still to be confirmed). Please place orders at healthyhunger.ca no later than five days before the scheduled lunch.



Direct Donation Campaign: 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](#).

Read-a-Thon for K-6 Students: packages will be sent home with students. Prizes for students and classrooms who read the most!

SkipTheDepot: families can schedule bottle recycling pick-ups at <https://app.skipthedepot.com/westmountcharter>.

Stampeders Parking: volunteer sign-up coming this May.

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

The next Mid-High Coffee Talk will be March 13, online at 9:15am [ZOOM LINK](#) | ZOOM ID: 695 453 4724 | PASSWORD: Westmount!. The next Elementary Coffee Talk will be April 10, in person at 8:50am in the EC staff room.

Upcoming online parent engagement session on Tuesday, March 17 “*Executive Function in Action: From Frustration to Understanding*” at 7-8:30pm ONLINE [ZOOM LINK](#) Meeting ID: 867 4053 4827 Passcode: 4nefi4

d. **Executive Team Transitions & Recruitment** | *Ashley M.*

Please refer to Chair’s Remarks.

4. **Board Update** | *Uthpala Tennakoon (Parent Director)*

New member elections will take place after spring break. Each family gets one vote regardless of how many children attend Westmount (as per bylaws); notice is sent to the primary email address on file with WCS. Vote count takes place end of April with new members being notified by the May board meeting. The Board is seeking one parent member and up to four non-parent members. It will be using Election Runner to ensure impartiality.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Meeting Recording

[Click here to view](#)