



MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Call to Order & Chair’s Remarks

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday, May 13, 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 reflected on the Indigenous concept of ‘making relatives’ – creating family and kinship with the world around you. This feels especially applicable as we reflect on Council’s past year and its focus on interconnectedness, mutual support and reciprocity in relationships. Thank you to all parents and staff for the shared responsibility, structure and support provided over the last seven years while Ashley has been involved with Council – working together to strengthen the WCS community.

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>	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>Unavailable</i>
Absent: <i>Travis Davidson, Meg Nicholson, Board Liaison</i>	

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Melissa W. and seconded by Clara I.



Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the 2025 AGM minutes was made by Anita and seconded by Allison R.

Agenda

1. School Reports

- a. Student Council President | *Dipto Sikdar*
 - **Spring Dance April 23** – overall positive feedback and well attended; success!
 - **30th Anniversary / Spirit Week May 19-22** – Tues: *Inside Out Day*; Wed: *Dress Wild Day*; Thurs: *Decade Day*; Fri: *Dress Like a Teacher Day*. Paper cut outs were handed out to students to share memories in recognition of Westmount's 30th Anniversary. These memories will be displayed throughout the school.
 - **Student Council Elections** – there are 4 junior positions and 8 senior positions available. Students are currently working on their campaigns; deadline to submit candidate videos is May 21.
 - **Year-End Event** – coordinating tug-of-war, carnival games, nine square, gaga ball and parachute activities for the year-end event. Student council members will be assigned to each game station to ensure they run smoothly.
- b. Elementary Principals | *Karly Bagnall & Ashley Cuthbert*
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- c. Mid-High Principal | *Graeme Finlay*
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2. School Council Reports

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a. **AGM Presentation
Fundraising**

2025/2026 Initiatives	Total Raised
Healthy Hunger	\$4660
Created by Kids - Winter 2025	\$2673
Old Dutch Fundraiser- Fall 2025	\$850 (approx)
SkipTheDepot	\$1291.86
Stampeders Parking	\$1229
Read-a-Thon (EC and MH) - Spring 2026	\$9618
Direct Donations	\$26,801
	\$47,122.86

Treasury

	2025/26 Budget	2025/26 Actuals as at April 30, 2025	Over/ (Under) 2024/25 Budget
Total Revenues	44,700	45,864	1,164
Expenses			
Council Expenditures	12,450	2,254	(10,196)
30th Anniversary Celebration	10,000	254	(9,746)
Classroom Support	15,000	15,000	-
Elementary - Staff Wellness, Class Wellness & Field Trips	7,700	1,622	(6,078)
Mid/High - Staff Wellness	8,250	2,255	(5,995)
Total Expenses*	53,400	21,384	(32,016)
Revenues minus Expenses	(8,700)	24,480	33,180
Ending Cash Balance		56,960	

* It is expected that the majority of expenses will be incurred in the months of May and June

Parent Engagement

Coffee Talks

- Held monthly, alternating between online and in-person.
- Casual space held for conversation between administration and parents.
- Average of 15 attendees in-person & 11 people online.



Parent Engagement Sessions

- Four sessions held this year: executive functioning, social emotional regulation, nutrition & physical literacy, and gifted education.

Social Events

Staff Appreciation

- Seed N Salt lunches were delivered at the end of June to thank the teachers and staff for their hard work and wish them a lovely summer break.
- Farewell cards and gifts were presented to Mrs Guglielmin, Ms Shelly, and Mrs Wilson to wish them happy retirement.

Meet the School Council

- Council members engaged families across both campuses through an elementary presentation and a mid-high lobby booth featuring volunteer recruitment, popcorn fundraising, and student “kudos card” activity for teachers.

Year-End Celebration

- Our 4th annual Year-End Celebration was held on June 6, 2025 at the Elementary Campus. Dunk tank returned by popular demand after last year’s cancellation due to water restrictions. Launched a new tradition: “Race the Teachers” inflatable obstacle course.
- The 5th Year-End Celebration for the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled for June 5, 2026. Will also celebrate WCS’s 30th Anniversary.

Grade 4 Farewell Party

- Collaborating with a parent group of Grade 4 students to host a farewell celebration on June 18, recognizing students as they transition to the mid-high campus next school year

b. Elections

Positions

1. Chair (**OPEN***)
2. Vice-Chair (**OPEN**)
3. Secretary (**OPEN***)
4. Treasurer (**OPEN**)
5. Communications Director (**OPEN**)
6. Fundraising Director (**OPEN***)
7. Parent Engagement Director (**OPEN***)
8. Social Events Director
9. Director-at-Large (**OPEN**)
10. Director-at-Large (**OPEN**)

*Incumbent or executive member interested



CHAIR	<i>Melissa Wolsey</i> (nominated by Tammy C., seconded by Hannah K.)
VICE-CHAIR	<i>Tanja Riedel</i> (nominated by Melissa W., seconded by Tammy C.)
SECRETARY	<i>Hannah Klassen</i> (nominated by Clara I., seconded by Allison R.)
TREASURER	<i>Chloe Cook</i> (nominated by Lin H., seconded by Hannah K.)
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	<i>Aimee Hayden</i> (nominated by Melissa W., seconded by Lin H.)
FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR	<i>Clara Ip</i> (nominated by Melissa W., seconded by Allison R.)
PARENT ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR	<i>Meg Nicholson</i> (nominated by Clara I., seconded by Hannah K.)
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	<i>Kara MacKay</i> (nominated by Tammy C., seconded by Lin H.)
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE	<i>Monica Dickson</i> (nominated by Clara I., seconded by Hannah K.)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Meeting Recording

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