



WEDNESDAY, SEP. 16, 2026

Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School (WCS) was held on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** via Zoom. It commenced at 7:00pm and was presided over by Melissa Wosley. Chair began the meeting with Westmount Charter School's land acknowledgement and introduced herself as the new chair and parent of two students attending WCS.

Attendees | 67 participants joined the meeting.

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration
Chair: <i>Melissa Wolsey</i> Vice-Chair: <i>Tanja Riedel</i> Secretary: <i>Hannah Klassen</i> Treasurer: <i>Chloë Cook</i> Communications Director: <i>Shabnam Marouf</i> Fundraising Director: <i>Clara Ip</i> Parent Engagement Director: <i>Meg Nicholson</i> Social Events Director: <i>Tammy Chan</i> Director-at-Large: <i>Kara MacKay</i> Director-at-Large: <i>Monica Dickson</i>	Elementary Principal: <i>Karly Bagnall</i> Elementary Acting Assistant Principal: <i>Ashley Cuthbert</i> Mid-High Principal: <i>Graeme Finlay</i> Mid-High AP (M-Z): <i>Julie Jansen</i> Student Council President: <i>Aishani Singh</i> Board Liaison: <i>not present</i>
Absent: <i>Kara MacKay, Tammy Chan</i>	

Agenda

- Approval of Agenda** – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tanja R. and seconded by Meg N.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the [June 2026 minutes](#) was made by Meg N. and seconded by Melissa W.

2. Chair's Remarks

Melissa remarked on what makes Westmount special: "We've found our people", that our children and us as adults have peers and a community that understand and support each other. We are a community, a family, and we are strongest when we treat each other with kindness, respect, and understanding. Give each grace and always assume good intentions. We have the same goal of supporting our students and school to thrive. Thanks to administration for all they do to make the school a welcoming and positive place.



Note about bussing. The individuals working on bussing have heard all the concerns and are thankful for the feedback and are working hard to address these concerns. These individuals were not present at this meeting, so principals will not be able to comment on bussing, rather the meeting will focus on school programming and activities.

3. School Reports

a. Student Council President | *Aishani Singh*

- **Phone passes** – Phone ban causes issues during events. Phone passes for senior executive council members that teachers can provide so that coordination can happen during events
- **Budgeting funds** – in process and supporting Logistics director, new this year and does not have a mentor
- **Grade rep elections** – Speeches occurring Sept 21-23 in LC, cafeteria. Oct 1st voting closes. First meeting Oct 6th.
- **Truth and Reconciliation Day** – Sept 29th, organized by Diversity council with Student Council offering support
- **Terry Fox Day MH** – Oct 2nd, Student Council providing help
- **Club Fair** – Oct 14th, new rule with clubs to run half-term. This club for first term and full-year clubs.
- **Other upcoming student council events:** Spirit week, Halloween dance, costume contest, door decorating

b. Elementary Principals | *Karly Bagnall & Ashley Cuthbert*

[Elementary Campus – Sept 2026](#)

- Reviewed above linked report.

c. Mid-High Principal | *Graeme Finlay*

[Mid-High Campus – Sept 2026](#)

- Reviewed above linked report.

4. School Council Reports

a. **Budget** | *Chloë C.*

- Reviewed [2026-27 Budget](#)
- Expected income last year \$44,700; Actual ~\$55,000
- Direct donations campaign brought in 8K more than budgeted. Plan to keep this at 20K as 5-year average is ~18K for yearly direct donations
- Budget for this year will spend surplus by increasing teacher classroom support from \$200 to \$250 per teacher; adding a new “Wishlist” of \$3400 so that at admin discretion there can be money to be spent on things deemed important for the schools; and increasing field trip spending.



- Motion to approve 2026-2027 School Council budget made by Manoj M. Seconded by Anita P.

b. **Parent Engagement | Meg N.**

- Reminder we are here to be a conduit for parents to administration. Please reach out and get involved. Reminder to be part of solution when there is a problem; for something like the bussing situation in the future we will call a special meeting rather than use the coffee talk for this

- Upcoming parent engagement session:

September 22, 7:00-7:45 p.m. online with Robin Daultani, founder of Slumbrful, certified sleep science coach. The session covers **sleep science, common sleep problems, and practical improvement strategies**, with a short quiz and breathing exercise at the end.

It will be recorded and the recording will be available for those unable to join live.

- Next Coffee talks:

- Elementary in-person Oct 2 at 8:50am
- Mid-High Oct 5th at 9:15am. Same login for Zoom

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 695 453 4724

Passcode: Westmount!

c. **Fundraising | Clara I.**

Fundraising is planned and it's ongoing year round like with the Stampeders parking in the summer.

- **Stampeders parking** – Unfortunately this past summer we didn't get many summer volunteers, but hope to continue to do this. Stampeders parking is a 2h time commitment and does not need police clearance.
- **Direct donations** – Online direct donations is [now live](#). We are hoping to get classroom support for teachers increased this year from \$10/child to \$30
- **Fun Lunches** – September Cibo and Mary Browns. October Edo Japan, Please place orders at [healthyhunger.ca](#) no later than five days before the scheduled lunch.
- **SkipTheDepot** – families can schedule bottle recycling pick-ups at <https://app.skipthedepot.com/westmountcharter>.

5. **WCS Parents Fundraising Society (WCSPFS) Update| Anita P.**

There are two casino fundraising societies, one for the elementary and one for the mid-high. This is the mid-high. This is an AGLC approved program where non-profits get a chance to volunteer at casinos every 18months. Last time it raised \$85,000 for the school. This has supported ski trips, Camp Kiwanis, STEM & robotics, band program, and more.



- Tuesday Sept 22, first WCSPFS meeting, all are welcome; one open position on the board. Email with more details to come on Friday's newsletter

- ****There is a need more volunteers for Casino on Oct 13 Tuesday, night shift:**

Support Westmount Mid-High at Cowboys Casino!

The Westmount Charter School Parent Fundraising Society's hosting the biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds support Westmount Charter Mid High School.

Dates: Monday, Oct 12 & Tuesday, Oct 13

Location: Cowboys Casino

Perks: Free venue parking and a hot meal provided for every shift!

👉 [Click Here](#) to Volunteer

Quick FAQs

*** What is AGLC Casino Fundraising?**

An official Alberta program where non-profits volunteer for a couple of days at a casino to raise thousands of dollars directly for registered charities.

*** Do I need experience?**

None at all—every role is simple, and trained advisors guide you on-site.

*** Do I need a school volunteer police clearance?**

No—since this event takes place off campus, no clearance is required.

*** What roles are available?**

General Manager, Banker, Cashier, Chip Runner, and Count Room Staff. (They sound technical, but they are very easy and patient casino advisors will guide you step-by-step!). You can read more about the roles in the above link.

*** How are WCSPFS, School Council, and other groups different?**

WCSPFS manages casino-related fundraising, Band Society supports music, and School Council leads parent engagement and school fundraising initiatives.

*** What if I can't volunteer at the casino?**

You can still support the school through various other School Council and band society initiatives throughout the year!

Any questions?

Email wcspps@gmail.com

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.

Meeting Recording

[Click here to view](#)