

**Wilson Middle School
School Council Meeting January 15, 2025**



Attendance:

Andrea Andreachuk (School Board Trustee), Jeni Halowski (Principal), Kurt Zielke (Vice Principal)
Cynthia Young, Jessica Hodgson, Linda McKeith, Phi Jang, Samantha Hawthorne, Shane Mann, Tasha Olsen

Call to order @ 6:39 pm

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous Minutes - none noted
2. Adoption of Minutes - Shane / Samatha seconded
3. Additions to Agenda - none noted
4. Adoption of Agenda - Jessica / Tasha seconded
5. Business Arising from the Minutes – none noted
6. Trustee Report – provided by Andrea Andreachuk
 - The last Board meeting was in December 2024
 - ICE scholarship Show Case will occur on March 27, 2025 @ Churchill High School. Elementary school students were present last year. While Elementary students can't win the scholarship there will be some sort of acknowledgement provided.
 - West Coulee Elementary School has HVAC installed
 - Galbraith Elementary School Capital plan update - soil testing is currently being done
 - Kindergarten numbers have been reported. While mild & moderate disability is reported, there is no additional funding for this. The Board is trying to advocate for this funding.
 - Some schools are piloting new elementary report cards
 - Someone from Human Resources talked about staffing. As there have been boundary changes in West Lethbridge, there will be some adjustment in position / location of staff. All staffing positions will be open to all division members.
 - February 4, 2025 will be Town Hall. Everyone is encouraged to register / attend.
 - Kindergarten Spanish registration started on January 13. All Kindergarten on January 20
 - The LCI Girls Volleyball team was recognized for their achievement.
 - 2025/2026 Calendar will be approved in January 2025.
 - For upgrading of schools, a template scoring system has been created and will be used to determine capital improvements.

7. Division School Council Report

- ASCA plan – The board approved that funding can be used for something else but has not provided the information. As for pooling funds – was approved by the board but no details of how this is to be done / utilized.
- Any comments thoughts / feelings about budget – pass that on the trustee / principal
- Community conversation will occur on January 21, 2025 @ 1-3 pm in the YMCA room 1
- ATA has made a statement that it is against the standardized testing implemented this year.
- Town hall have been sent out – please register in advance – name tag & pre sign up for sessions
- Inclusion Stakeholder committee – will be sending out applications for people who want to be on committee. Focus on students with exceptionalities. More info in Feb
- Policy committee – goal is to consolidate all the policies by the end of the year.
- Division Wellness – GOA has taken away funding for every wellness program – nutrition, digital wellness, mindful munchies funding has been reallocated... will likely run out of money.
- ICE on March 27
- Expression of interest – to bring in a constable from Calgary to discuss child exploitation on the internet. Session for parents & possibly a session for kids.
 - Are we interested in a seminar – yes
 - Can school space after hours – (Plaxton has volunteered their gym) / yes but depends on schedule
 - Any particular date – before Easter

8. Administrative Reports

Jeni

1. Town Hall: please use the link below to register. It would be great to have representation from WMS to share the perspective of our community.

[Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

2. Parent Teacher Interviews: will be January 30th 4:00 – 8:00pm and January 31 8:00am – 12:00pm. (PL day) Bookings for Interviews will open January 20th at 8:00am.

Jeni for Taylor

1. Ottawa/Montreal Trip

- We are exploring the possibility of an exciting educational trip for our students—STEM Discovery: Montreal & Quebec! There will be a parent meeting on Jan 16th at 7:00pm (tomorrow evening) to gauge interest. Option to join from teams as well if parents give me advance notice. If you are sending home an email to parents, please consider including this link [RSVP You're Invited | EF Educational Tours Canada](#)
- The trip would likely run over easter break 2026. It will be open to all grade 6 & 7 students (they will be next year grade 7 & 8s).

2. Athletics

- Basketball will continue through January.
- We will be hosting a mini jamboree with Lakie and Fairbairn on Jan 31st as a wrap up for our JV season. I am sure athletes would welcome all spectators. We will not be doing a gate or coaches room for this event. Very informal - just a way to wrap up the season.
- Badminton will begin mid-February. Will be reaching out to badminton coaches towards the middle of the month.

3. Term Changes

- Term 2A will run until January 24th. Term 2B will begin on Jan 27th and run until March 13th.

Kurt

1. PAT Information:

- PL on Vretta (digital testing platform) for some teachers on Jan 24th. If it becomes mandatory, more computers will be needed.
- For grade 6 - Math and ELAL PATs based on new curriculum
- For grade 6, Social PAT based on old curriculum
- For grade 6, No Science PAT this year (as new curriculum came in this year)
- For grade 7 & 8, new curriculum is being released next year

2. Good Movement Program, a company based in Calgary. Provided transportation for some Indigenous students to the Lethbridge YMCA for various activities.

3. 50/50 Cheques – Because of money laundering rules have changed, it takes longer for funds to become available and a cheque ready to be issued. Perhaps email communication can include timelines so winners know what to expect

Upcoming Dates:

January

15: School Council @ 6:30pm

17: Grade 8 Renaissance Fair

23: Grade 7 Swimming

24: Term 2A Ends

27: Term 2B Begins

27 – 30: Grade 7 Field Trips

30: PTIs 4:00 – 8:00pm

31: PTIs 8:00 – 12:00pm

February

4: Town Hall

12: School Council @ 6:30pm

10 – 14: Basketball Playoffs

10 – 14: Badminton ID Camps

17: Family Day

18/19: No School
20/21: Teachers' Convention
26: Pink Shirt Day
28: Grade 7 Oscar Party
28: Deadline to Order Yearbook

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:38 pm

Wilson Parent Advisory Council Society Meeting

January 15, 2025 - immediately following School Council meeting

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes / none
2. Adoption of Minutes -Shane / Samantha seconded
3. Additions to agenda
 - Shane has 2 items
 - Band request
 - Turkey Bingo
4. Adoption of agenda - Jessica / Samantha seconded
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - A) Shane: 50/50 account needs to be closed. AGLC wants everything run through regular account & to see the deposit into the gaming account to be the exact amount that is earned from games.

Motion made to close the 50/50 account at First Choice Savings - Tasha / Samantha seconded
 - B) Raffle box requires updated documents for compliance. Shane will require a school letter & articles of incorporation.
 - Cynthia will look for articles of incorporation.
 - Shane will advise Jeni what is needed in the school letter
 - C) Band Request
 - They are down a couple of French Horns and is asking for financial support. Cost is estimated to be around \$3700.
 - Jeni will ask that a written quote be provided for consideration
 - D) Turkey Bingo – March 27 @ 6.30-8pm
 - Shane will get turkey / door prizes
 - Phi will reach out to Erin to see about Band hosting a concession
 - Cynthia will inquire with seniors to get bingo machine
 - Jeni will inquire with teachers if anyone will be an Announcer
 - Phi will help set up a School Council table and sign-up sheet.

- People will be encouraged to bring their own dabbers
- Jeni will submit a request to have the gym booked

6. Treasurers Report

General Ledger Report for Nov-Dec 2024

Period of Nov 1- Dec 31/24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1st Choice Chequing Account - Opening Balance November 1, 2024					\$ 602.11
2024-11-30	Monthly Maintenance			\$ 5.00	
2024-12-31	Monthly Maintenance			\$ 5.00	
<i>Balance on December 31, 2024</i>					\$ 592.11
1st Choice Gaming Account - Opening Balance November 1, 2024					\$ 8,776.82
2024-11-01	AGLC transfer from 50/50 account		\$2,715.94		
2024-11-20	Chq # 26 Dance Residency			\$ 2,500.00	
2024-12-28	Chq # 27 Band 50/50 winner Scott Davy			\$ 735.00	
<i>Balance on December 31, 2024</i>					\$ 8,257.76
1st Choice 50/50 Gaming Account - Opening Balance November 1, 2024					\$ 3,019.09
2024-11-01	AGLC transfer out to Casino Account			\$2,715.94	
<i>Balance on December 31, 2024</i>					\$ 303.15

7. New Business / none

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:57pm