

Wilson Middle School

School Council Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025



Attendance:

Jeni Halowski (Principal), Taylor Keith (Vice Principal)
Cynthia Young, Linda McKeith, Melissa Bootsman, Phi Jang, Samantha Hawthorne,

Call to order @ 6:39 pm

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous Minutes – Due to attendance, a meeting was not held in February 2025.
2. Adoption of minutes – There were no minutes for February 2025
3. Additions to Agenda - None noted
4. Adoption of Agenda - Phi / Linda seconded
5. Business Arising from the Minutes – none noted
6. Trustee Report – provided by Jeni
 - Town hall survey results came out and are available on the School District website.
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/town-hall-2/2024-town-hall-results>
 - Assurance strategic planning was started last week
 - Community conversations session with the Board of Trustee will be on March 19, 2025 @ 9-10:30 am. Location: Lethbridge Fish & Game Association, 946 – 9 Avenue South.
 - Various policies were discussed (Trustee Code of Conduct, Responsible Use of Technology, Signing Authority, Childcare Partnership)
7. Division School Council Report
 - ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) annual meeting will be held online this year. ASCA provides training on policies and people will vote on policies that are brought forward to the government. If interested, school has \$250 to send people and the Division is providing \$400. This would cover registration fee.
 - Every year the Division pays for ASCA membership. If schools decide to use ASCA, the Division will pay for membership. Starting next year, if a school council decide to not be ASCA member the Division will then issue the money to the school.
 - In 2026, the ASCA meeting will be held in Edmonton. Starting next year, the Division has decided that people who want to go to the ASCA meeting will need to submit an application by Jan / Feb.
 - The Division is having an Online Safety Presentation. / March 27, 2025 @ 7 pm. The presentation is not for anyone under 16 years old. If parents go and decide they may want a session devoted to kids, this may be a possibility on an individual school basis.

8. Administrative Reports

Provided by Jeni

1. 2025-26 Registration: opened on March 10th. Parents will need a PowerSchool login in order to complete. If you need assistance with this please contact the office at 403-329-3144. If you need assistance with registration please contact the office. It is important that registrations are completed as this determines our staffing for the upcoming school year.
2. Assurance Survey: is now open. Random access codes have been sent home to all grade 7 families. Thank you to those who have completed the survey. We would appreciate if you haven't had the chance yet, if you would consider completing it.
 - As of the meeting 33 responses have been received. Survey will remain open until March 2

Provided by Jeni for Kurt

1. Fine Arts

Band:

- Jazz Band performs Sat March 14th
- March 20th – Band Concert 6:00 PM
- April 16-17 (Grade 7s going to SABC overnight)
- May 7th to 9th (Grade 8s going to Calgary/Edmonton)

2. Diversity and Positive Spaces

- Ramadan runs Feb 28 through March 29
 - Alternative eating spaces
 - Prayer space
- Holi update:
 - Tickets will be sold March 10-12 in common area. Students with a ticket will get a bag or bags of colours.
 - On Thursday March 13th during period 7, students with a ticket will be able to participate in the WMS Holi celebration on the basketball court area
 - Weather permitting – hopefully date does not need to be changed.
 - A list of student names will be e-mailed out to help with attendance.
 - Holi is actually on Thurs March 14th, but we have no school that day
- Cultural Showcase Assembly:
 - Was initially scheduled for March 19 but has to be moved. Date to be determined

Provided by Taylor

1. PowerSchool and Term Change

- Term 2B ends on March 13. Term 3A begins March 18
- Report Cards will be available to parents/guardians the morning of March 24, 2025

2. Athletics

- Badminton is on its way! Cities will be beginning of April.
- Athletic Awards - June 5
- Track & Field - May 12 is our school meet, May 27 is the LSAA City Meet, June 3 is the zone meet.

3. Upcoming Field Trips

- Mar 12: Drama 8
- March 31, April 1, April 3, April 8: Lethbridge Festival
- April 16-17: Grade 7 Band Retreat

Upcoming Dates

March

13: Term 2 Ends
14: School PL Day
17: Division PL (am)/School PL (pm)
18: Term 3 Begins
20: Band Concert
TBD: School Council Turkey Bingo

April

7: Green Shirt Day
7 – 9: LSAA Badminton Playoffs
9: School Council @ 6:30pm
18 – 27: Easter Break
30: Grade 5 Orientation

Meeting Adjourned @ 7.05 pm



Wilson Parent Advisory Council Society Meeting

March 12, 2025 minutes– immediately following School Council meeting

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes – there was no meeting in February 2025.
2. Adoption of Minutes – there were no minutes for February 2025
3. Additions to agenda - none noted
4. Adoption of agenda - Samantha / Linda seconded
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - Parent Engagement session
 - 50/50 draws at upcoming Band Concert
6. Treasurers Report – no update was available. Anticipate it to be the same as there have been no expenses
7. Turkey Bingo
 - March 27, 2025 is no longer an option considering other events occurring in the School Division. New date will be Monday April 14 @ 6.30-8 pm. The job roles will remain the same as noted in the January 2025 minutes.
 - Shane has obtained and delivered turkeys and various prizes
 - Phi confirmed with Erin that the Band will host a concession
 - Cynthia will inquire with Senior Center about a 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
 - For set up will need 2 tables for concessions, 1 table for School Council. Currently the school has 200 chairs available. Taylor will inquire and ask the Division for 10 tables
8. New Business
 - Parent Engagement brainstorming ideas: Counseling session about self care and/or communicating to teens. A learning session such as cooking on a budget. A financial literacy session
 - Band concert
 - Motion by Phi: To have a 50/50 draw at the upcoming band concert in March 2025 and June 2025. Second by Linda / unanimously passed.

Adjournment @ 7:23 pm