

**Wilson Middle School
School Council Meeting April 9, 2025**



Attendance:

Jeni Halowski (Principal), Kurt Zielke (Vice Principal)
Cynthia Young, Linda McKeith, Tasha Olsen

Call to order @ 6.42pm

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous Minutes – deferred to next meeting
2. Adoption of Minutes – deferred to next meeting
3. Additions to Agenda - none
4. Adoption of Agenda – Linda / Cynthia seconded
5. Business Arising from the Minutes - none
6. Trustee Report - provided by Jeni
 - March 25 was the last trustee meeting. (minutes available at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/493105>)
 - Planning funds announced for new K-5 elementary school in the south end of West Lethbridge.
 - West Coulee Station Elementary School is progressing with anticipated occupancy in July 2025
 - Galbraith continues with modernization. The upgrade of Victoria Park will be moving into next phase with renovation of 3rd floor including ventilation and air conditioning.
 - High School students apply for ICE by Aprils 30
 - Indigenous Education team took Indigenous teachers for Professional Learning Day
 - Assurance survey saw increased participation
 - Robbie w/ HR – staffing of West Coulee Station school has been completed. The website is up and has information regarding staff.
 - New mentorship program for 1st & 2nd year teachers.
 - Substitute Appreciation Week occurred March 10-14, 2025
 - Mike Nightengale acknowledged the support staff. Shared budget process of ATA (Alberta Teacher's Association). New report cards for elementary schools have been going well. For School Council Conference Support, it is proposed that going forward a maximum of 8 people attend with a maximum reimbursement of \$1,150 per person.
 - There was a presentation on food insecurity. Foodbank use is up 42%. Funding for Mindful Munchies has been cut. They are looking at new funding sources.
 - Transportation: for 2024/25 bus transportation was an option for K-6 students who live more than 1.0 km from the school. For 2026 Alberta Education has changed it to 1.6 km
 - School Fees discussion/ tabled to April meeting.
 - Quarterly budget shared and passed.
 - Division Capital plan has been shared and is on website.
 - Probe is operating 163% core space. Chinook is 147% core space

7. Division School Council Report - provided by Tasha

- There was discussion on screen time policy. Concern about how screen time is used during nutrition break. More concern is at elementary school and how it is used during nutrition breaks. In Middle & High School is about content.
- Parent learning session was about inclusive education – what it is, there are 2.5 psychologists available. However no Occupational Therapist.
- ASCA spring symposium is April 26 & AGM Apr 27. Deadline is Apr 18. Conference is virtual. Topics are listed online (website: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>)
- There was discussion about technology evergreening – what happens to the old computers? The funding for technology is donated by school councils, to the schools. It is the schools who purchase the computers. The Division indicated it is not possible to refurbish / sell the old computers. At this time the Division is not willing to consider or discuss other possibilities.
- Assurance survey had 900 response versus 400 last year. The primary change was schools had control of access codes and could assist families.
- Staffing & Budget – only looking at 3-year plan. There is no increase funding for growth and funding for nutrition was cut.
- Collective bargaining. Across the province CUPE has been in negotiations. However, CUPE negotiates locally where teachers negotiate provincially

8. Administrative Reports

Provided by Jeni

1. Please complete registration forms for the upcoming school year. At last check only 1/3 of registrations were completed.

2. Budget

- Still waiting. There is a division wide delay. At end of May there is a board meeting for budget approval. Anticipate information will be available after that. At this time, Wilson Students are being encouraged to pick options carefully, as there may be less flexibility to move students around once school starts.

Provided by Kurt

1. Inclusive Ed:

Volunteers for readers/scribes for PATS, final, etc are needed. If you know anyone willing to volunteer on the dates please contact the school:

- May 28: Grade 6 ELA Part A
- June 12: Grade 6 ELA Part B
- June 13: Grade 6 Math Part A
- June 17: Grade 6 Math Part B
- June 18: Grade 6 SS

2. Diversity and Positive Spaces

- DEHR (Diversity Equity & Human Rights) to Care Art Gala: April 29th @ 6-p.m. at Galt Museum and Archives. All proceeds go to a local cause.
- Cultural Showcase Assembly: May 8 periods 3 and 4. Where students from a variety of cultures are able to do a cultural performance / presentation.

Provided by Jeni for Taylor

1. Upcoming Field Trips:

- Choir - April 8
- Band 7 - April 16/17
- Grade 6 Galt -April 30, May 1, May 5, May 7
- Drama 8 - May 7
- Track School Meet - May 12
- Track City Meet - May 27
- Henderson Grade 6 - June 16
- YMCA Grade 8 - June 17
- YMCA Grade 7 - June 18

2. PowerSchool:

- Term 3A runs until May 2nd.
- Term 3B begins May 5th.

3. Athletics

- City Badminton Championships were this week at the UofL. Grade 8s on Tuesday, Grade 7s on Wednesday, and Grade 6 on Thursday. Any students who make zones will compete April 12th. Zones are in Lethbridge @ FLVT (Father Leonard Van Tighe) and CCH (Catholic Central High) West. Will keep staff updated on any Wilson students who make zones.
- School track day is May 12.
- City track meet is May 27th

Upcoming Dates

April

7-9: LSAA Badminton Playoffs
14: School Council Turkey Bingo
16-17: Grade 7 Band Retreat
18-27: Easter Break
30: Grade 5 Orientation

May

1: Grade 5 Parent Orientation 6:30 pm (Cynthia will set up a table)
2: Term 3A Ends
5: Term 3B Begins
7-9: Grade 8 Band Trip
12: Wilson Track Meet @ UofL
13: Band Recruitment Day
14: School Council meeting 6:30 p.m.
19: Victoria Day Holiday
20: School PL Day
27: LSAA Track and Field
28: Grade 6 ELA PAT Part A

Meeting Adjourned @ 7.28 pm

Wilson Parent Advisory Council Society Meeting
April 9, 2025 immediately after School Council meeting

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes / deferred to next meeting
2. Adoption of Minutes / deferred to next meeting
3. Additions to agenda / none
4. Adoption of agenda - Tasha / Linda seconded
5. Business arising from the minutes / none
6. Treasurers Report
 - No update.
7. Turkey Bingo
 - Free for all families / friends
 - Linda will bring Cheerios and cups
 - Cynthia will get bingo machine & reusable bingo cards from the Senior's Center
 - 6 turkeys & some gift cards have been obtained
 - Doors open 6:15 pm
8. New Business / none
9. Adjournment @ 7.40 pm