

Wilson Middle School

School Council Meeting May 14, 2025



Attendance:

Andrea Andreachuk (School Board Trustee), Jeni Halowski (Principal), Taylor Keith (Vice Principal)
Cynthia Young, Linda McKeith, Melissa Bootsman, Shane Mann

Call to order @ 6:41 pm

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous Minutes – none
2. Adoption of Minutes – deferred to next meeting
3. Additions to Agenda – added item 9 AGM
4. Adoption of Agenda – Linda / Cynthia
5. Business Arising from the Minutes – none
6. Trustee Report - provided by Andrea
 - At April board meeting, ICE scholarship showcase was discussed. Received 20 applications for scholarships that will need to be shortlisted. Judging will be on May 29.
 - Joined the Canoe group for buy now for school purchases.
 - EPIC day was held for High School students. It is a day where students spent 20 min learning about careers.
 - Transportation was discussed. The 1.6 km for K-6 and 2.0 km for grade 7-12. For schools interested, the city is providing Pathways to Schools Initiative. Pathways to Schools is where walking paths ways to schools are reviewed.
 - Kindercare 2025/2026 is moving from 3 to 2 programs, due to budget constraints. Families have been accessing the program, however there is a decline in kindergarten enrollment. Senator Buchanan will have 1 program and Nicholas Sheran will have 1 program.
 - The Inclusive Education Parent Advisory Panel has been formed. The panel consist of 8 parents from Elementary to High School.
 - Tim Horton's Cookies initiative made \$70,000
 - Indigenous Grad night will be held at Winston Churchill on May 20
 - Indigenous Award night will be on May 29.
 - Staffing for new school has been completed. They are looking at staffing for other schools but this is being held up by budget. Budget will be passed on May 26.
 - A group from LCI attended and provided a presentation. A few months ago, a student collapsed due to a heart event and an AED was used. For schools interested, they can contact Paramount Printers, and they will make an AED sign in the school colors.
 - Administration from Churchill attended the meeting to discuss the IB program. Humanity, Positive impact, Local and Global Community. The IB program can happen in elementary and middle school. For Churchill, the goal is to have 70% students to participate in some way in the IB program.
 - Emanuel Christiansen School attended the meeting. A trip to Athens for 2026-27 school year was approved.
 - Code of Conduct for Trustee had a second reading

7. Division School Council Report

- Parent Learning session was about Off Campus Learning
- Discussed screen time in schools.
- ASCA occurred a couple weeks ago. 2 representatives from the District attended.
- Discussed staffing & budget. Budget is restrictive for the 2025/26 year. Schools will have to be creative to maintain current programs and levels.
- Yearly reports need to be done before July 2026

8. Administrative Reports

Jeni

1. Assurance Plan
 - Currently being reviewed and will be discussed at next meeting
2. Budget/Staffing/Bell Times/Timetable
 - Due to the 2025/26 budget, there will be staffing cuts. Will not be replacing teachers that are currently leaving.
 - This will impact timetable and options. Next year, it will be challenging to make changes.
 - In 2025/26 the Wednesday class schedule will be going to 2:45 pm, the same as the other days. This is to reduce bussing costs. Classes will not be extended, as instruction times need to be the same. The school will reviewing what this will look like.
 - Student enrollment will be going up next year.
3. Calendar
 - Is being updated on a regular basis.

Kurt – provided by Jeni

1. Inclusive Ed:
 - Volunteers for readers/scribes for PATS, final, etc (if you know anyone willing to volunteer on the dates below please let me know):
 - May 28: Grade 6 ELA Part A – need a lot of volunteers.
 - 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

Grade 6 students are done June 21 if they have finished PAT exam.
2. Academic Awards: June 19th afternoon (save the date for grade 6-7)
3. Fine Arts:
 - Thanks for all of the parent support for our grade 7 and grade 8 band trips. The students had a lot of fun and both trips were a success.
 - June 12 – Final Band Concert

4. Diversity and Positive Spaces
 - Indigenous Awards Night – May 29th @ GS Lakie (5:30 – 7:30pm)
 - Cultural Showcase Assembly: was on May 8th. The students did a fantastic job sharing their culture with our school.
 - Pride Parade and Pride in the Park: Saturday June 28th beginning at 11:00am.
5. Other Items:
 - Kona Ice: Friday May 16
 - 50/50 for band concert?

Taylor

1. Upcoming Field Trips:
 - May 22 - Learning Support Class Birds of Prey
 - May 26 - Outdoor Ed Nicholas Sheran
 - May 27 - Track City Meet
 - June 2 - Lethbridge Polytechnic STEM Day Grade 7
 - June 16 - Henderson Grade 6
 - June 17 - YMCA Grade 8
 - June 18 - YMCA Grade 7
2. PowerSchool:
 - Option selection will run from May 2nd to May 16th. Many classes have gone with a few going in the next couple of days. Students are selecting 4 complimentary options and 7 exploratory classes. They will take 3 complimentary options and 6 exploratory classes next year. Students who have not selected options by Friday will have some options chosen for them so we can create balanced classes and have our timetable reflect student's interests the best we can.
3. Athletics
 - School track meet went well. We have approximately 60 students coming to the city track meet on May 27th.
 - Athletic Awards have been moved from June 5 to June 4 from 2:00-3:00. This was done to ensure all teachers could be present and fully celebrate our athletes. Light refreshments will be provided. Any WMS student and community members are welcome to attend.

9: AGM

- Will be held in September 2026. All positions will be needed.

Upcoming Dates

May

- 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
- 28 Grade 7 Legacy Park Field Trip

June

- 3 Track and Field Zones
- 4 Athletic Awards 2:00pm
- 4 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Fun Day
- 12 PAT LA Part B
- 12 Final Band Concert 7 p.m.
- 13 Grade 6 Math PAT Part A
- 16 Grade 7/8 LA Final Exam
- 16 Grade 6 Henderson Pool 10:00 – 12:00pm
- 17 Grade 6 Math PAT Part B
- 17 Gr. 7 Science/Grade 8 Math Final Exam
- 17 Grade 8 YMCA Field Trip (pm)
- 18 Grade 6 SS PAT
- 18 Grade 7 YMCA Field Trip (pm)
- 19 Grade 6 Science PAT
- 19 Grade 6/7 Academic Awards (pm)
- 19 Yearbooks (pm)
- 20 Celebrate 8 (morning)
- 20 Term 3B Ends
- 23 Grade 7/8 Social Studies Final Exam
- 24 Grade 7 Math/Grade 8 Science Final Exam
- 26 Report Cards Available

Adjourn @ 7:42 pm

Wilson Parent Advisory Council Society Meeting

May 14, 2025 immediately after School Council meeting

1. Errors/Omissions of Previous minutes – none
2. Adoption of Minutes – Cynthia / Linda
3. Additions to agenda – Review financial statement
4. Adoption of agenda – Shane / Linda
5. Business arising from the minutes – none
6. Treasurers Report
 - April 30, 2025 Chequing account balance \$2,728.53
 - April 30, 2025 Gaming account balance: \$10,127.26
 - 50/50 gaming account closed in May 2025
7. New Business
 - Parent Engagement grant \$500 - hold it for the 2026/27 school and consider renting movie mill.

Adjournment @ 7:57 pm