



Minutes of School Council General Meeting

Call to order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 online via Zoom. The meeting began at 7:00pm and was presided over by Ashley Wilford-Matthews.

Attendees

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair: Roti Akinsanmi* 2. Vice-Chair: Ashley Wilford-Matthews 3. Treasurer: Navdeep Kailey 4. Secretary: Kathy Good 5. Communications Director: Terri May 6. Fundraising Director: Laura Teterenko 7. Parent Engagement Director: Melissa Wolsey 8. Social Events Director: Lisa Fedko-Gott 9. Director-at-Large: Thomas Chan 10. Director-at-Large: Ameet Kooner 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Liaison: Simon Corrin 2. Superintendent: Joe Frank* 3. Elementary Principal: Adriana Klassen 4. Mid-High Principal: Graeme Finlay 5. Student Council President: Shaheer W.
*Absent	

Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ameet K. and seconded by Melissa W..

Agenda

1. Chair's Remarks:
Appreciation of staff during this cold snap, keeping students entertained and active during indoor recesses.

2. Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2023 approved.



3. School Reports:

- a. Student Council President | Shaheer W.
 - i. Mardi Gras planning is underway.
 - ii. Planning for the upcoming events is being done by the junior council members, because the senior members are studying for exams.
 - iii. Upcoming events include candy grams Valentine's Day.

- b. Elementary Principal | Adriana K.
 - i. Dec 15: Sketchnote guest speaker
 - ii. Dec 21: Staff appreciation day supported by School Council
 - iii. Jan 12 - Mar 15: Winter LEAD
 - iv. Jan 19: Inside-Out Day focus is on wearing clothes inside out vs. the Inside-Out character
 - v. Jan 22 - Feb 9: Skating for grades 1 - 4
 - vi. Jan 25: Throwback Thursday
 - vii. Jan 31: New formats for Progress Reports
 - viii. Mar 20 - 21: Parent/Teacher conferences

- c. Mid-High Principal | Graeme F.
 - i. Coat Mountain: over 300 lbs and \$940 in donations
 - ii. Grade 5/8 joint art project turning drawings into stuffies
 - iii. Grade 6 tree decorating near Ronald McDonald House
 - iv. Shout out to speech team and drama performers
 - v. Some school ski trips have been canceled due to the extremely cold weather, but upcoming trips are expected to move forward
 - vi. Need judges for science fair
 - vii. Qwestmount returning; looking for volunteers
 - viii. Grade 8 Renaissance Fair
 - ix. January exam schedule is out



4. School Council Reports:

a. Treasurer's Report | Navdeep K.

- i. Income: Grateful to donors for their generosity, especially during December in response to the School Council's request for donations. \$9,767 was received through PayPal direct donations.
- ii. Expenses: Expecting invoices from school admin by Jan/Feb for payment by the School Council.
- iii. Bank balance as on December 31, 2023 is \$35,165.

b. Fundraiser Report | Laura T.

- i. Big thank you to everyone who supported the elementary campus Purdy's order; we raised over \$1,000!
- ii. In person bottle drives are coming up at both campuses during AM and PM pick up/drop off. Online pick up is still available.
- iii. Healthy Hunger lunches happening 2x/month, keep an eye out for dates and new restaurants. Please check that your child will be attending school on those days.

c. Parent Engagement | Melissa W.

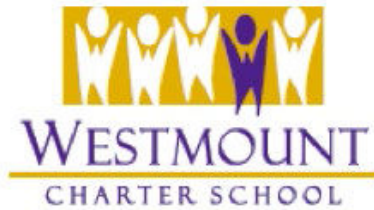
- i. Upcoming Coffee Talks:
 1. Mid High: January 19th, In-Person
 2. EC: February 9, In-Person
- ii. New Initiative: Parent Talk
 1. This is a casual space for parents to talk, share tips and exchange ideas about topics related to gifted kids.
 2. Will determine with the parents present how often we will meet, whether in-person or on zoom.

d. Social Events | Lisa F.

- i. Our big event for the year will be the year-end celebration at the Elementary campus on June 7th, 2024.

5. School Fundraising Societies Update | Kim H.

- a. Upcoming WestJet Raffle
- b. Update on spending casino funds



Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Meeting recording: Unavailable.

Next meeting

Wednesday February 14, 2024, between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm via Zoom.