

Call to order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 online (Zoom). It began at 7:00pm and was presided over by Kim Anthony. The meeting started with land acknowledgement by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, appreciation of the board, admin, teachers, and volunteers who helped in the last school year, and a request for more parents to volunteer and engage with the community.

Attendees: 55

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

Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023 general meeting was made by Thomas Chan and seconded by Kim Anthony.

Approval of agenda

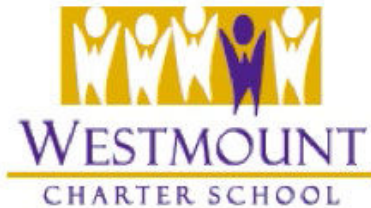
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ashley Wilford-Matthews and seconded by Navdeep Kailey.

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and introductions.
 - a) Adriana Klassen, New elementary school principal



- b) Shaheer W., New student council president
- c) Introductions of all school council executives
- 2) School Reports:
 - a) Student Council President | Shaheer W.
 - i) Student council has had 2 meetings so far.
 - ii) Electing new grade reps; speeches and election next week
 - iii) High schoolers looking for more events e.g., -2 formals winter/spring
 - iv) Need School Council help with coordinating Mardi Gras
 - v) Will plan more once grade reps are elected.
 - b) Elementary Principal | Adriana Klassen
 - i) Report:
<https://www.westmountcharter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Monthly-WCS-Report-September.pdf>
 - ii) Teachers from both campuses will be attending teachers convention this school year
 - iii) Westmount wear is being sold/coordinated from both campuses through the MH
 - c) Mid-High Principal | Graeme Finlay
 - i) Report:
<https://www.westmountcharter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/MH-Principal-report-Sept-2023-Council.pdf>
 - ii) 60 students are new to Westmount this year
 - iii) 90 grade 5s moved from EC to MH
 - iv) All new office staff this year; please show them grace and kindness.
 - v) Challenging students to take a risk this year and step out of their comfort zone leading to more volleyball tryouts
 - vi) Piloting OBAR for assessment reporting instead of students' assessment being weighted based on HOW students are assessed, it will instead be weighted on WHAT students are being assessed on.
 - vii) Busing issues:
 - Province wide issues persist despite grants to train more bus drivers.
 - 12 bus routes serving Westmount.
 - 5 of 12 routes don't have drivers.
 - Introduced transportation newsletter to improve communications.



- WCS offers retention bonus if drivers stay for the full year, but this hasn't been communicated to new drivers yet.
- Joe is meeting with Southland Execs to discuss impact and possible solutions.
- Contractually, Southland offers late pick up, when the driver does a 2nd route, and thus Southland considers this as filling their contract. Thus, Southland continues to invoice WCS for full busing.
- Exploring other companies, but all other companies are also experiencing driver shortages.
- Calgary Transit
- Charter schools are acutely impacted.
- Parents to direct specific questions to their transportation coordinator.
- Exploring if the deadline for canceling transportation can be extended.

3) School Council Reports:

- a) Parent Engagement Report | Ashley Wilford-Matthews
 - i) Coffee Talks will remain a hybrid; look for dates starting in October.
 - ii) Parent Engagement Sessions coming up in Fall.
- b) Fundraising Report | Laura Teterenko
 - i) Bottle Drives: We need a new coordinator.
 - ii) Skip the Depot: Still an option; see newsletter for instructions.
 - iii) Stampeder Parking: Volunteers needed for October 13th and 27th
 - iv) Healthy Hunger: stay tuned.
- c) Treasurers Report | Navdeep Kailey
 - i) Finishing up for end of year accounting; no new numbers yet.
 - ii) In discussion with principals for their request for the new year.
 - iii) Stay tuned for proposed budget

4) Special Announcement | Roti Akinsanmi

- a) There is an opening on the school council as Kim's family will be leaving WCS, after 12 years. If interested, please email schoolcouncil@westmountcharter.com.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 11, 2023, between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Details and agenda will be communicated prior to the meeting.