

Westmount Charter School AGM - May 2022

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Video Conference

Time: 7:00 PM

Chair: Baljit Singh (unable to attend)

Council

Vice-Chair: Roti Akinsanmi

Treasurer: Navdeep Kailey

Secretary: Thomas Chan

Communications Director: Kathy Good

Fundraising Director: Kim Anthony

Parent Engagement Director: Ashley Wilford-Matthews

Special Events Director: Ameet Kooner (unable to attend)

Director-at-Large: Dawn Courtman

Director-at-Large: Laura Teterenko

Administration

Superintendent: Joe Frank (Unable to attend)

Principal Elementary Campus: Hal Curties

Principal Mid-High Campus: Graeme Finlay

Student Council representative: Jun Heo

Note: Video recording of this meeting is also available online ([link](#))

1. Opening Remarks and Approval of the Agenda

Land acknowledgement by Dawn Courtman.

The School Council Chair is out of country and unable to run the meeting. Roti, the Vice-Chair has stepped in to fill the role. Review of the agenda ([link](#)) and ask for approval. Kathy Good motioned to accept the agenda, Navdeep Kailey 2nd. No objections, motion is approved.

Vice-Chair thanks Peter Khu (community liaison), Joe Frank (outgoing superintendent) and Baljit Singh (outgoing Chair)

2. Reports from Council

a. Treasurer's Report - Navdeep Kailey

- Interim, because the year-end is August 31, 2022

EXPENSE/REVENUE INTERIM STATEMENT - SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021- 22			
YTD APRIL 30/ 2022			
Income - Sep 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022			Actuals
	Direct Donations	All Year	14,312.14
	Stampeder Football Games Parking	Summer/Fall	3,264.00
	Bottle Drives	All Year	1,815.30
	CookBook Fundraiser	One time	3,198.04
	WestJet Raffle / Mardi G Silent Auction & 50/50 Draw	Spring	- .00
			22,589.48
Expenditures - Sep 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022			
	Council Expenses		
	Parent Education	All	(700)
	Special Events/ Platform fees /fundraisers cost and Virtual meeting subscriptions	All	2,527
	Bank and Office Expenses	Office	(4)
	Council Sub-total		1,822.58
	School Admin Expenses		
	Pizza for Staff on Parent/Teacher Evenings(\$700 Mhigh) and Mid High PD/Staff wellness (\$750)		1,407
	MH Field Trips (Mid High enhancing student experiences (Field Trips, Guest Speakers, Performances))		10,735
	Sub Total		12,142
	TOTAL EXPENSES		13,964.50
	INCOME MINUS EXPENSES		8,624.98
Surplus			

- Bank balance as of April 30th, 2021 is \$64,729.05, including expenses which cleared in May
- Thanked all the parents that have donated to the various fundraising activities of the school

b. Parent Engagement Report - Ashley Wilford-Matthews

- Coffee talks were hosted monthly online and were well attended
- Virtual Kindergarten Meet & Learn in October, to help new Westmount parents feel more connected to the school and each other
- In December, we had an excellent presentation from Siksika Knowledge Keeper Elder Adrian Wolfleg
- At the end of January, Jill Foreman a Westmount parent and occupational therapist, hosted a session to discuss mental health

- In March, Westmount Superintendent Joe Frank and Board Member Dr. Hoda Kilani presented on charter schools in Alberta.
- In May and June, we have arranged for a two-part anti-racism presentation by the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre from University of Calgary,
- We have also begun sharing our Zoom parent engagement sessions with other charter schools and the GATE Parents Association, and they have generously done the same. This is an excellent way for us all to share knowledge and resources among various groups

c. Fundraising Report - Kim Anthony

- In total there were three bottle drives, two in the fall and one this year. Thank you to Jill Foreman who coordinated the bottle drives and organized the volunteers
- Stampeder parking is back. There were seven parking sessions, which ~\$5,500. Labour day weekend was a record day
- Thank you for Laura Teterenko, who organized the WCS Family Cookbook. The book was released in December and brought in over \$2,000. Thank you to everyone that submitted a recipe
- Thank you to all students who submitted designs for the Westmount United T-shirts this year. Congratulations to Alexis T. from grade 2 whose design was used
- Thank you for all of the direct donations, which totaled ~\$13,000
- Held both a 50/50 raffle and a WestJet raffle in the Spring, which raised \$13,850 and \$14,500, respectively
- Some of the areas where funding was allocated are:
 - Parent education presentations throughout the year
 - COVID-related expenses
 - Enhancement of students' experience through field trips and opportunities with guest speakers
 - Increased busing costs
 - In-classroom support
- Has completed two terms as fundraising director. Has been great to work with everyone. Looking forward to supporting next fundraising director

3. Student Council Report (amendment to agenda) - Jun Heo

- Hosted a Spring Dance in early May. Students seemed to enjoy the dance, and everything went well
- Planning a sports day at the elementary campus. Would like to bring in an obstacle course and bring in food trucks. Also looking at a petting zoo or renting a mini golf course
- Elections for Student Council are currently going on

4. Principals' Report

[EC Principal's Report](#)

[Mid-High Principal's Report](#)

a. Elementary Campus Update (in addition to Principal's Report) - Hal Curties

- Acknowledged the School Council and the people have served out their terms. School Council has been very supportive of the staff during the past two years of COVID. Means more than can be put into word

- Welcome Assistant Principal Colleen Groot back
- Thank you to Dawn Courtman for the education around land acknowledgement
- Full speed ahead in September, with the green plan (pre-pandemic conditions). Will talk a little bit more about next year at the next meeting
- Encouraged parents to join the Coffee talks. Great conversations. Will continue in June throughout next year

b. Mid-High Campus Update (in addition to Principal's Report) - Graeme Finlay

- Increases to Rugby fees, because WCS cannot play against public boards and plays in the Big Sky rugby league
- Increase cost for AP exams
- Lots of extracurricular activities going on and students are seeing a lot of each other. Starting to see a bit of exhaustion
- Thank you to the School Council.

5. Elections

- Baljit Singh will be vacating the Chair position. The Vice-Chair, Roti Akinsanmi, will move into the Chair position
- Kim Anthony nominated for the Vice-Chair position by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, 2nd by Dawn Courtman. No other nominations. Kim is the new Vice-Chair
- Navdeep Kailey nominated for the Treasurer position by Kathy Good, 2nd by Laura Teterenko. No other nominations. Navdeep is the returning Treasurer
- Laura Teterenko nominated for the Director of Fundraising position by Kathy Good, 2nd by Kim Anthony. No other nominations. Laura is the new Director of Fundraising
- Melissa Wosley nominated for the Director at Large (1-year term) position by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, 2nd by Navdeep Kailey. No other nominations. Melissa is the new Director at Large
- Terri May nominated for the Director at Large (1-year term) position by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, 2nd by Dawn Courtman. No other nominations. Terri May is the new Director at Large

6. Closing Remarks

Big thank you to Baljit Singh, Joe Frank, Jun Heo, all the parents, administration and principals.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:53 PM