



MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024** via Zoom. It commenced at 7:00pm and was presided over by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, Chair. The meeting began with Westmount Charter School's new land acknowledgement.

Attendees

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Chair: Ashley Wilford-MatthewsVice-Chair: Ameet KoonerSecretary: Jodi HornungTreasurer: Lisa Fedko-GottCommunications Director: Terri MayFundraising Director: Clara IpParent Engagement Director: Melissa WolseySocial Events Director: Tammy ChanDirector-at-Large: Kanwar GillDirector-at-Large: Victor Shen	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Superintendent: Calvin DaviesBoard Liaison: Simon CorrinBoard Chair: Peter KhuElementary Principal: Adriana KlassenElementary Assistant Principal: Karly BagnallMid-High Principal: Graeme FinlayStudent Council President: Shazain W.
Absent:	

Approval of Agenda

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Melissa W. and seconded by Terri M.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve the June 19, 2024 general meeting minutes was made by Lisa G. and seconded by Tammy C.



Agenda

1. Chair's Remarks | Ashley W.

Expressed gratitude for all parents who have stepped up and volunteered so far this year, as well as all Executive Council members.

Introduction of new Executives for the 2024/25 season.

- *Chair:* Ashley Wilford-Matthews
- *Vice-Chair:* Ameet Kooner
- *Secretary:* Jodi Hornung
- *Treasurer:* Lisa Fedko-Gott
- *Communications Director:* Terri May
- *Fundraising Director:* Clara Ip
- *Parent Engagement Director:* Melissa Wolsey
- *Social Events Director:* Tammy Chan
- *Director-at-Large:* Kanwar Gill
- *Director-at-Large:* Victor Shen

2. School Reports

- a. Student Council President | Shazain W.
 - Executive Student Council has organized grade rep elections to run the first week of October 2024, after which the full Student Council will be established.
 - Have already helped with some activities such as the Terry Fox Kahoot! in the Learning Commons and look forward to planning out Spirit Week, the upcoming Halloween dance, and additional events for students.
- b. Elementary Principals | Adriana Klassen & Karly Bagnall
[Elementary September 2024 Report](#)
- c. Mid-High Principal | Graeme Finlay
[Mid-High September 2024 Report](#)

Club Information

Club information for Mid-High students can be found in **Schoology**.

Groups > Student Information 2024-25 > Resources > Clubs & Extra-Curricular

Teacher and Staff Directory

WCS is currently working on creating a directory that will be available on the website. In the interim, for Mid-High, please visit your student's Schoology



account for teacher information. Mid-High students can also access teacher emails through their Gmail accounts. For the Elementary Campus you may email ecadmin@westmountcharter.com.

Grade 5 Student Numbers

Slightly higher class sizes at Grade 5 (27/28 students per class) which allows opportunity for additional intake.

PAT Scores

Still waiting on Grade 6 and Grade 9 PAT scores. Once available, communication will be sent to parents. Older students will be able to access scores on **MyPass** (instructions for MyPass registration can be [found here](#)).

3. School Council Reports:

a. Parent Engagement | Melissa W.

First two coffee talks of the year (one at Elementary and one at Mid-High) were well attended and offered a great casual opportunity for parents to meet with principals. Encouragement to all to come out for the next ones!

Upcoming Coffee Talks

Elementary: October 4, 2024 *online*

Mid-High: October 25, 2024 *in-person*

First parent engagement session will take place in October 2024 with a focus on executive functioning. More detail to follow.

b. Treasury | Lisa G.

Will be working with principals on budgets over the next couple weeks.

c. Fundraising | Clara I.

Stamps Parking

First Stamps parking held, parked 63 cars! Looking for one more volunteer for October 2024, if interested please email wcschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Healthy Hunger

Trying to do two lunches per month. Note for Kindergarten parents to make sure that students will be at school for appropriate Friday lunches.

Bottle Depot Drive

Can drop off bottles to either campus on Sept. 26, 2024 between 8:20am-8:40am or 3:30pm-3:45pm.

d. Social Events | Tammy C.

No update at this time.



4. **Board Update** | Simon Corrin

The Board held its second annual post-Covid governance workshop led by Dr. Lynne Paradis, Superintendent of Suzuki School, wherein it identified initiatives for the upcoming 1-5 years and reviewed ongoing governance. Following the Provincial announcement of infrastructure funding, the Board has established a strategic planning committee to focus on facilities. This committee will help highlight potential expansion opportunities for Westmount Charter given the UCP's Charter School Accelerator Pilot Program.

5. **Parent Fundraising Society Update** | Thomas Chan

The WCS Parent Fundraising Society raises funds in support of the Mid-High campus through casinos and raffles. Call for volunteers to fill vacant positions, if interested please email wcsdfs@gmail.com.

6. **Q & A** | Calvin Davies

You may listen to Mr. Davies' full responses beginning at minute 50 of the [recording](#).

Questions include: *What does gifted education from the Inside Out mean to you? What do you see as Westmount's strengths, and where would you like to see Westmount move towards in the next few years? How have you had to adjust your leadership style from being an Area Director to coming to Westmount? Is there a report showing the universities that Grade 12 Westmount graduates are admitted to? What is your experience dealing with migration into schools while ensuring that kids are taken care of? Is there an alumni association at Westmount? Has there been an increase in the number of failed Grade 6 PAT exams? How long do you plan on staying on as Superintendent? Regarding admissions and intake, would there ever be consideration for requiring updated psychological assessments? What do you see as the best way parents can support their children to get the most out of their time at Westmount and build their confidence and joy in their abilities? Is there an opportunity for parents to receive over excitability training?*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Meeting Recording

[Click here to view](#)