



## MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025**

### Call to Order

A General Meeting of Westmount Charter School was held on **Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025** via Zoom. It commenced at 7:00pm and was presided over by Ashley Wilford-Matthews, Chair. Ashley began the meeting with Westmount Charter School's land acknowledgement and shared an inspiring video of a polyglot man who was challenged to learn Cree in remote northern Saskatchewan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGi5W-gG-vs>.

### Attendees

School Council Executives	Students, Staff & Administration
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Chair: Ashley Wilford-Matthews</li><li>2. Vice-Chair: Ameet Kooner</li><li>3. Secretary: Jodi Hornung</li><li>4. Treasurer: Lisa Fedko-Gott</li><li>5. Communications Director: Terri May</li><li>6. Fundraising Director: Clara Ip</li><li>7. Parent Engagement Director: Melissa Wolsey</li><li>8. Social Events Director: Tammy Chan</li><li>9. Director-at-Large: Kanwar Gill</li><li>10. Director-at-Large: Victor Shen</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Elementary Principal: Adriana Klassen</li><li>2. Elementary Assistant Principal: Karly Bagnall</li><li>3. Mid-High Principal: Graeme Finlay</li><li>4. Student Council President: Shazain W.</li><li>5. Board Liaison: Simon Corrin</li></ol>
<b>Absent:</b> Kanwar Gill, Simon Corrin	

### Approval of Agenda

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Victor S. and seconded by Allison R.

### Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve the [November 20, 2024](#) general meeting minutes was made by Melissa W. and seconded by Lisa F.



## Agenda

### 1. Chair's Remarks

Welcome to the 2025 school year and Happy New Year! Hope families are settling back into routine after a lovely break. As always, School Council is happy to be working for the parents of Westmount and welcomes feedback and comments at any time. Please feel free to reach out if we can help in any way.

### 2. School Reports

- a. Student Council President | Shazain W.
  - Winter formal was a success and garnered lots of positive feedback; approximately 140 students attended.
  - Student Council has had one meeting since being back from the break. Senior council is sharing knowledge with junior council so that the junior council can take the lead on planning activities for February (including Valentine's Day event), allowing those in senior council time to study for exams.
- b. Elementary Principals | Adriana Klassen & Karly Bagnall
  - [Elementary Campus – December 2024](#)
  - [Elementary Campus – January 2025](#)
- c. Mid-High Principal | Graeme Finlay
  - [Mid-High Campus – January 2025](#)

Reminders: Admissions close January 31, 2025. Re-registration emails for existing students will be sent shortly. Fees are now posted, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any additional information or support.

Donating directly to WCS vs donating to School Council: to donate directly to the school you can write a cheque to Westmount Charter School Society and drop it off at either campus. You may specify a direct use for the funds in the notes section of the cheque (i.e. outdoor education, learning commons, drama program, etc.) and these funds will be 'restricted' for that purpose. If you do not specify a use for the donation, then the funds will be categorized as 'general' and used to enhance student experiences where best suited. Alternatively, you can e-transfer your donation to [payfees@westmountcharter.com](mailto:payfees@westmountcharter.com). A portion of the donations made directly to School Council also goes directly back to the school to support student experiences. Some of the funds raised by School Council are reserved for parent engagement sessions, coffee talks and the year-end event. You can donate directly to School Council [here](#).



Mandatory AB Education assessments at the Elementary Campus: These are individual student assessments designed to review literacy and numeracy foundational skills at each grade level (K-3) to identify where students are at in their learning and highlight any gaps that might exist. That said, the EC teachers are very attuned to their students' learning levels and do not expect any new information to arise from these assessments.

### 3. School Council Reports

a. **Parent Engagement** | Melissa W.

Dr. Emily Wang Ph.D., R. Psych will be presenting a parent engagement session focused on *Understanding Brain Development and Emotion Regulation in Youth* on Monday, January 20, 2025, 7-8:30pm via Zoom. Details will be emailed out to parents. Please note that this session will not be recorded.

***Upcoming Coffee Talks***

Elementary: February 7, 2025, *online*

Mid-High: January 17, 2025, *online*

b. **Treasury** | Lisa F.

Thank you to all families who have contributed to School Council's direct donation campaign. Tax receipts for those who have donated will be sent out over the next couple months. The campaign remains live, please share the link! [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?campaign\\_id=6FE5ZAHKTVKW6](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?campaign_id=6FE5ZAHKTVKW6)

c. **Fundraising** | Clara I.

Purdy's

School Council raised over \$1000 through its holiday Purdy's fundraiser – thank you to those who purchased!

Fun Lunches

There will be two fun lunch options for February. Families can also now purchase e-gift cards through the Healthy Hunger website and a portion of the proceeds will go towards School Council's fundraising efforts. There are many options available, so please check it out!

Stamps Parking

Stampeder parking at the mid-high campus will pick up again this Spring. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to [wcschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wcschoolcouncil@gmail.com). We are looking for a group of committed individuals to help make this initiative a success.



- 4. **Board Update** | Simon C.  
Not available.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

### Meeting Recording

[Click here to view](#)

### Next General School Council Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, February 12, 2025	<b>Time:</b>	7pm – 8pm
<b>Zoom ID:</b>	695 453 4724		
<b>Zoom Passcode:</b>	Westmount!		
<b>Zoom Link:</b>	<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6954534724?pwd=YqZtU4HmYsTaBUbk4eGZtc2DVdf10H.1&amp;omn=82620441610">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6954534724?pwd=YqZtU4HmYsTaBUbk4eGZtc2DVdf10H.1&amp;omn=82620441610</a>		