

WO Mitchell School Council

Meeting Minutes



Date: September 26th at 3:00pm

Location: WO Mitchell School

12 parents/guardians and 1 staff member was in attendance

Principal/Staff:

In Person: Lucie Lejeune

Online:

Parents/Guardians

In Person: Kristine, Maraella, Lindsay, Tracey, Irene, Paula, Nicole, Samantha, Adelle, Brianne, Elysa=, Carmen

Online:

Carmen called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Carmen motioned to approve the meeting minutes from Marcel; Irene seconded and all were in favour. The minutes were thereby approved.

Approval of Agenda

Lindsay motioned to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting; Irene seconded and all were in favor. The agenda was thereby approved.

Description of Council vs Society:

The Student Council is open to anyone who is part of the school - parents, teachers, and we make recommendations to society on how to spend fundraising dollars.

Society has bylaws to follow and they do the fundraising and spending of the money.

Principal Message:

Projections for student numbers was 390 started at 380 and a couple of new students just joined, so close with the projections.

Reminder to get demographic info filled out on myCBE so the administration can do budget. Also, so contact info is right in case of emergency.

Terry Fox fundraiser:

The total was sitting at \$2015.66, and a little more was added today.

Residence for the coming school year:

Inline skating for all grades

Photography for all grades

Field Trip include:

Swimming Grade 1&2

Skating for grade 4, 5, 6

Patrollers have started training - it will include Grade 5 and 6 this year.

Council:

Typically meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00. You do not have to hold a position to come to the meetings, it is open to all. Often will have Grade presentations from the teachers at the meetings as well.

Playground Update:

We are working towards a new playground, and the committee will be working with kids soon to see what they are looking for in a playground. The committee will make a fundraising timeline, and goals and plans. We are hopeful that in the next few years we will be able to get a playground. Email WOMparents@gmail with any questions. Signage will be posted around the school. Going to see a significant push for fundraising for this new playground. If you can donate personally, that is great, if you know a company that would like to do some sort of legacy for it. If anyone has grant writing experience, we would love the help.

Playground Questions:

Is there involvement from Silver Springs Community Centre?

We need to ask if they will donate or advertise for free.

We can maybe put our poster in their building.

Put posters at Fit Kids? Good thought, we will ask

The next playground committee meeting is TBD.

Questions/Comments:

How are residencies planned?

This year they came up early in the school year, and the administration talked with the council about the budget, and then took it back to the teachers and asked if they would rather have two or three, and the decision was made. They try to plan residencies that include: Phys ED, Art, and Academic.

Ms Gray has had some requests to spend some money on a few items.

First one being a new stage. This likely won't happen this year, but we can think about it in the future.

We could really use a new tablecloth and gloves for the handbell performance.

We can likely fund this for this year.

We may have to ask Ms Gray to come up with a bit of an ongoing list that we can pick away at. Or really anything supply related.

Phys Ed has also come up with a need for some new storage options.

Date of next meeting:

October 21st, 2025 at 7:00 PM - In person and Online

Adjournment:

Carmen adjourned the meeting at 3:27 pm.

Purpose of Council:

A group of people who work together to advise the Principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school; A means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.

W.O. Mitchell School Council Mission:

W.O. Mitchell School Council is committed to supporting opportunities for each student to maximize their intellectual, physical, social, emotional and creative growth in an encouraging, safe and caring environment.