

# WO Mitchell School Society

## Meeting Minutes



Date: February 17th 7:00 pm following the WOM School Council Meeting

Location: WO Mitchell School

### **Call to Order**

Irene called the meeting to order at 8:14 PM

### **Quorum and Attendance**

Quorum was met

Quorum for a regular general meeting: 4 members, 3 of whom must be voting members and 2 of whom must be elected Officers of the Society

Quorum for the annual general meeting: 4 members, 3 of whom must be voting members

9 parents/guardians and 2 staff members were in attendance

Principal/Staff:

In Person: Mike Scott

Online: Eve Moreau

Parents/Guardians:

In Person: Carmen F, Elysa A, Irene G, Lindsay B

Online: Adelle W, Christine Z, Jayme M, Miceala C, Angel N

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Carmen approved the minutes from January; Jayme seconded and all were in favour. The minutes were thereby approved.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Elysa motioned to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting; Carmen seconded and all were in favour. The agenda was thereby approved.

**Open Positions:**

Treasurer - Lindsay would be happy to mentor this year.

**Voting in:**

Confirming Adelle's appointment to Society Co-Chair. This vote was done via email among society members.

**Fundraising:****Purdy's:**

The cheque transfer was made out to the school, which should have been made out to the Society funds. Mike will put it into the school account, and will put on a credit towards one of the residencies. An email and an invoice will be the paper trail. For future reference, "WO Mitchell School Funds" is where the cheques need to be made out to.

**Spolumbos and Mila's mixes:**

Spolumbos is starting March 23rd to finish 18th, and Milas Mixes go to the 27th. Pickup for both is April 2nd in the afternoon. The Spolumbos have to be picked up by 6PM or it will get donated as there is no storage for them at the school. 4 volunteers would be ideal to come and help to hand them out.

**Plants:**

Spring flowers pickup date is May 7th, last date of order is April 21st. Send the information as soon as we are back from Spring Break. We would start the flower fundraiser March 30th. Mike will add this to the weekly email as well.

**Read-a-thon:**

The plan is to have everything out by the week after spring break - timing this so it will be part of the dia de libre. Materials will go home on April 1st. It will run from April 7th to April 21st, and we could announce the winners on April 23rd. Read-a-thon funds are meant to go to the playground fundraising. Will adjust text on the poster so it is clear the funds raised will be going to the playground. Mike to add it to the weekly email.

**Playground Budget status:**

Money from the Casino and other fundraising funds from last year amount to around \$120,000. We raised around \$11,000 from the cash raffle after the prizes were given out. We also have raised \$1,300 with the two bottle drives. Thinking of doing another bottle drive after the May long weekend. As for the grants, we have applied for one that is up to \$120,000. Other ones the committee is looking at can get us up to \$50,000, and are looking into a couple of others beyond that. If we get the grant in July we would have to use that money within 18 months.

The next casino is Q4 of 2026, so we would have the money from this in early 2027, with the hope that we wouldn't need to use much of this casino money.

We already have the matching funds for the Grant, so if the grant is approved we have the funds that are needed to get awarded the grant money. .

Mike to get the amount on the education matters website closer to \$100,000 instead of the \$400,000 that it is currently at.

### Cheque Writing campaign

We need to get this going. Irene needs a link with write access, and will get in touch with Samantha to get this going. Flyers to be sent out as well as Mike adding it to the weekly message. Will also take these posters to businesses to get donations. If they donate over \$10,000 their name will be added to the playground. Someone should generate a list so businesses aren't going to be hit multiple times, try and target businesses in the community, get it to corporations downtown, community association, etc. Crowfoot Co-Op, as CO-Op has supported other school initiatives before.

### **Parent Education Grant:**

Extra funds are needed to supplement the parent education grant, so we can add on the student involvement part. The extra could be covered as our insurance came in under by around \$250, that could go towards that.

\$500 for staffroom supplies. Eve and Mike will send Irene a list and she will pick up some things from Costco.

### **Date of next meeting**

April 21st, 2026 following the Council Meeting - In Person and Online

### **Adjournment**

Irene adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

### Objectives of the Society:

To enhance the education and learning environment for our children in W.O. Mitchell School.

To engage in and promote charitable enterprises to allow the Society to reach its objectives.

To identify and prioritize the fundraising needs in consultation with the school and the School Council. The School Council's recommendation for priorities will be the first consideration in these efforts.