

WO Mitchell School Council

Meeting Minutes



Date: Sept 24th at 7:08 pm

Location: WO Mitchell School learning commons

15 parents/guardians and 2 staff members were in attendance

Principal/Staff:

In Person: Mike S, Danielle O

Parents/Guardians:

In Person: Lindsay B, Irene G, Elysa A, Paula S, Samantha Y, Miceda C, Carmen F, Adelle W, Angel N, Allison J, Brianne B, Casey M, Kendra, Melanie B, Nicole V

Online: N/A

Carmen called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Angel motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June; Samantha seconded and all were in favour. The minutes were thereby approved.

Approval of Agenda

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

Principal Report:

Mike:

Principals Report:

Each meeting Mike and Danielle will do a presentation to the school council. They will also typically ask grade teams throughout the year to come and give us a presentation as to what is going on in their classrooms. These parent council meetings are also a way for parents to have a voice and be involved in the decision making with some of the happenings at the school.

One of the major priorities last year for the budget was trying to get additional support into the classroom, so this year they were able to allocate more EA support in the classrooms.

Open Minds Grade 6 - City Hall and Werklund Centre (Formally known as Arts Commons). Students are invited to meet the mayor and experience City Hall. This has to be applied for and we are very lucky to get it again, and hoping to maintain it for future grade 6's. The question students were asked to think about was - How do different voices help us live well together? The Grade 6 team will do a presentation of their learning and how it impacted them.

The school has been asked to create art that will be displayed in the Education Centre (CBE Headoffice) in October. It will be brought back to the school and put on display here. Mike will share more information as he learns more, as to whether or not parents can go down to the Education Centre and view in person down there.

Alien inline has been going well. Students are really enjoying it.

Grade 6 team and Leadership working on an assembly on September 29th for National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Terry Fox Run will be in early October.

Provincial Screening is happening for Grade 1-5 in October and in January again. Results will be shared with parents. This is important data for teachers to then apply aspects that need to be targeted throughout the year.

Danielle:

Danielle would like to tell us a little about herself. She is from Calgary originally, and was an acting Assistant Principal at Dalhousie last year, and has worked in the Collingwood school. She also has a child that is going through the Spanish program and is currently enrolled at SPB. Danielle learned Spanish from her grandparents, and is very excited to be joining WO this year!

Staff have been focused on beginning routines and setting up kids for a successful year. Students seem to have had a positive and smooth startup.

Staffing Update:

All positions are fully staffed.

Sra Gopa De - EA

Sra Dayanara Fruhbrodt - EA

Sra Courtney Parker - Lunchroom Supervisor

Sra Christine Zacher - Lunch Supervisor

Sra Karla Gibson - Grade 2

Sra Rosemary Hamilton - Kinder

Sra Andrea Garcia, Grade 3 and 4
Sra Danielle Outher - Assistant Principal
Welcome back Sra Ferkranus and Sra Abad

The Principals Report will be uploaded to the website soon. On the main page, select “Get Involved” and then “School Council”, and you will have access to the Principal’s report/presentation.

Council:

Open Positions:

Key Communicator: 3 COSC meetings per year (2 virtual, 1 in person) . You go and listen to what is going on within all of CBE and report back to our Council members.

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/cosc-meetings>

Treasurer - Lindsay has to leave this position at the end of this year, and she could teach the oncoming person how to do this role.

Fun Lunch Coordinator: Kaycee F has taken this position

Council vs Society:

Council:

During this meeting we talk about the things going on/coming up in the school.

Has events to support/create school communities. (Residencies, Climbing wall, gaga pit, support with resources and needs within the school, new furniture for classrooms. And support school in any way we can.)

Makes suggestions to the Society about spending funds.

Society:

Society has bylaws we need to follow, society is where we vote on how funds are spent. Council suggests things to society on how to spend the funds.

Society, which is the next meeting, is Bound by Societies Act of Alberta so certain things need to be discussed in that meeting rather than in the Council meeting. You do need to sign up to receive the meeting minutes in order to vote. Scan the QR code on the Parent Council bulletin board by the front door to sign up for the minutes, or email womschoolsociety@gmail.com

Meetings are open to all, you do not need to hold a position to join the meetings. The AGM and the June meeting are in person only, the remainder of the meetings will be in person and online.

Typically the 3rd Tuesday of every month, usually around 7:00 pm, except March and December.

Upcoming meeting Dates:

Oct 20, Nov 17, Jan 19, Feb 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

Questions/Comments:

Date of next meeting:

Oct 20th, 2026 at 7:00 PM - In person and online

Adjournment:

Irene adjourned the meeting at 7:38 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.