

# Minutes: February 24, 2025, 7:00pm

## Westmount Elementary School Advisory Council

Attendance: Eric Thomson, Erik Fraser, Teri Colter, Annie Miller, Megan Gray, Andrew Hare, Suad Meftah, Greg White, Terin DeWolf

Regrets: Runa Seal, Donna Sutton

## Call to order

## Approval of February 24 Agenda

- **Motion: Approval of the agenda for February 24**
  - **Motion Approved**

## Approval of January 27, 2025 Minutes

- **Motion: Approval of January 27 minutes**
  - **Motion Approved (unanimous)**

## Old Business

### 1. Provincial Assessment Results

- Teri reported that the Grade 6 students received results week of Feb 17.
  - Information used by school staff to identify strengths and weaknesses.
  - New this year is a follow-up on how students are developing
    - For grade 3, any students scoring 1 or 2 (below meeting expectations), the school continues to track their progress and undertake a mini assessment, with results shared to see how interventions are supporting the student's growth.
  - Administration receives a section score (1, 2, 3, or 4) and an itemized list of every question with provincial, regional, and school percentage. Teachers are allowed to look through the student workbooks after the testing session (without marking or copying).
- Grade 3 Results:
  - Strength: estimating the costs of objects
  - Challenge: estimating the length of an object based on personal reference (e.g. Meter is the floor to doorknob)
  - Strength: Punctuation to provide meaning
  - Challenge: using inferences to show understanding (matching the title to the story)
- Grade 6:
  - Strength: Story problems, geometry (3D and liens of symmetry)
  - Challenge: Story problems involved money
  - Strength: Text features to compare and interpret information
  - Challenges: using inferences to show understanding.

## 2. Church Traffic and Sidewalk Request Update

- Eric spoke to the church and that the school would circulate the letter. No understanding right now on if there has been any update.
- Developer has approached residents about selling for a new street entrance from Lloyd Fox.
- Freedom of Information request under development to understand efforts to develop multi-story units in the area. Efforts being made to stress the urgency of a traffic analysis.
- Erik updated that a crosswalk request has been submitted.

## New Business

### 3. EDI Survey Procedures / Purposes

- Early Development Instrument – Through McMaster – Longitudinal study of primary students in Nova Scotia. There is an optional parent component + 50 questions for the teacher to complete per students.

### 4. SAC Grant Funding Requests

- Current remaining budget is around \$6000.00
- **Motion to allocate up to \$150 to cover the cost of a book and connected materials – Teacher resource book (phonics, suffixes and prefixes).**
  - **Motion Approved (unanimous)**
- Teachers had discussed in a staff meeting a desire to fireproof the flags so that they could continue to be hung.
  - **Motion to allocate \$1500 in funding to fireproof window coverings and flags**
    - **Motion Approved (unanimous)**
- Annie requested the wee-thinkers program volume 1 (Social development program that includes books). Program would be shared between classrooms and the learning center.
  - **Motion to allocate \$350 in funding to purchase the wee-thinkers program volume 1.**

## Upcoming Events

- Skating at Omera – Feb 26 at 7pm
- March Break Mar 10-13
- Culture Night – April
- (Past Event) Mother Tongue Language Day – Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

## Next Meeting

- April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00pm

## Adjournment