

Westmount School Association

April Minutes

April 28th 2025

Attending: Megan Gray, Laura Moeller, Marisha Caswell, Teri Colter, Sarah-Lynn MacKenzie, Jenn Hanscomb, Alex Smith, Greg White

Regrets: Allana MacDonald-Mills, Lynn Perrin, Christa LeBlanc

1. Welcome: Marisha Caswell, President, welcomed everyone at 6:06.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion: to approve the minutes for the April 2025 WSA meeting
Approved: Laura Moeller
Seconded: Jenn Hanscomb
3. Review of Pending Items: **Nothing current to discuss.**
4. Principal's Report: **Teri Colter, Principal**
The Multicultural event was held on Thursday and was a great success. It was a lot of hard work by Shelley and Noor, and included participation from a lot of families. There were tables with cultural displays and activities, a fashion show, and a talent show. They are hopeful that next year there could be an evening component that includes a pot luck.
The grade 3 provincial assessments will be happening in May.
Teachers are planning field trips and report having trouble getting chaperones. We discussed again reminding teachers that the more notice that parents have, the more likely they are to volunteer, as it can take weeks to get clearances and book off work.
Today was the national Student Vote across the country. Ms Naylor's grade 4/5 class hosted the vote with the upper classes voting in a traditional voting set up. We discussed how the lunch program is going, exploring the challenge of recycling, and leftover meals. Approximately 200 students receive lunches each day. Teri noted that the breakfast order has doubled this year.
5. Treasurer's Report: **Christa LeBlanc, Treasurer**
Christa was not available for today's meeting and will forward a report soon.
6. Event & Fundraising Reports: **A) Spirit Wear** – The online store is now closed and orders have arrived at the school. We discussed how to best distribute orders. It was decided that orders will

be sorted into classes and sent home with kids.

C) Domino's Fundraising Options – This was a modest success with 30 orders being made, with a total of \$132 raised. It was noted that it wasn't an easy process to complete.

D) Spring Fair Planning – The Spring Fair Committee met this week and things are well under way. Greg will consider whether he will volunteer for pie face again, and we discussed the possibility of making it a vote between two volunteers. Ms Myette is going to head up the auction art projects.

7. Funding Requests: A) Mr Flemming is hoping that the WSA will again pay for the bouncey castle for field day.

8. Other Items: **A) Budget** – Marisha presented the 2025-26 budget for approval and went through sources of revenue and expenditures. The biggest challenge to the budget was losing the lunch program.
Currently we have ~\$23,000 in the bank but are running a deficit. Because of this, we discussed needing to spend the money going forward, but to do so with capitol one time investments (such as the gaga ball pit or t shirts) as opposed to newly budgeted items that we might not be able to keep up year over year. We approved \$200 to each classroom and specialist.
Approved: Alex Smith
Seconded: Laura Moeller

B) Staff Appreciation – We discussed buying coffee and donuts or cupcakes. Alex will take this on.

We did not have time to discuss Recruitment & Diversity & Inclusion, or Communication. These are standing items on the agenda.

9. Motion to Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:04.
Approved: Jenn Hanscomb
Seconded: Laura Moeller

Next meeting: Monday, May 26th