

Wildwood School Council

March 11, 2024

Attendees: Diane Jeffers, Tracy Smith, Erica Rae, Candice Jones, Ivanna Maghraby, Tamer Maghraby, Stacey Zurburg, Tatiana Radkevych

Meeting called to order 6:36 pm.

Council Business:

Approval of the January minutes: Approval deferred.

Annual General Meeting: Will be held in May – we will be looking to fill positions including on the executive (specifically secretary and chair). For those that have questions, please email wildwoodschoolcouncil@gmail.com on how you can get involved! Meeting information on school council can be found on the school website and can be translated to other languages as needed (<https://wildwood.cbe.ab.ca/school-council>).

CBE Communications Update:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/cbe-connections/Pages/default.aspx>

Big focus of February meeting was advocacy priorities. On the CBE website there is information on school trustee priorities and information on advocacy, including impacts to CBE due to increased student enrollment and an increase in English Language Learners. There are different one-pagers that may be of interest – CBE is prioritizing need for learning spaces across CBE, increase to base funding and increase to funding to support English Language Learners. There also links to contact MLAs.

CBE was not consulted or engaged on government's recent announcement regarding gender policies. CBE will be engaging with government to try to understand this announcement.

Social Studies curriculum was discussed – in 2024/2025, opportunity to pilot the updated K-6 Social Studies curriculum and provide feedback.

Education Plan is being set for the next 3-year period. There are some new schools planned for Calgary.

Treasurer Report:

- West Coast Seeds raised \$695.57 (cheque arrives in May), easy to organize in case this is of interest for future years.
- Wildwood School Council balance is \$16,126.06, with a cheque pending to our DJ for Kokomo for \$450 with most of that going to the performers. A huge thank you to David for his role in Kokomo!
- Wildwood merchandise was sold as a fundraiser. Spend was \$3,356.51, this has already been recouped. It will be also advertised on the community Facebook page.
- Healthy Hunger cheque to be deposited \$2,136.04 (for December & January).
- March expenditures - \$757 for float has been reimbursed. \$4,778.10 deposit from Kokomo (includes \$80 merchandise sold), paid \$374 in concession and \$83.84 in prizes. Pizza bill was

\$1,020. DJ & entertainment was \$450. Sold \$4,009 in pre-ticket sales. Credit card fees to be subtracted from this.

- Total expenses \$1,928.45,
- Wildwood Merchandise spend \$3,356, sold \$2,292.35 so far. Final number TBD.

Thank you to everyone who attended Kokomo!!

Tasty Treats: Planned for March 20, occurs monthly. March's event will focus on Grades 5 & 3s but anyone is welcome to bring a food/treat! Next one after that will be for May 15, with kindergarten through Grade 2 leading.

School Council Engagement Grant: \$500 is available, Vincent Massey used it for a parent open house night, with activities together in art, constructions, foods. Could replicate this for kindergarten and use it for supplies to support this vent.

Diane motioned that the \$500 grant be allocated to supplies and materials for the kindergarten open house for families started kindergarten in September 2025. Stacey seconded. All approved.

School Business:

Many celebrations recently!

- Evergreen theatre
- Winter Division 2 celebration
- Friendship dance
- Kindness February activities focused on take care of this place, ourselves and each other
- Curling
- Lacrosse for grades 2-4
- Kokomo Beach
- A lot of field trips upcoming
- Vincent Massey came to visit
- Festive Foods

Enrollment update:

Significant growth in student enrollment since September 30 budgeting.

Grades/Classes	September 30	Current as of March
Kindergarten	51	66
Grade 1	60	73
Grade 2	65	75
Grade 3	67	67
Grade 4	53	59
Grade 5	65	81
Grade 6	49	66
Total		530

Wildwood has added a total of 4.2-4.5 FTE between September and March.

Support staff has been increased as well.

Upcoming Events: Interviews, March break, field trips, jump rope for heart, outdoor school, kindergarten open house, division 1 celebration, volunteer tea, twelve days of coding (grades 1-6), activity day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, PATs (math, science, English, social studies), VRETTA (online program for kids to take exams, uploaded onto devices, kids have to practice for a certain amount of time to be able to do their exams), Grade 6 celebration.

Funding Requests

- Request for 600 new mini white boards – these are used daily, all day long. Would also require erasers and pens. \$1,150.
- Request for support to do work in the Wildwoods. \$5,000.
- Request for support to purchase 30 new Chromebooks & carts – right now we do not have enough for the students we have. \$15,000.

Top three requests eligible for the casino account. ~\$18k remaining in previous casino total.

Total funding request \$21,150 to the Friends of Wildwood School Society casino account.

Request for funding for coding residency \$9,000. Can request for permission to fund this from the AGLC but for now will put through the Wildwood School Council.

Diane motioned to approve \$9,000 for funding for the coding residency from the Wildwood School Council Account. Stacey seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:54 pm.