

## Wildwood School Council Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026

**Attendees:** Heather Audet, Lauren Case, Sarah Brown, Jen Dyck, Grant Jorgenson, Chelsey Morton, Erica Rae, Meredith Smith, Stephanie Smith

**The meeting was called to order by Meredith Smith at 6:32pm and a quorum was present.**

### Welcome and Introductions:

Meredith Smith welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement recognizing the traditional territories of Treaty 7.

Appreciation and thanks was expressed to Erica Rae, departing principal, for her 6 years of leadership.

**A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 2026. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Jen Dyck. All in favour.**

### Treasurer's Report

- Current balance sits at \$23,023
- Includes \$1,121 from the Silent Auction, which has been pledged to the playground fund and will be transferred to the Parks Foundation.
- Healthy Hunger sales are not yet reflected in the balance.

Recent transactions include.

- Approximately \$6,000 in Kokomo revenue (Healthy Hunger not yet included).

CURRENT APPROVALS WSC:	AMOUNT APPROVED	AMOUNT SPENT	AMOUNT REMAINING	DATE APPROVED
School Expense: Holiday Candy Guess	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50	Nov 27, 2025
Hospitality: Coffee/Tea socials or Teacher treats	\$ 300	\$ 120	\$ 180	Sept 15, 2025
Hospitality: Conference meals for staff (3/year)	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,055	\$ 295	Sept 15, 2025
Misc school exp: Patrols Expenses	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	Sept 15, 2025
Activity Day	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	Sept 15, 2025
Cultural Events: Indigenous Learning	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	Sept 15, 2025
Donation: Holiday Gift cards for wildwood families	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	Dec 8, 2025
Teacher Gift cards - Holidays	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	Dec 8, 2025
Kokomo spending	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,172	Dec 8, 2025
	\$ 11,900	\$ 7,502	\$ 4,398	

**A motion was made to approve the purchase of a farewell / thank you gift for Erica Rae. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Chelsey Morton. All in Favour.**

### Kokomo & Silent Auction Update

Overall feedback from Kokomo and the Silent Auction was very positive. For future events, council would like to see the event move away from onsite cash handling.

### **Tasty Treats**

Administration will add another tasty treats date to the upcoming calendar.

### **Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser**

The Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser has been setup and promotion has begun. This fundraiser offers approximately 15% profit to the school, with higher profits generated through increased sales.

### **Fundraising Ideas**

Potential fundraising initiatives discussed included:

- Jibitz (Wildwood branded Croc Charms)
- Crumbl Cookies (approximately \$3 from a large cookie sale will go to the school)
- Art Sale (student created art is auctioned off to the parent community)

### **Community of School Councils (COSC) meeting.**

The next COSC meeting is scheduled for April 22. Lauren is planning to go.

### **School Business**

Currently, there is no additional information to share regarding the principal transition. It is likely that an acting (retired) principal will be appointed to finish the school year, as administrative staffing is typically not changed mid-year. This approach should allow time to attract a strong pool of candidates.

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) will distribute a parent survey seeking feedback on qualities the community would like to see in a new principal. Communication is expected in the coming weeks.

Erica Rae shared information she recently received regarding the National Food Program Agreement funding aimed at expanding school programs across the province. While funds have been transferred to provinces, it appears that Alberta delayed in allocating funds resulting in a tight timeline.

- Approximately \$2 million allocated for 2024–2025 and 2025–2026.
- \$1.6 million must be used by March 31, 2026. Wildwood school received approximately \$4,700, based on equity funding tied to socio-economic indicators. These funds have strict guidelines and an extremely short window to be used which is disappointing.

The school also receives \$15,000 through the President's Choice grant, which currently supports food initiatives and is a much more stable income source than the national funding.

Potential uses discussed included:

- Food carts
- Programs supporting cultural understanding and interconnectedness through food. i.e./ celebrating various cultures through food exploration.
- Food hampers for families in need.

- Creating a school garden.
- Nutrition education (noting that while this information is valuable to learn, food choices within a family unit are not usually something students have control over).

Recent school initiatives and events include; student showcase, friendship dance, Zeal residency, Kokomo, festive foods, and new technology upgrades (116 Chromebook and 25 iPads added to the school's existing supply).

Upcoming events and celebrations; Jump Rope for Heart, cricket, outdoor school, volunteer tea, kindergarten orientation, National Indigenous Peoples Day, PATs, and Grade 6 celebration. It was noted that Leanne Winestock will be assisting with the Grade 6 celebration.

A summary of the Wildwood School Results Report 2024–2025 and the School Development Plan 2025–2026 was shared.

Key focus areas include:

- Literacy and Numeracy (ELA and Math)
- Student Well-being
- Diversity and Inclusion

Wildwood's results in Area 7 exceed the average by approximately 10–15%.

Further details are available on the school website under "About Us."

**With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.**

**NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Monday, April 13 at 6:30pm.**

## Friends of Wildwood School Society (FWSS)

Monday, March 9, 2026

**Attendees:** Heather Audet, Lauren Case, Sarah Brown, Jen Dyck, Grant Jorgenson, Chelsey Morton, Erica Rae, Meredith Smith, Stephanie Smith

**The meeting was called to order by Meredith at 7:25pm and a quorum was present.**

**A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 2026. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Chelsey Morton. All in favour.**

### Treasurer's Report

Casino Bank Balance = \$108,353

- Recent transaction includes \$89,637.25 from recent casino (must be spent by February 2029).
- Missing the net 50/50 funds from Kokomo.
- \$24,134.86 of these funds must be spent by February 2027

Non-Casino Bank Balance = \$11,822

- One non-casino fundraiser is required – Apple Fundraiser.
- Recent transactions include; insurance, playground banner, and \$100 transfer to Parks Foundation from a playground donation.

At the current approval limits, approximately \$49,571 remains until the next casino, assuming all currently approved expenses are spent.

Discussion noted that \$50,000 remaining may be slightly low to carry the council/administration, as spending has been higher this year due to:

- School residencies: approximately \$25,000
- Playground donation: \$30,000

CURRENT APPROVALS FWSS:	AMOUNT APPROVED	AMOUNT SPENT	AMOUNT REMAINING	DATE APPROVED
Wages: In house presenters: Residencies	\$25,000.00	7,559.52	\$17,440.48	September 15, 2025
Resource Materials: Art Supplies	\$5,000.00	0.00	\$5,000.00	September 15, 2025
Equipment: Phys Ed Equipment	\$8,000.00	0.00	\$8,000.00	September 15, 2025
Resource Materials: Library Books	\$3,000.00	0.00	\$3,000.00	September 15, 2025
Resource Materials: Paper	\$1,500.00	1,500.00	\$0.00	September 15, 2025
Travel: Field Trip Bussing	\$9,000.00	3,370.05	\$5,629.95	September 15, 2025
Insurance (non-casino)	\$875.00	875.00	\$0.00	January 4, 2026
Equipment: Tech Cart	\$1,500.00	0.00	\$1,500.00	Dec 8, 2025
Equipment: Playground	\$30,000	0.00	\$30,000.00	Dec 8, 2025
Miscellaneous: Playground banners (non-casino)	400	366.07	\$33.93	January 12, 2026
	\$ 84,275	\$ 13,671	\$ 70,604	

### Playground Update

Several grant applications have been submitted to support the playground project.

Funding sources include:

- Community fundraising
- Grants
- School-led fundraising initiatives

A community flyer campaign is planned, including backpack flyer distribution to families. Local businesses have also expressed interest in supporting the initiative.

**With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.**