Wildwood School Council Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2026

Attendees: Heather Audet, Chelsey Morton, Jessica Alder, Kyle Durant, Grant Jorgensen, Mike Ross

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

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Chelsey Morton welcomed attendees. Meredith Smith provided a land acknowledgement recognizing the traditional territories of Treaty 7.

Mike Ross introduced himself as the incoming new principal.

About a third of the staff was turned over this year. Inherited many good staff members but also lost some strong staff members. Strong start to the year thus far.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from June 8, 2026. Chelsey Morton. Seconded by Heather Audet. All in favour.

Treasurer's Report

- New fiscal year started Aug 1, 2026
- Current balance sits at $25k
- Healthy Hunger funds still outstanding – we owe a balance, to be applied to upcoming healthy hunger events.
- Technical issues outstanding with bank account, working to resolve. Once completed then will transfer access to Jess.
- Potential for tighter finances in early 2028 due to large playground requirements, will need to budget differently in 2027 and 2028 to account for playground

Council Schedule

All meetings to be held at the school at 6:30pm

- Sept 14
- Oct 13
- Nov 9
- Dec 14
- Jan 25
- Mar 8
- Apr 12

- May 10 (AGM)
- June 7

Tasty Treats will be welcomed this year. It is most successful to organize by grade group. We will start on October 21 with grades 3 and 5. **Heather to coordinate with the school.**

Kokomo Beach Party is our biggest fundraising event at the school, long standing tradition at Wildwood School. Need to recruit a group of volunteers to coordinate. Target February 25.

Other Fundraising Ideas

- Jibitz – for follow up with Sarah next meeting
- Festive Foods will be twice a month
- Wildwood t-shirts and hoodies (pre-order only). **Mike to provide the name of the company he has used in the past at prior school.**
- Purdy's at Christmas and Easter (to be delivered prior to spring break). Begin to advertise in November for Christmas. **Chelsey to set up.**

A call out will be put in the WAG to recruit someone to lead/administer this.

We can send a separate school council update on a monthly basis to provide updates and introduce the role of the council. **Chelsey and Meredith to draft.** Also to have a flat sheet for the Open House on Sept 24 6-7:00pm, with a council table to distribute.

Science Olympics

Mike to investigate if there are teachers that are willing to take it on. Once this is determined the council will vote on sponsorship.

Wildwood Tree Planting

More cost effective if the school does the planting, it would be best to do the planting in the spring. Could have the community come together and help with the planting. **Chelsey to get additional information from Shannon Ryland on details of the plan**. Plants will be indigenous within Alberta.

Mike and team are looking into why the Wildwoods are overgrown and who maintains the area.

A motion was made to approve up to $5000 for the Wildwoods replanting. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Heather Audet. All in favour.

Other Business

School council board needs to be updated, and content added to the board. Need to add council info, playground info, volunteer opportunities, healthy hunger. **Chelsey to design and update the bulletin board.**

School Business

Open House Sept 24, 6-7:00pm

Considering whether the school will proceed with Grade 6 Outdoor School. There are a lot of outstanding fees from last year. There are all new Grade 6 teachers this year and has not been booked. One third of the grade six kids didn't participate last year. Exploring alternate programs for this year.

Mike is looking for an approximate amount for spending this year for planning purposes. **Jess to prepare an initial outlook for the October meeting, Mike and Grant will bring a wish list from the school.**

Teacher attendance at the school council meetings not required at this time. Can be revisited unless they are coming to deliver a specific presentation or have a specific ask.

Final staff member tentatively hired, have been one teacher short to this point. Challenging to hire teachers for open positions this year. EA also hired for additional support. New this year is Classroom Complexity Team.

There will be a focus on Literacy within the school development plan for this year.

460 students at the school at present, down from last year. The school is well staffed for this number.

Terry Fox Run coming up this week; speaker Sept 16, run Sept 18.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm.

Friends of Wildwood School Society (FWSS) Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2026

Attendees: Heather Audet, Chelsey Morton, Jessica Alder, Kyle Durant, Grant Jorgensen, Mike Ross

The meeting was called to order by Chelsey Morton at 7:57pm and a quorum was present.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minuets from June 2026. Chelsey Morton. Seconded by Meredith Smith. All in favour

Treasurer's Report

- Casino account balance sits at $86k
- Non-casino account balance sits at $11K

A motion was made to approve $9,000 for field trips. Chelsey Morton. Seconded by Heather Audet. All in favour.

Next Casino will be held in Q4 2027, funds will then come through in spring 2028.

Playground update

Multiple donations come in through the summer:

- Neighborhood flyer campaign: $110,00
- KidzInc: $50,000
- Wildwood Dental: $10,000
- School community and Neighborhood: $12,000

Large government matching grant (CFEP) submitted in July with decision expected in December. If we don't get the grant then we can't move forward with the rubber surface but will be able to move forward with the playground with gravel.

Sun-Oka Apples fundraiser underway, 21 more days to buy. Target is $1500 and $500 raised to date.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm.