

Wildwood School Council Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2026

Attendees: Meredith Smith, Lauren Case, Jennifer Dyck, Grant Jorgensen, Jill Neufeld, Stephanie Hill, Heather Audet, Jessica Alder, Mike Ross, Leanne Winestock

The meeting was called to order by Meredith Smith at 6:31pm 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.

Mike Ross, Wildwood's new principal for 2026/27, was in attendance. Mike comes with a wealth of experience, working at Fairview School and private schools as well as international teaching work.

The council thanked Jill for the last few months as acting Principal.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from May 11, 2026. Jen Dyck. Seconded by Meredith Smith. All in favour.

A motion was made to elect Jess Alder as the new Treasurer for the 2026/27 school year. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Lauren Case. All in favour.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance sits at \$25,494.
- Kokomo funds in Healthy Hunger are still outstanding, Jen has reached out.
- Purdy's is still outstanding too due to technical issues.
- There's a super small amount left to add in for activity day (~\$60).

Russ Dyck and Adrian Audet will be conducting the upcoming audit.

Grade 6 Celebration

Council discussed the additional \$1200 for decorations, pizza, drinks etc.

Wildwoods Replanting

Council discussed Ms. Ryland's proposal to add trees to the Wildwoods. Jill says the proposal is under \$4500, which includes planting various trees and associated labour (via CBE Grounds). They are hoping to have planting done over summer or early fall, and Ms. Ryland will water if planted over the summer. The funds for this could come out of school council or FWSS (non-casino). There is also potential for parents to help out with labour to save costs. Meredith and Shannon Ryland are looking into grants to help with costs as well.

A motion was made to approve up to \$4500 for the Wildwoods replanting proposal. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Heather Audet. All in favour.

School Business

The Trickster Theatre residency was well received, Grant expressed enthusiasm to do it again next year, but during a different time of the school year.

All the teachers are looking forward to Activity Day.

PATs are underway.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on Monday, September 14 at 6:30pm.

Friends of Wildwood School Society (FWSS)

Monday June 8, 2026

Attendees: Meredith Smith, Lauren Case, Jennifer Dyck, Grant Jorgensen, Jill Neufeld, Stephanie Hill, Heather Audet, Jessica Alder, Mike Ross, Leanne Winestock

The meeting was called to order by Meredith Smith at 6:52pm and a quorum was present.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from May 11, 2026. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Leanne Winestock. All in favour.

A motion was made to elect Jess Alder as the new Treasurer for the 2026/27 school year. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Lauren Case. All in favour.

Treasurer Report

The Casino account currently has \$103,555.

The Non-Casino account currently has \$11,822.

At current approval limits, there is \$51,069 remaining until the next casino assuming all current year approved expenses get spent (noting that it's unlikely it will all get spent).

Playground Update

The committee is applying for a very big grant, that will hopefully cover up to 50% of the playground (the committee is asking for \$300k), but they haven't gotten some of the grants they have applied to so there's no guarantees.

The playground committee has raised ~\$140k so far.

They are aiming to do another call for volunteers in September.

The playground committee would like to hand out fundraising fliers in the neighbourhood and are asking for funds to cover the cost of printing fliers.

A motion was made to approve up to \$300 for printing playground fliers. Meredith Smith. Seconded by Jen Dyck. All in favour.

Fundraising

Stephanie Smith has confirmed she is coordinating the Sunoka apple fundraiser again for the fall.

Business Arising

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Appendix A

Friends of Wildwood School Society (FWSS)

Monday, June 22, 2026

Attendees: Heather Audet, Lauren Case, Jenn Dyck, Chelsey Morton, Meredith Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

This meeting was initiated following a playground fundraising update from Kate Darling, Fundraising Coordinator for the Playground Replacement Initiative. The Playground Committee is applying for a government grant that, if successful, will match 50% of the funds raised at the time of application submission. The deadline for the application is July 30, 2026.

A financial analysis was completed by Jen Dyck, in advance of the meeting and shared with school Administration for input on the minimum needs of the school until the next casino deposit, expected February 2028.

The total available cash today across the FWSS casino account, FWSS non-casino account, and WSC is \$114,923. The minimum requirements from the school for the 2026/27 year and half of the 2027/28 year, are as follows:

- \$4,500 for Equipment (Phys-Ed, Technology)
- \$4,500 for Resources (Art, library, paper & reg materials)
- \$11,250 for Travel (Bussing)
- \$9,000 for In School presenters (Residencies)
- \$750 for Patrols
- **\$30,000 Total**

Projected cash flows were reviewed together with the current bank balance and the maintenance of a minimum \$2,000 float for each bank account. Based on this analysis it was discussed that the contribution to the playground could be increased.

A motion was made to approve up to an additional \$45,000 for the playground replacement, in addition to the up to \$30,000 that was approved in December 2025, for a total contribution of up to \$75,000. Meredith Smith. Seconded Jen Dyck. All in favour.

It was discussed that playground fundraising will continue beyond the date of the grant submission and any funds not needed for the playground will then be available for use within the school. The council would like to provide more than the minimum requirement for support. Additional fundraising to support initiatives within the school will be discussed during the 2026/27 year.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.