

Westboro School Council

School Council Minutes- February 11, 2025

6:30 p.m. School Library

**Indicates written report/attachment provided*

Attendance

Parents: Christan Rasmussen (Chair), Hilary Schmidt (Vice-Chair), Carrie Bounds (Secretary), Kate Weberg, Allison McColl

School Staff: Shelby Labrecque (Principal), Tracey Prouse (Vice Principal), Margo Komant (Gr 3)

Others: Trina Boymook (EIPS Trustee)

- 1) Call to order at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) Review of the Agenda
 - a) Agenda approved as presented.
- 3) Approval of the minutes from Jan 14, 2025.
 - a) Minutes approved as distributed.
- 4) New Business:
 - a) Family Dance
 - i) Currently Scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2025
 - ii) It is a cost recovery event- not a fundraiser
 - iii) We are looking to put together a Dance Committee of parents who are interested in helping.
 - iv) Balloon man, Munch a lunch, and Dance Revolution are all options we are interested in having this year
 - b) School Council Engagement Grant
 - i) Shauna Sam, MSc, R.SLP, SLP(C) has been approved to come speak to our parents.
 - ii) She deals with Executive Function and strategies to encourage development amongst children
 - iii) She will be available for us twice this year- once for a two-hour instructional night, and one 90 min follow up seminar for Q and A for those families that would like continued support
- 5) EIPS Trustee Report: Trina Boymook **See attached*
- 6) Administration Report

Shelby Labreque: Principal **see attached*
Tracey Prouse: Vice Principal

 - a) Due to colder than average winter temperatures, the Alberta Opera's vehicle wasn't working and they had to rebook Rapunzel for another date in April
 - b) During student days off from school, teachers have been going through the new Gov of Alberta assessments
 - c) Numeracy and Literacy night was a success. Free Dice and Card Games went home with every family. Our new Mental Health Capacity Builder- Julia Knudson- was also there to

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meet families. The Grade 6 students offered to be greeters to all the families and guests- they were so proud and did such a great job.

- d) Our new Westboro EA's have proven to be an amazing fit for our students here.
 - e) Our band aid tower (Owie Project) and food drive donation are getting kids excited about helping others.
 - f) Teachers are getting amazing opportunities on PD days and Teachers Conventions to network and learn with each other. It's great to get fresh perspectives from other schools to further encourage each other.
 - g) Micro dosing challenges are going well. Grade 1G won a Pizza Party for all their micro dosing efforts to focus on breathing and calming themselves throughout the day.
 - h) School hallway puzzles and coloring sheets are helping kids de-stress and work together.
- 7) Teacher Report: Margo Komant (Grade 3)
- a) I have been teaching Westboro Logos and Regular classes for 10 years
 - b) There are 32 students in our classroom- 8 boys and 24 girls
 - c) Our simple machine science projects were super successful! Kids were excited to collaborate with their parents this time around and did a fantastic job each standing up in front of the classroom to speak on their machines. Everyone was SO creative!
 - d) All the kids have collectively moved up 4 or 5 reading levels already this year! I am super proud of all their hard work.
 - e) Robert Munch is our current Author Study
 - f) We just finished learning how to write paragraphs in LA
 - g) For Math, we are just finishing our multiplication and division units and the kids are really catching on- they're telling me it's fun math.
 - h) Feb 21 our 3K class is presenting a school wide assembly on Feeling Anxious vs Having Anxiety. All those who are comfortable will get to read in front of the whole school- so far many are interested.
 - i) In Science we are learning about earth systems, and we will be building volcanos towards the end of March.
 - j) In Social Studies there have been 4 countries (Tunisia, India, Peru, & Ukraine) that they have all had to study and research.
- 8) Open Discussion-none.
- 9) Adjourn 7:35pm

Next Meeting is April 8, 2025

Trustee Report
Trina Boymook

FI and redesignation of Lakeland Ridge Senior High Attendance Area- January 29 we held an open house on a draft transition plan. The plan was well received. The plan will allow the grade 11 students to complete their grade 12 at Ardrossan and Sherwood Heights grade 9 students to Sal for Grade 10 a year ahead of the program moving. Since both Facey and Sal both have open boundaries, Lakeland Ridge students will have the choice to remain to complete their remaining grades at Sal if they want.

Alberta School Councils Association – The Board has approved the sponsorship of our school council registration for the upcoming Alberta School Council Association Conference. Information will be sent out to each school council on how to register for the conference.

Student Transportation – It has come to our attention that given that the Student Transportation Regulations wasn't amended to reflect the reduced eligibility distance, we will be running a deficit for this year as we set the fees to reflect how funding was calculated and not how the government decided to calculate. We will be appealing the number they are using. If we the regulation isn't amended, we will need to reconsider our service levels and the fees amounts that will be charged for the upcoming year.

Retreat - The Board had a three-day retreat Feb 10-12. These discussions will shape the work of the Board's work for the remainder of this year and next.

The Government will be releasing the Budget on February 27.



Westboro (WBO) Elementary School Council Principal Report

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1. Welcome & introductions!
 - a. Welcome to Trustee Boymook and our executive, as well as all the parents/guardians who have taken time out of their busy schedules to join us tonight! I truly appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively to support student success at Westboro!
 - b. Welcome and thank you to Margo Komant for being our staff representative this month! We appreciate your gift of time to be with us tonight and look forward to hearing what you and your class have been up to as of late!
2. Kudos!
 - a. Thank you to our Parent Society for supporting Westboro in having Alberta Opera present Rapunzel to our school! Unfortunately, the cold weather caused their vehicle to fail but thankfully we have rescheduled for Thursday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m.
3. Welcome NEW Staff!
 - a. Mr. Fujji, an educational assistant who was on leave, has resigned which opened an educational assistant position. I am excited to welcome Amy Johnston to the Westboro family. Amy is working primarily in our grade 5 classrooms.
 - b. I am also happy to announce that we have added another educational assistant in our PLACE program. I would like to welcome Valerie Groff as well to the Westboro family!
4. Restorative Practice Implementation Team Update
 - a. All our classrooms have completed 3 out of the 4 Playshop sessions which teach staff and students about the brain and the various strategies that can be used to assist with regulation.
 - b. Some staff are also participating in a book club based on *Connections Over Compliance Rewiring Our Perceptions of Discipline* by Lori L. Desautels. We have covered Chapter 1 **A Journey Through Discipline**; Chapter 2 **Student**

Behaviors Start with You!; Chapter 3 **The Masks of Pain and the Power of Regulation** and Chapter 4 **Touch Points Are Maps to Connections**. Our last book club is February 12 and we will be discussing Chapter 5 **Brain-Aligned Preventive Discipline: Putting It All Together!** And Chapter 6 **Early Childhood Brain-Aligned Preventive Discipline**. I have an extra copy if anyone would like to borrow it and read it.

5. School Education Plan

- a. I have copies of the 2024-25 School Education Plan and would like to ask you to take a copy, or go to the school website (www.westboroelementary.ca) and provide us with any feedback you might have that would help us best serve our students.
- b. This year our grade 4, 5 and 6 classes participated in Project 5 (www.projectfive.ca) which is a workshop for elementary to post-secondary meant to help others become more confident speakers. The feedback we received from staff and students was phenomenal and so we are looking at how we can get Carmen Liebel back for next year as she books up early. It is quite a costly and without knowing what our funding will look like for next school year, I would like to respectfully request that our Parent Society consider funding some or all of the approximately \$2600 that it would cost.

6. Division Calendar 2025-26 & Draft Bell Schedule

- a. I have copies of the 2025-26 calendar, which I spoke about at the last meeting and wanted to share a bit more about the draft bell schedule for elementary schools as I have had a few questions about that. As always, all feedback is encouraged.
- b. For Elementary Schools:
 - i. On the **regular dismissal school days**: Periods 1-9 would increase by a minute per day (from 32 to 33 minutes) with period 10 remaining the same (32 minutes).
 1. Lunch and recess times would not be impacted.
 2. The start time would be 5 minutes earlier and the end time would be 4 minutes later.
 - ii. On **early dismissal Wednesdays**: Periods 1-9 would increase by a minute per day (from 26 to 27 minutes) with period 10 remaining the same (26 minutes).
 1. Lunch and recess times would not be impacted.
 2. The start time would be 4 minutes earlier and the end time would be 4 minutes later.

7. Since our last meeting we have had many exciting things happening at Westboro!

- a. Family Literacy & Numeracy Night
 - b. Our January professional learning day had many sessions going on, including first aid, literacy and numeracy intervention and assessment strategies for grades 3 to 6, PowerTeacher Pro (the software we use for our report cards), and the potential of AI.
 - c. Our Math Problem of the Week is continuing, with prizes being given out weekly to raffle winners.
 - d. The Microdosing Challenge continues. The winners of the class pizza party for the month of January were 1G and 5D! Classes will have information coming home soon, if they haven't yet.
 - e. Teacher's Convention was filled with lots of wonderful sessions, which always bring out excitement in our staff!
 - f. Of course, our Food Bank Drive is this week, along with Random Acts of Kindness Week!
 - g. We are also collecting fun Band-Aids for children at the Stollery Children's Hospital through The Owie Project (www.theowieproject.ca). One of our Westboro families brought this to our attention, and we thought what an awesome way to brighten a child's day!
8. Looking ahead!
- a. February 10-14, 2025 – Random Acts of Kindness Week
 - b. February 10-18, 2025 – Westboro Food Bank Drive
 - c. February 11, 2025 – School Council/Parent Society Meeting
 - d. February 12, 2025 – Grade 5 Alberta Aviation Museum field trip
 - e. February 17, 2025 – Family Day (no school)
 - f. February 20, 2025 – Wisest Conference
 - g. February 21, 2025 – 3K Assembly on Feeling Anxious vs. Having Anxiety
 - h. February 24, 2025 – Returning student registration closes
 - i. February 26, 2025 – Pink Shirt Day