

January 16, 2025 - Woodbine School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sara M., Jasmine A., Stef A., Brittany W., Pooja S., Brenna F. Cheryl R. Jessica Aspinal, Tina Christensen, Eric, Megan, Anna

Called to Order: 6:01pm

Approval of November 2024 Minutes

- Motion: Jasmine
- Seconded: Jess

Teacher Presentation:

- Grade 2 team – Land acknowledgment video made by the students
- New Social Studies curriculum (K-3) Overview
- CBE piloting for 2024-2025

Principal Report:



Principal report
January 2025.pdf

New Business:

- None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:19pm

January School Council/Association Meeting –Principal Report



Land Acknowledgment-Video

Teacher Presentation: Grade 2-Pilot of Social Studies curriculum K-3

School Updates

Swimming Program and Volunteers

Our swimming program is thriving, with students enjoying the opportunity to gain confidence and create lifelong memories. However, we face challenges that may affect its continuation next year. Specifically, we need additional volunteers for older grades, especially male volunteers to assist in the boys' change rooms.

Currently, we have \$3,101.18 in unpaid swim program fees, adding financial strain. Your suggestions on how to recruit volunteers or resolve funding challenges are greatly valued.

Funding and Resource Allocation

The Requiring Additional Support (RAS) funding of \$5,634.00 has been strategically allocated to increase Education Assistant hours by 5 hours per week for five months. This will enhance our reading intervention program, providing targeted literacy support to students in need.

Cultural Night Feedback

Our recent Cultural Night was a resounding success, featuring diverse food and rich cultural traditions. Distinguished guests, including Chief Superintendent Jo Pitman, Education Director Michelle Howell, and Trustee Nancy Close, attended the event.

One student reflected:

"Learning about different cultures is vital. It broadens my perspective and aligns with my dream of becoming an ambassador or businesswoman. Events like Cultural Night highlight the richness of diversity and should be integral to our curriculum."

Feedback from families suggests hosting Cultural Night annually but at a different time of year to improve attendance. We are committed to incorporating this into future planning.

John Ware Open House

On **January 30th from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**, we will host an Open House for incoming Grade 6 students and families. This event will showcase:

- **Arts:** Option programs and extracurricular activities
- **Academics:** Engaging learning experiences led by dedicated teachers
- **Athletics:** Sports teams and development opportunities

An informal presentation will take place in the Learning Commons at 6:30 PM. For questions, please contact the school office at **403-777-7930**.

Woodman Jr. High Open House

On **February 6, 2025**, from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**, we will host an **Open House Event** as we showcase why our school is “*A Great Place to Learn – Une belle place pour apprendre.*”

Programs Offered:

- **Grade 5-9 Continuing French Immersion Program**
- **Grade 7 Late French Immersion Program**
 - A dedicated **Parent Interest Meeting** for Grade 7 Late French Immersion will provide insights into student suitability, the program’s mandate, and outcomes.
- **Grade 7-9 English Community Program**

Explore the School:

- Visit **Parent Information Booths** to learn more about:
 - Late French Immersion programming
 - Student supports and middle school transitions
 - Registration and transportation
- Discover how we support **Holistic Adolescent Development** through:
 - Physical literacy, health education, teams, and clubs
- Learn about our **Complementary Courses**, including:
 - Construction, Design Studies, Foods, Arts, Leadership, Music, Band, Drama, Outdoor and Environmental Education, and sports training

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Questions:

- Apparel
- Grant \$1000.00