

Mar 17, 2026 - Woodbine School Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Stefanie A., Brittany W., Jess S., Ryan Molyneaux, Cheryl R., Michael M., Pooja S.

Called to Order: 6:02pm

Approval of February 2026 Minutes

- Motion: Michael
- Seconded: Jess

Principal Report:

- School Development Plan presentation
- The writing process has been the focus this school year
- Opera Update: Shows are split into 2 casts – A & B
 - o Each Cast's show will be on separate days/nights
 - o Requesting money for costumes, props and potentially moving costs – Cheryl will provide a quote for what's needed

New Business:

- Grade 1 Funding Request – Bird Hatching – between \$636 - \$946
- School Development Plan Additional Resources Funding Request - \$610

Meeting Adjourned: 6:49pm

Parent Council Funding Proposal
Grade 1 Bird Hatching Inquiry Project
Submitted by: Grade 1 Team (Kate Anderson, Michelle Connolly and Allison Cook)
Proposed Timeline: Mid-April – End of May
Curriculum Connection: Grade 1 Science – Living Systems

Project Overview

The Grade 1 team is proposing a Bird Hatching Inquiry Project as part of our Living Systems science unit. In previous years, Grade 1 students have hatched chicks and ducks in the classroom. These experiences resulted in exceptional student engagement, curiosity, and authentic learning. Students were able to observe the full incubation and hatching process while exploring concepts such as life cycles, animal care, responsibility, and scientific observation. The experience sparked rich discussions, questions, and writing opportunities as students documented their observations.

Proposed Plan

This year, we hope to expand the experience by having each Grade 1 classroom hatch a different type of bird. This would allow students to compare species and share their learning across classrooms. Possible examples include:

- Ducks
- Quail
- Chicks
- Goose

This approach will encourage collaboration between classes and deepen inquiry as students compare the different birds, eggs, and hatching timelines. To maximize the learning opportunity, we would also welcome other grades in the school to visit and observe the incubation and hatching process.

Estimated Costs

The program offers several bird options with different price points:

- Ducks – \$279
- Quail – \$189
- Chicks – \$159 (currently on sale; regular \$189)
- Geese – \$289

If all four Grade 1 classes participated, the estimated total cost would be approximately \$636-\$946, depending on the bird selections.

Funding Request

As a Calgary Campus Open Minds school, we are mindful of keeping learning opportunities accessible and minimizing additional costs for families. The Grade 1 team is respectfully requesting Parent Council's support to help fund this inquiry-based learning experience for our students. This project supports hands-on science learning and provides a meaningful opportunity for students to experience real-life observation, responsibility, and wonder about living systems.

Thank you for considering supporting this exciting learning opportunity for our Grade 1 students.

Mrs. Anderson
Ms. Connolly
Ms. Cook