

WILLOW PARK SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES



Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday Sept 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Chair: Melissa Stead

Minutes: Renee Klapstein

Location: Willow Park School Staffroom

In Attendance

Melissa Stead (President), Renee Klapstein (Secretary), Greg Luchak (Principal), Victoria Cook (Treasurer), Kate Clifford (Teacher), Lynette Goodwin, Tiffany Solila, Jillian Walker (Vice President), Kim Foxon, Nic Foxon, Krissina Bradshaw, Robin MacDonald

Review & Adoption of Minutes

The May minutes were reviewed, motioned as accepted by Lynette, 2nd by Victoria

Reports

BGSD highlights:

Election of Executive Positions

- Chair: Melissa Stead, by acclamation
- Vice Chair: Jillian Walker, by acclamation
- Treasurer: Victoria Cook, by acclamation
- Secretary: Renee Klapstein, by acclamation

Administration Report: Greg Luchak (principal)

- Meeting Expectations: let's be efficient and effective, reduce side conversations, keep talk at the table, hard on the issues/soft on the people
- New Mural: completed this summer, interesting creative process to paint the mural, we want the kids and families to be able to see themselves represented in the mural: arts, athletics, academics. Mural represents our family community well.

- Enrollment: 307 plus junior kindergarten
- Feedback on Meet the teacher Night – signs were posted deeper into the school but the crowd was still all jammed at the front, next year – Maybe post outside? Avoid posting by the front door and only deeper into the school? Q: Why not class lists ahead of time? A: because class lists change quite a lot in the hours/days/weeks beforehand.
- Student Advisory Group: Grades 4-6 kids can volunteer to help design policy and give feedback, gives responsibility and leadership, different kids will have opportunity through the year
 - o Hats - kids wanted hats in school
 - o Volleyball – kids wanted a volleyball team
- PD Update: staff will figure it out once they know what they need to work on and plan accordingly.
- Fairness & Safety in Sport Act: an additional form will be required to ensure athletes 12+ are born female. Government policy so it's required.
- Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation or Human Sexuality Opt-in and Approved Resources: parents now need to give permission for their child to be a part of the lesson and the teacher's resources must be approved by Alberta Education. Parents can look at the resource list before giving permission.
- Possible Teacher Strike: negotiations are between the government and the ATA. In the event of a strike: no teachers in the school means no students in the school.
- Bloomz: switched from Dojo because of parent feedback, questions, and concerns
 - o Bloomz: most options for least amount of money, cool features for teachers to use
- Student of the Month, instead of a year-end assembly: Good Learner Award & 7 Grandfather Teachings Award (2 kids per grade level). Parents would be notified ahead of time

Tanya Dukeshire (Assistant Principal) – Given by Greg Luchak

- Screener Update – literacy & numeracy screener assessments (Grades 1-6), EYE for Kinders and Grade 1s, also other assessments – in an attempt to get grade level equivalents to see if kids are in track for their learning
- ISSP Update: full time social worker, Dr Reynolds the district Psychologist once per week for classroom visits and assessments, BGC after school programs Tues-Thurs for free, positive police presence from Officer Brad,
- Character. Ed/Professional Learning Community: whole school assembly, the leadership team takes turns to work through character ed with kids, rest of the staff talks about PD and what's happening in classes and the school, etc. Different experts come in to talk to staff.
- Parent Volunteers for Breakfast Club: Kim & Victoria – thank you so much for prepping the food for breakfast club!

Teacher Report (Kate Clifford)

- Terry Fox: Sept 26th, Guest Speaker was here on Sept 11th – fundraising & need parent volunteers
- Orange Shirt Day
 - o Celebrated Sept 29th, no school Sept 30th. Committee is planning activities
- Cross Country, Sept 25 – Beaumont
- Grade 5/6 Catch Volleyball: 2 teams of 2 kids, Oct 17/18
- Break Dance Lessons: Sept 24/25, paid for by PAWS
- Student Photos: Oct 1/2

- Field trips: Rec Centre and Library (schools can use the rec centre for free, parents just have to pay for bussing)

BGRS:

Events/Activities:

Old Business

New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm – all in favour

Next Meeting

October 28, 2025

December 9, 2025

February 3, 2025

March 17, 2025

May 5, 2025