

WEST RIDGE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting
Thursday September 18th, 2025 at 6:30pm
Hybrid Meeting



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AGENDA ITEMS		ACTIONS
1.0	Welcome and Call to Order at 6:33 pm Acknowledgment of the Land - Mr. Lang	
2.0	Approval of Agenda	Motion: Robin Second: Calida
3.0	Approval of Minutes from last meeting from November 19 th , 2024 West Ridge School (cbe.ab.ca)	Motion: Tina Second: Janice
4.0	Introductions	
5.0	School Council Purpose - Under Alberta's Education Act, it is mandated that each school have a school council made up of parents, teachers and administration - Allows for parents to connect with administration/teachers for information and updates - An opportunity for administration to hear about the school community from parents and as a connection between the school and community - All parents/guardians at WRS are a part of the school Council are eligible to vote/approve a motion - Ask questions during meetings by raising your hand Role of Council: - Help ensure the parent and community perspective is represented in school decision-making. - Communicate information with the parent community General Comments: - Wonderful place to build community & support the school. - As chair I would ask that we are respectful of what others have to say & that we are open to new/different ideas such that we can find a balanced approach. - Any questions/concerns please feel free to reach out to me at any time - More information on the purpose of School Councils and their role can be found on the Alberta Education website (School councils Alberta.ca) and as well as information on the WRS Council website West Ridge School (cbe.ab.ca).	
6.0	Ongoing School Business (Mr. Lang, Principal) - School Organization - currently 849 students. Grade breakdowns are: - Gr 5: 158 students - 6 classes - Gr 6: 160 students - 6 classes - Gr 7: 151 students - 5 classes - Gr 8: 189 students - 7 classes - Gr 9: 191 students - 6 classes - Staffing and Amind - 1 Principal, 2 APs, 7 Learning Leaders, 29 Teachers (Learning Leaders are also included in this number), 1 Admin Secretary, 1	

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School Secretary, 5 Educational Assistants, 1 EAL Assistant, 1 Librarian, 5 Lunch Supervisors. ○ There are many new staff joining WR this year, start up has been an adventure with having to figure out what start up looks like without past knowledge/guidelines. ○ If student numbers remain the same, the school can potentially hire one more support staff. Question: Why do we have 2 APs? The decision was made last year to remove the resource teacher and replace with an AP. APs are able to do what resource teachers can do, plus more to support students and staff. ● Administrative Regulations: ○ A set of rules, expectations and guidelines identified by the Chief superintendent that support and align the operation of the CBE. They assist in identifying boundaries, parameters and guides for action that inform decision making. ○ General; Finance & Budget; School Program & Organization; Staff; Parents: Students; Equipment, Supplies & textbooks; & Building & Grounds ○ Student Code of Conduct; Welcoming, Caring, REspectful, and Safe Learning and Work Environments; Progressive Student Discipline; Responsibilities of Parents. ● Vision for 2025-2026: Build on all that is amazing about WRS and its community - creating more stability, many changes with principals for such a short time that WR has been open. Mr. Lang plans to be here for at least 3 years. Explore staff and students strengths and needs - wants to get to know staff and students better to under community. Reinvigorate the energy in the building and have some fun - important for kids to have fun, not to take away from learning, but how to infuse fun into it. The student voice is very important. Continue to rebuild trust in who we are, what we are about and what we do. ● Things that have happened ○ Pancake breakfast and Pep Rally - was so much fun ○ Soccer games 5-0 win for girls, 5-3 win for boys. More games to come ○ 2 cross country meets so far, one more to go ○ 4 basket ball teams, 2 juniors and 2 seniors. Games start next week. ○ E-Sport team - 2nd year and has grown from last year. ○ Paul Davis, speaker - included gr 6 in the bigger presentation to kids, gr. 5s got a video of versions. Parent evening had around 60ish people attend. Hosted at Wolfe Cadillac and they provided light snacks and refreshments. ○ Field trips: kayaking, zoo took place. Coming up, hiking and theatre. Additional costs come with trips; if money is a financial barrier, we work with families to make sure it's not. ○ Terry Fox - run is on Friday, Sept 19th along online fundraising campaign. ○ Incredible learning everywhere - classes use other places to learn than just the classroom, ie. learning commons, outside. ○ Question: What is esports? It's gaming, allows students to compete who might not otherwise feel comfortable or want to. There's a few approved games by CBE, there's tournaments etc. Allows students to feel included and connected	

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• How can you help? Speak to your child about learning, not what they did. Communicate with teachers at the school. Read all emails. Share current and accurate contact information with the school. Volunteer - for field trips, in class (ie. reading with students), for events with School Council and School Society. Fundraising. • Video presented by Mr. Scollard explaining what E-Sports are and requesting society to purchase gaming consoles and controls. Mr. Scollard and Mr. Stratton are leading the club. Items have already been purchased by the school so students are able to participate now. Hoping society will reimburse the school. • Mr. Lang welcomes feedback, please reach out to him. He also enjoys having more information on the website, please check that regularly. https://westridge.cbe.ab.ca/ • Question: Are there any halloween plans for students? Admin hasn't gotten that far yet. Still looking at what we can do. Mr. Lang is a believer in celebrating everything and not just some things. There will be something, not sure what it will be at this time. Likes to have students take on events - they know what they want.	
7.0 West Ridge Society Updates • Introductions • Fundraising for the year: Apple fundraiser has closed. Raised just over \$800. Pick up of apples on Sept 24th at the school and a parent's home. Cat V has volunteered to run the flower fundraisers - will team up with West Springs. No other fundraisers set at this time - society is looking for volunteers to help. ○ Request from parents - use text messages more to remind parents of fundraisers and other events at the school. Mr. Lang suggested paper handouts can be used as well when appropriate. • Casino Information: Casino dates are Nov 13, 14, 17 & 18. Volunteer sign up is currently available. Link WR and WS working together.	
8.0 School Council Business • Council Roles/Elections ○ Tamara Pulles nominated and elected as Vice Chair ○ Will Fong nominated and elected as Staff Appreciation Coordinator ○ Secretary - currently open • Pancake Breakfast: Talked about earlier in the evening. All went well this year. Will look at getting food donations from local vendors next year. • Paul Davis Presentation: Talked about earlier in the evening. Wolfe also donated venue for the evening. • School Council Meetings: To be held every 3rd Thursday of the month, unless there's a conflict with other inschool events. Mr. Lang would like to host hybrid meetings moving forward to allow more inclusivity. Suggested dates for meetings: ○ October 16th - Budget Meeting	Motion: Calida Second: Jennifer

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	○ November 20th ○ January 15th ○ February 19th ○ April 9th ○ May 14th - AGM ● Questions: When/How do you start preparing grade 9s for transitions to High School? Nov is when we start to connect with other schools. Students go on tours of their designated school (parent suggested going on tour or to open house to learn lots about the school as well). Teachers help students with IPPs, look at alternate settings that could benefit students. Typically around May students can pick complementary courses. Teachers will suggest/select core courses that fit the student - IB, AP programs are options and discussed. ● Question: Aboriginal students - what supports are there in the school for them? ie. West Springs has done smudges in their school. Do we do anything here? Ms Gourdeau and Hassett are the Indigenous team. Ms. Gourdeau can do smudges at the school. Currently we have 20ish indigenous students. We will have conversations with students to see what they want to see. We will make this available to all students. ● Question: What are the grade 9 trips this year? The sailing trip is currently being worked on with securing flights. The Quebec Heritage trip will happen. Mr. Dixon is looking into a new trip in the Yukon. Mr. Lang is wondering if all trips can be done at the same time and students who stay in the city would be offered many city trips that same week.	
9.0	Next meeting Thursday, October 16th at 6:30pm, Hybrid	
10.0	Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm	Motion: Christine Second: Calida

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