

Meeting Minutes

Woodman School Council

Tuesday March 31, 2026 at 7:00pm

Online via *Microsoft Teams*

Attendance*: Marlene, Tara, Mark, Dave, Mark, Mira, Jessie, Mabel, Lamia, Michelle, and others.

*Note: for those attending via *MS Teams*, names taken from screen displays may not be accurate

Call to order: 7:07 pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Tara

Approval of previous minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from Feb 2026 - Dave, seconded by Mark; minutes approved.

- Marlene, suggested having an in-person meeting on May 26, as it would be a nice opportunity for people to mix'n'mingle and have in-person discussions.
 - The group agreed that meeting at a restaurant would be a nice idea, though this would mean that there would not be a formal agenda.

Chair Report: Tara

- Staff Dinner Review: A call for donations for the dinner, rather than having parents make food, was very successful as \$1360 was donated. Tara used ~\$900 to order food. Marlene confirmed that the food was well received and that the staff enjoyed the selection. The remaining funds will be saved for the next staff appreciation event.
 - Motion for reimbursement for Tara for the purchase of food- Jessie, seconded by Dave. Motion passed.

WMPA Report: Tara

- Band program has been very busy with many events.
- Growing smiles fundraiser launching soon.

Principal's Report: Marlene

- Enrolment for 2026-27 school year is looking stable.
- The push for new students for the French Immersion program continues.
- Changes to immigration programs to Canada may have an impact on funding (long term) this is something to keep an eye on.

- Admin will be applying for federal French language funding (OLEP) to add to Woodman staff.
- 2026-27 budget will arrive in the next couple of weeks, this will be discussed at the next council meeting.
- Staff retention at Woodman continues to be strong. This stability is helpful.
- There is a continued effort by admin to use current staff in a strategic manner to best meet the needs of students.
- Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests dates are out and have been sent to all Gr. 6 families.
 - Best way for parents to support their students for success with PATs are to:
 - Engage with their students at home via conversations and reading,
 - Make sure students are getting adequate sleep,
 - Try to ensure students miss as little school as possible,
 - Limit social media use on personal devices.
- Grade 7/8 informal year end assessments will take place in class and are scheduled for mid-June.
- A variety of school wide trips and celebrations are planned for the remainder of the school year – Lots to look forward to.

Next Council Meeting: April 28, 7:00 pm.

Meeting dates for 2025/2026

September 23 • October 28 • November 18 • January 20 • February 24 • March 31 • April 28 • May 26

Meeting Adjournment: 7:50 pm