

Woodlands School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees: Tyson, Dustin, Tea, Eryn, Nicole, Pam

Principals Messages

- Thanks for support with swimming and ongoing field trip bussing, Healthy Hunger fun lunches, fundraising, Jack Leslie Grant, Library to Learning Commons transition and learning materials.
- Parents are invited to check out bulletin boards around school. One specific to outdoor learning classroom. Look for these billboards to see how the students are using this learning space. Another related to story workshop. Another is dedicated to EES and what they're learning.
- With additional funding, new teacher, Jessica Younker started prior to March Break, and EA's increased by additional 60 hours. These hours are making a difference.
- Results from School Planning Engagement conversations posted on Woodlands School website. Parents encouraged to check it out.
- Budget planning for next school year:
 - Budget will be released Thursday, April 23
 - Projected enrolment is 256 (including EES students). Last year was 242
 - This will allow us to keep current number of teachers – 10 and part-time music specialist. Two teachers expected to return from maternity leave next year (Ms. Semmler and Ms. Switzer.)
 - Expecting to receive funds for classroom complexity team (1 teacher and 2 30-hour EAs) for next year.
- Jack Leslie Environmental Grant tentative dates:
 - Excavation May 18-25
 - Plant delivery May 29
 - Parent volunteers assist with hold prep on May 30 or 31
 - Planting with Grade 6 students June 1 and 2
 - All classes engage with new plantings with Indigenous Knowledge Keepers June 9
- Learning Commons updates:
 - Storage now available with collection of maker items and loose parts. Both smaller and larger storage spaces.
 - Also includes moveable cart, so teachers can put items on the cart and take it to their class.
 - Have acquired a membership with reuse Calgary and Common Digs, and they collect items from businesses all over Calgary which they then give to the school as loose parts. School admin will visit the location monthly to acquire more supplies.
- Volunteer requests:

- **June 11:** Need someone to put together bags and attend Kindergarten Orientation to talk to incoming families. Also contact Library to have a representative from there attend as well. School will provide list of considerations for the bags.
- **May 30/31 (weekend):** Outdoor planting – will require some parents to help out with lighter prep tasks like raking, moving some dirt, etc. Will reach out to community gardening group. Will send flyer home in backpacks.
 - Nicole to complete flyer
- **June 24:** Sports Day volunteers needed, including someone to purchase freezies and hand out freezies to kids. Want approximately 250+
 - Tentatively Stampede Breakfast that day as well.
 - Sports Day date may move. Nicole will purchase freezies and have them prepped.

Community Connections meeting

- Board of Trustees meeting.
- Link in agenda with information about activities.
- Work being done to support classroom complexities.

Meeting wrap: 7:17 pm