

William Reid School Parent Council Agenda

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026; Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Location:

In person and online ([click for website link](#))



Attendance: D. Bhaloo-Shivji, S. Moss, A. Knight., J. McLeod, Longwei, M. Simonelli, T. Ward, T. Wagner, S. Lee, C. Bourgeault, V. Powell, M. MacKimmie, L. Rian, H. Chan, F. Dares, M. Carr-Wiggin, V. Terstappen, R. Seeton, Krista, K. Clarke, K. Bennett, Melanie, K. Rushton, S. Bullough, J. Moreau, D. Dyck (area rep)

School Council (WRSC) Portion of the Meeting (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

1. Call to order – 7:03 pm
2. Acknowledgement of the Land
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Consent Agenda – motion to approve by M. Carr-Wiggin, seconded by V. Powell
 - March 2026 WRSC Agenda
 - February 2026 WRSC Minutes
5. Update from our School Administration
 - Ice castle
 - Administration thanked all parent volunteers for their support.
 - A special acknowledgment was given to Doug, who has served as the school's "master builder" for over 20 years.
 - Students completed the ice castle in rotating 20-minute work blocks.
 - March 12 assembly
 - Hosted by Grade 3; guest speaker Keely Shaw, Paralympian.
 - Theme: Overcoming Obstacles.
 - Following the assembly, students will reflect in class on:
 - How they can overcome challenges
 - Who supports them in doing so
 - 2026 – school planning
 - School development plans continue to guide efforts to close learning gaps and support improvement.
 - The school uses multiple data sources—including formative assessments, report cards, and classroom work—to monitor literacy and numeracy progress throughout the year.
 - Anecdotal evidence from learning teams, instructional rounds, and student voice also helps identify learning needs and guide instructional adjustments.
 - Data will be used to monitor student progress (slide deck to be emailed to families).
 - Key action areas include:
 - Strengthen learning through targeted support and assessment, including ongoing check-ins, small-group interventions, and mixed-grade communities that build connection and belonging.
 - Grow student voice and cultural awareness, ensuring students see success as a shared experience and that the school intentionally celebrates diverse cultures.
 - Link to presentation - <https://williamreid.cbe.ab.ca/documents/f4185656-b0f1-4708-ad2a-6ca2b862ac64/William-Reid-School-Planning-Presentation-Mar-2026.pdf>
 - School budget
 - 96% of the budget is allocated to teaching staff.

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- Funding is based on student enrollment as of September 30.
- 2025–2026 School Fees:
 - Aim is to remain revenue-neutral; otherwise, shortfalls are the responsibility of the school.
 - Discussion held on fee structure and collection strategies.
- Additional items
 - Parents in attendance completed a school planning survey. Link to be shared by administration and results to be shared next meeting.
 - Bottle drive dates – April 9, May 14 and June 11
 - Proceeds will fund a school BBQ
 - AM Kindergarten lottery – strong interest in morning placement
 - School conferences – March 19 and 20 (bookings now open).
 - Scholastic book fair – April 27 – May 1
- 6. Presentation from Mme. Moreau (Kindergarten Teacher)
 - The program focuses on early language development through a neurolinguistic approach, using repetition of everyday language and common phrases (i.e. family, emotions, name, etc.) and structured circle-time routines.
 - Students learn foundational literacy by exploring one letter per week, emphasizing sounds and early blending for beginning decoding skills.
 - Teachers use ongoing informal assessments to identify learning needs, and families are supported through weekly updates and encouragement to read at home.
- 7. Updates from our Committee Leads (annual initiatives):
 - Annual initiatives: Special Lunches/Healthy Hunger, Jacket Racket, Evenstart, Naturalization Committee
 - Lost and Found - items not collected by noon on the last Friday of the month will be donated – families encouraged to check items before spring break.
- 8. Identification & Review of Action Items, future Agenda Items –
 - Open positions – naturalization lead and co-secretary
 - Upcoming parent session – “Online Safety: Generation Alpha” – April 29, 2026, at 7:30 pm – registration link to be sent after spring break.
 - Next meeting (April 14, 2026) – School Board Trustee, Susan Vukadinovic, will be attending.
- 9. Adjournment – 8:06 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Hybrid