

William Reid School Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 15; Time: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Location:

Hybrid (at school/online at [Join the meeting now](#))



In Attendance: K. Rushton, S. Bullough, D. Bhaloo-Shivji, S. Moss, L. Adamson, N. Adavan, S. Allouche, C. Bourgeault, M. Carr-Wiggin, H-Y Chan, C. Chiamaka, V. Chiedu, L. Fernandes, G. Gonzalez, G. Hugh, L. Ilango, H. Jessa, L. Johnson, L. Lai, M. MacKimmie, B. Manhas, J. McLeod, D. Miller, V. Powell, Priyanka, R. Rakhmangulov, C. Renault, L. Riar, R. Seeton, A. Smith, A. Taggart, V. Terstappen, R. Vanin, C. Victor

Call to Order at 7:04 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Introductions

Consent Agenda and last meeting Minutes:

- Sept 2026 WRSC AGM Agenda
- Move to approve by V. Powell, seconded by C. Bourgeault

June 2026 WRSC Meeting Minutes

- Move to approve by V. Powell, seconded by L. Riar

WRSC Chair Annual Report (Danisha Bhaloo-Shivji)

This year's priorities include:

- See below report

Election of Officers

WRSC Executive Roles

Role	Recommended 2026/27 Elected Officer
Chair	Danisha Bhaloo-Shivji
Co-Secretary	Laura Johnson
Member-at-Large: Last Blast / Fall Fling	Marcie MacKimmie
Member-at-Large: Jacket Racket	Frances Dares
Member-at-Large: Special Lunches	Vanessa Powell
Member-at-Large: Naturalization	Gabriela Gonzalez
Member-at-Large: Staff Luncheon	Merren Carr-Wiggin
Member-at-Large: Lost and Found	Rosalyn Seeton

WRSFS Executive Roles

Role	Recommended 2026/27 Elected Officer
President	Sarah Moss
Vice President	Sinead Stewart
Co-Secretary	Laura Riar
Co-Treasurer	Alanna Taggart

Co-Treasurer	Catherine Bourgault
Director-at-Large: Casino 2026	Vince Terstappen
Director-at-Large: EvenStart	Frances Dares
Director-at-Large: Evening Fundraiser 2025	Rosalyn Seeton

- Motion to approve recommended candidates for WRSC Executive by V. Terstappen, seconded by M. MacKimmie
- Motion to approve recommended executives for Fundraising Society by V. Powell, seconded by C. Bourgeault

Updates from our School Administration

- Appreciation of everyone in attendance in person and online
- “Nous travaillons ensemble” is William Reid’s school motto. Staff aim to focus on how that culture can be created and fostered at school
- William Reid received one additional teacher to reduce class size, who has joined the Grade 2 team. Feedback has been positive to-date.
- Adjustment to lunchroom supervision due to budget; teachers now doing some supervision as well
- Upcoming volunteer Opportunities:
 - o Fall Fling, 24 Sept 5-7pm
 - o Healthy Hunger, 24 Sept - 11.00am to 12.30pm
 - o Casino, 27 and 28 Nov 2026
 - o Jacket Racket starting shortly
 - o Volunteers from last year: School-specific volunteer form needs to be completed annually. Existing police check valid for 5 years.

Updates from Committee Leads (annual initiatives):

- Fall Fling: M. MacKimmie
 - o Next Thursday evening, hoping for good weather, 1Up soccer is coming back, DJ, still looking for volunteers for some time slots
 - o Meet the Teacher is happening on the same night, staggered times for each teacher/class to do presentation and students will then do classroom tours
- Jacket Racket: F. Dares
 - o School gathers jackets, taken to SE and sorted by hand
 - o Jackets will be rejected if stained or in poor shape
 - o If mendable, they are sent out for mending
 - o Kids’ jackets only (no adult sizes)
- Special lunches: Vanessa
 - o Orders have to be in five (5) days before in order for list to be sent to companies
 - o If any dietary restrictions, reach out to Vanessa directly and she will add to the order instructions
- Naturalization: G. Gonzalez
 - o Planning clean-up in coming weeks
 - o Request received for pruning picnic area for greater visibility of kids, as this area is not taken care of by CBE landscaping team
 - o CBE-wide initiative to add outdoor cameras for asset protection
 - o Seeking volunteer arborists (amateurs welcome) or funding from society to pay a professional
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch: M. Carr-Wiggin
 - o Typically early June or whenever the teachers feel they want to be appreciated, it’s up to them
 - o Call for anyone wanting to shadow her in the role
 - o Asking for budget increase over last year
- Lost and Found : R. Seeton

- Will take photos at the end of each month and circulate photos
- Oktoberfest: R. Seeton
 - Biannual event, next held in Fall 2027, planning to begin in April/May 2027

Move to adjourn at 7.55pm by Vanessa, seconded by M. Carr-Wiggin

Next meeting Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 from 7:00pm-8:30pm (online only)

William Reid School Council and Parent Fundraising Society Annual Report 2025-2026



Chair's Message

The 2025/26 school year was one of connection, community, and collaboration. Through the dedication of parent volunteers, teachers, staff, and school administration, we strengthened opportunities for students and families to engage with one another, support those in need, and celebrate our school community.

School Council Meetings

Regular William Reid School Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, except where otherwise noted:

Year	Meeting dates
2025	October 14; November 18 (AGM)
2026	January 13; February 10; March 10; April 14; May 12, June 9

School Council Activities

The following summarizes the major recurring activities organized or supported by School Council during the 2025/26 school year:

- Fall Fling - school community welcome event, September 2025.
- Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches - monthly, October 2025 to June 2026
- Jacket Racket - winter clothing collection, November 2025.
- EvenStart holiday hampers - November and December 2025
- Oktoberfest - evening fundraising event, November 21, 2025
- Naturalization area - ongoing maintenance and stewardship
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch - June 3, 2026
- Last Blast - year-end school community event, June 18, 2026

In addition to the above, the School Council and Parent Fundraising Society collaborated with school administration to help fund additional items needed for the school including technology, agendas, and furniture to support Educational Assistants in their work.

Volunteer-powered community.

School Council gratefully acknowledges the William Reid School Fundraising Society for funding these activities, along with the volunteer hours contributed by the school administration, teachers, staff, and parent community. Recurring activities depend on sufficient volunteer support.

The next casino fundraising event is confirmed for November 2026, when volunteers are currently being

recruited for casino shifts.

School Council extends sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who generously contributed their time throughout the year. Special thanks to our committee lead, Fundraising Society executive, teachers, administration, and parents whose efforts made these initiatives possible.

2025/26 and 2026/27 Slate of Elected Officers

Parents and guardians elected to volunteer positions with the William Reid School Fundraising Society (WRSFS) and William Reid School Council (WRSC) serve one-year terms. The slate below was unanimously approved on November 18, 2025, AGM.

On September 15th, 2026, the slate of Elected Officers below will be presented at the Annual General Meeting. At the time of drafting this report, the Co-Secretary position is vacant.

We thank the outgoing Elected Officers for their service.

WRSC Executive Roles

Role	2025/26 Elected Officer	Recommended 2026/27 Elected Officer
Chair	Jenna McLeod	Danisha Bhaloo-Shivji
Co-Secretary	Tiffany Ward	Vacant
Member-at-Large: Last Blast / Fall Fling	Marcie MacKimmie	Marcie MacKimmie
Member-at-Large: Jacket Racket	Sarah Simms	Frances Dares
Member-at-Large: Special Lunches	Sarah Simms	Vanessa Powell
Member-at-Large: Naturalization	Katrina Bennett	Gabriela Gonzalez
Member-at-Large: Staff Luncheon	Amy Mercure	Merren Carr-Wiggin
Member-at-Large: Lost and Found	Rosalyn Seeton	Rosalyn Seeton

WRSFS Executive Roles

Role	2025/26 Elected Officer	Recommended 2026/27 Elected Officer
President	VACANT	Sarah Moss
Vice President	Talicia Wagner	Sinead Stewart
Co-Secretary	Laura Riar	Laura Riar
Co-Treasurer	Sophia Lee	Alanna Taggart
Co-Treasurer	Catherine Bourgault	Catherine Bourgault
Director-at-Large: Casino 2026	Vince Terstappen	Vince Terstappen
Director-at-Large: EvenStart	Sara Simms	Frances Dares
Director-at-Large: Evening Fundraiser 2025	Rosalyn Seeton	Rosalyn Seeton

Administration	
Principal	Kenzie Rushton
Assistant Principal	Sheri Bullough

Priorities for 2026/27

- Recruit additional volunteers and executive members.
- Enhance communication with families.

- Continue Healthy Hunger and EvenStart programs.
- Prepare for the 2026/27 casino.
- Continuing fostering community-building opportunities