Millen Woods School Council
February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions (Ashley)

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM
- Attendance taken (see attached)
- Motion to approve agenda - Erin
- Motion to approve January 2026 minutes - Sarah

Administration Report (Serena)

- Pic Magnets included with report cards as a Board initiative
- Report cards went home with students
- Kindergarten registration has started and is welcoming newfamilies
- Intramurals continue!
- Forest of Reading is a huge success - in interest alone, it has doubled since last year
    - Mrs. Devereaux wrote a lovely thank you for Council funding the purchase of an extra set of books for the program
    - Having the extra set will reduce wait times for books and keep students interested
- Winter walk day - February 4th
    - Teachers had additional resources for their classroom, and there was 1 block where all the kids were able to come together
- Millen Woods Olympics - there is a school-wide event with different tasks (readathon, Olympic torch ceremony, door decorating, using cross-curricular activities, multicultural themes, etc.)
- Bus safety presentation for students in the gym upcoming
- The French Carnaval to celebrate French Canadian culture will take place this month
- Grades 1 to 6 will participate in two skating sessions starting February 18th. Very grateful that Mr. Fitzsimmons takes the time to work with the City to run this program!
- Discussed the impact of the recent fire on Seawind for the school day, and lingering effects on the community and children. Serena indicated that resources have been allocated as requested to help children and staff struggling with the news. Ashley has offered to reach out to her contact at WFD to see if we can schedule an assembly with WFD to discuss prevention and ease anxiety about this unfortunate event.

Action item: Ashley to reach out to her contact regarding a potential community outreach opportunity with Waterloo Fire Department (WFD).

Finance Report (Erin)

- Revenue total for January and February to date: $3,901.05
    - Friday popcorn $1,319.00
    - Winter wonderland pizza sales (does not include the cost of purchase) $522.00

    - HST rebate $96.70
    - ESNS Sept to Dec cheque $1,963.35
- Expense total for January and February: $1,743.49
    - School day fees $13.05
    - Popcorn purchase $722.48
    - Winter wonderland:
        - Hot chocolate $589.86
        - Entertainment $418.10
- Ending balance $26,730.04 for the School Council Account and WEFI
- Report attached.

Old Business:

- Snack & Lunch program
    - Call for apples went out again
    - ESNS is out for feb/march - still time to order
    - Popcorn orders are still available through School Day - S&V is a hit
        - As new flavours are introduced, they tend to be an exciting hit

Winter Wonderland - Update & Reschedule

- Rescheduled to the 26th
- Hot chocolate has been rescheduled
- Pizza can be transferred to the new date, refunded, or new orders can be made
- A communication needs to be made about the new date + the pizza orders
- The entertainer has been confirmed

Action item: Pradeep to send School Day post to Ann with pizza, volunteers, and the new date, etc.
Action item: Considerations for next year: Book a rain date 1 month out

Volleyball Poles, Nets and Gagaball purchase

- It's going to cost >$5000 to get just the poles and pads without nets because there is a new system with purchases needing to meet specific guidelines and be done through specific vendors.
    - At the staff meeting, it was discussed that the school only uses the poles for ~1month, but it's going to be community use that provides the wear & tear
    - Right now, the school is making due and the concern has been mitigated.
    - It was discussed that these funds can be diverted to other athletics requests as the staff sees fit.
    - Ideas: helmets for the kids for skating → Rachel suggested going through CanSkate.

Action item: Serena to solicit ideas for reallocation from staff.

PROGrant - Garden Night Update (Ashley)

- Tentatively scheduled for May 5th
- Some dirt involved - will discuss where stations should be located with Serena.
- Following Winter Wonderland and Dance-a-thon, communication will be shared with the school community.

Action item: Ashley to coordinate logistics with the vendor and Serena.
Action item: Ashley to draft School Day post for after Dance-a-thon.

Dance-a-thon - March 6th (Ashley)

- Serena is reviewing schedules and potential prizes for this
- Communications to go out soon
- Pizza party for the winner as an option. It was decided that prizes are not necessary and to simplify the event to ensure equality.
- Do we do a larger party/school dance / sock-hop?
- Suggestions for adding a black light. The current vendor for the DJ and photobooth does not have a black light, and it would be an extra rental cost. It was discussed about the school purchasing a black light for future events (i.e. math night, etc.).

Action item: Serena to develop a schedule and create a new format for class participation.
Action item: Ashley will modify communication for School Day
Action item: Black light purchase?

Year-End Social - Sub Committee - June 18 (Ashley)

- Sub-committee currently consists of Emily and Emily.
- The gym has been scheduled for rain/heat backup.

Action item: Committee to be reconfirmed.
Action item: Volunteers will be required the evening of the event.

Families in Need (Serena)

- A potential solution - reaching out to our community and asking, do you want to be a 'giver' or a 'receiver', and under what parameters.
    - Can we make it available outside of school hours (to accommodate work hours).
    - Serena advised that it can be handled it case by case
- These are items were currently accepting communication to be circled by School Day.
- Those requiring support will be private to *only* Serena and Ann
- Parent council offers their support for packaging/triage with NO involvement in who is receiving.
- Serena advised that they can typically find nutrition for individuals who need it (extra pizza, etc.). But will continue to remind staff to monitor children's lunches to ensure all

are getting enough to eat throughout the day. Potential Nutrition for Learning if the need becomes too much.

March council meeting

- Do we want/need to have one?
- This is the council meeting right after winter wonderland - this is the opportunity for the recap/lessons learned meeting.
- Parent-teacher meeting at WCI is the same night.
- It was agreed that this would be a virtual meeting to discuss focused topics only and will aim to be a quicker meeting.

Adjournment (Ashley)

Next meeting: March 11, 2026, at 6:30 VIRTUAL ONLY
Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/ghp-dovi-ynb

MILLEN WOODS SCHOOL COUNCIL
ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR February 11, 2026 (online only)

#	Name	**Position**	**Email**	**Initial for Attendance**
1.	Serena Maharaj	Principal	serena_maharaj@wrdsb.ca	SM
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Millen Woods Public School
School Council
Monthly Report 2025/26

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	YTD totals	Budget 2025/2026	Opening Fund Allocations	Budget to Actual	
Opening Balance School Council Account	36,621.43	22,503.81	24,281.96	24,363.35	22,855.50	22,217.71	25,013.06	25,013.06	25,013.06	25,013.06	25,013.06	25,013.06	25,013.06				
Opening Balance WEFI Account	30,322.41	0.00	0.00	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98	1,716.98				
Fundraising Activities (Revenue)																**Over (Under) Budget**	
WEFI Donations													0.00	0.00		0	
ESNS (Lunches - Tuesday, Thursday, 1 Friday a month)						1,963.35							1,963.35	5,500.00		(3,537)	
Friday Popcorn Sales		1,880.00			487.00	832.00							3,199.00	6,400.00		(3,201)	
Mabel's Labels (ongoing)													0.00	100.00		(100)	
Factory Shoes (ongoing)													0.00	300.00		(300)	$700 sitting in Factory Shoe account
Meet the Community (Sept)	193.00												193.00	200.00		(7)	
Fall Fundraiser (October)			1,766.98										1,766.98	1,000.00		767	
Winter Wonderland (January)					522.00								522.00	200.00		322	
Winter Fundraiser (March) - Dance-a-thon													0.00	5,000.00		(5,000)	
Movie Night (November) - Pizza and Popcorn			297.00										297.00	400.00		(103)	
Ice Cream Sandwiches (April, May, June)													0.00	1,000.00		(1,000)	
Year End Social (May)													0.00	0.00		0	
HST Rebates					96.70								96.70	0.00		97	
													0.00	0.00		0	
Fundraising Activities total (School Account)	**193.00**	**1,880.00**	**347.00**	**0.00**	**1,105.70**	**2,795.35**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**6,321.05**	**20,100.00**		(13,779)	
Fundraising Activities total (WEFI)	**0.00**	**0.00**	**1,716.98**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**		**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**1,716.98**	**0.00**		1,717	
Fundraising Total (both accounts)	**$193.00**	**$1,880.00**	**$2,063.98**	**$0.00**	**$1,105.70**	**$2,795.35**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$8,038.03**	**$20,100.00**		(12,062)	
Expenses																**Under (Over) Budget**	
General Administration		101.85	43.91	18.36	13.05								177.17	500.00		323	
Decodable Texts													0.00	1,000.00		1,000	
Grade 6 Graduation	46.46												46.46	200.00		154	
Playground bins													0.00	750.00		750	
Kindergarten Playground Upgrades (bikes, equip, etc)													0.00	2,500.00		2,500	
Musical Instruments Reserve													0.00	275.00		275	
Extracurricular Clubs													0.00	0.00		0	
Playground Maintenance													0.00	0.00		0	
Donation to another School													0.00	0.00		0	
Enrichment - School Trips/Transportation			221.70										221.70	2,500.00		2,278	
Enrichment - School Events, Tech Replacement, resources													0.00	2,500.00		2,500	
Dance-a-thon				1,072.68									1,072.68	1,200.00		127	
Area Track Meet Bussing													0.00	500.00		500	
Popcorn Purchase				416.81	722.48								1,139.29	2,500.00		1,361	
Student Subsides													0.00	100.00		100	
Athletics Requests													0.00	500.00	500	1,000	carry year over year
Grounds Maintenance (plants, mulch, garden supplies)													0.00	750.00	750	1,500	carry year over year
Winter Wonderland					1,007.96								1,007.96	1,200.00		192	
Student Prizes													0.00	300.00		300	
Teacher Appreciation													0.00	200.00		200	
Playground Improvements	44,586.57												44,586.57	1,500.00	51,500	8,413	carry year over year ... Gaga Ball Pit $3000
													0.00	0.00		0	
Expenses total	**$44,633.03**	**$101.85**	**$265.61**	**$1,507.85**	**$1,743.49**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$48,251.83**	**$18,975.00**		**23,473**	
Ending Balance School Council Account	**22,503.81**	**24,281.96**	**24,363.35**	**22,855.50**	**22,217.71**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**	**25,013.06**				
Ending Balance WEFI Account	**0.00**	**0.00**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**	**1,716.98**				
Total Balance	**$22,503.81**	**$24,281.96**	**$26,080.33**	**$24,572.48**	**$23,934.69**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$26,730.04**	**$1,125.00**			