

Millen Woods School Council

March 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions (Ashley)

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM
- Attendance taken (see attached)
- Land Acknowledgement
- Motion to approve agenda - Sarah N. and Emily B.
- Motion to approve February 2026 minutes - Sarah N. and Emily B.

Winter Wonderland Report (All)

- Survey results attached
- Comments from the survey that was circulated to families following the event:
 - Unorganized, great volunteers at the event though
 - Thanks for a fun event!
 - A lot of the kids were WILD by the end. Many students running and screaming in the gym. Maybe time to consider switching up the format a little :) Overall event was great and my kids enjoyed it
 - In general my family like the activities! Kids like to hang out with classmates outside the classroom.
 - Çoğunlukla çocuklar etkinliği seyretmedi (translation: Most children did not watch the event.)
 - Great blend of activities for younger and older kids
 - Thanks for organizing this awesome community event!
 - Need more activities for kids to run around, hot chocolate got them sugared up and full of energy
 - There would be more enjoyable activities for kids such as dancing, karaoke or games like musical chairs
 - I wonder if you could start the event with the games/photos and hot chocolate and then the entertainment could start later. This way there is just one thing for the kids to focus on and give their attention to.
- More school community focused
 - Utilize choir, dance and other activities
- New format for 2027 potentially to re-engage the community
- Hot chocolate only used half of one (1 ½ empty)
 - Cost doubled, very wasteful
- There appeared to be less attendee than previous years, factors that could have contributed include: rain date, illness

Dance-a-thon Report (All)

- More volunteer slots for the “Welcoming/Glow Stick Crew” at the Gym entry. This year only one person was assigned.

- Concerns were brought up about the photo booth, including: equity, anxiety
- Maybe run the photobooth during Winter Wonderland to increase fundraising or as part of Meet the Community Night
- Photo Booth earned more than in previous years (double)
- Donations to mid-February on WEFI are at \$400, we typically see \$4K to \$5K in donations. March donations will appear on the WEFI report before the next council meeting.
- Potentially, start marketing earlier next year, for both donations and volunteers
- When the calendar goes out for the year, attach a callout for event volunteers
- The full gym helped with supervision
- Allowed inclusion for pre-schoolers at Nutrition Break!
- The photo booth is very time-consuming for teachers
 - Planning groups and managing feelings
- Ideas for next year
 - 30 minutes is enough for classes in the gym
 - Full gym
 - Multiple classes went really well
 - School goal - with prizes
 - Extended recess
 - Freezies
 - Popcorn Party
 - Pizza Party
 - Raffle with prizes, each kid gets 1 ticket, could buy more

Spirit Wear (All)

- Serena found the company that other schools are using for their Spirit Wear, which seems more reasonably priced
- Subcommittee: Erin B., Emily and Ashley
- James (Emily C's husband) has graphics experience and can help, depending on timing
- Kids design contest
 - run a contest for designing the t-shirt
 - Could be the "special edition" design for the year to encourage yearly purchases
- Run it in the fall, potentially booth at Meet the Community Night
 - Have kids create their designs to display and vote on at Meet the Community Night
- Suggestions for styles:
 - High vis colour for the adults (Teachers and parents)
 - Fleece quarter zip, polo sport (blue)
 - Female cut
 - 100% cotton
 - Joggers
 - T-Shirts
- Soft launch basics for this year, and go big for next year

Adjournment (Ashley)

Next meeting: April 8, 2026, at 6:30 In-person and Online

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/ghp-dovi-ynb>

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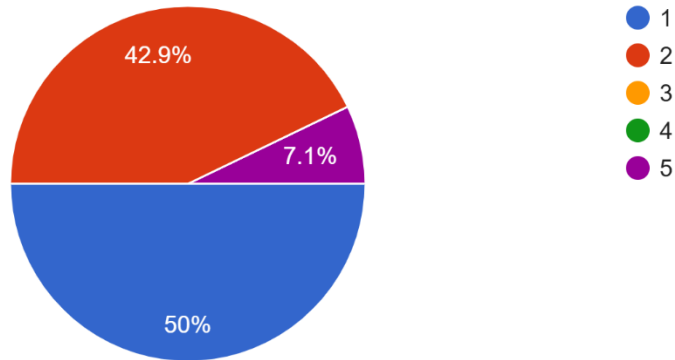
Millen Woods Winter Wonderland Post-Event Survey

Event date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

14 responses received as of March 11, 2026

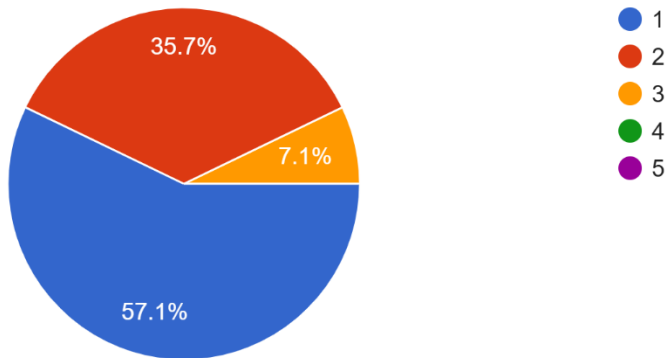
How many adults from your house attended Winter Wonderland?

14 responses



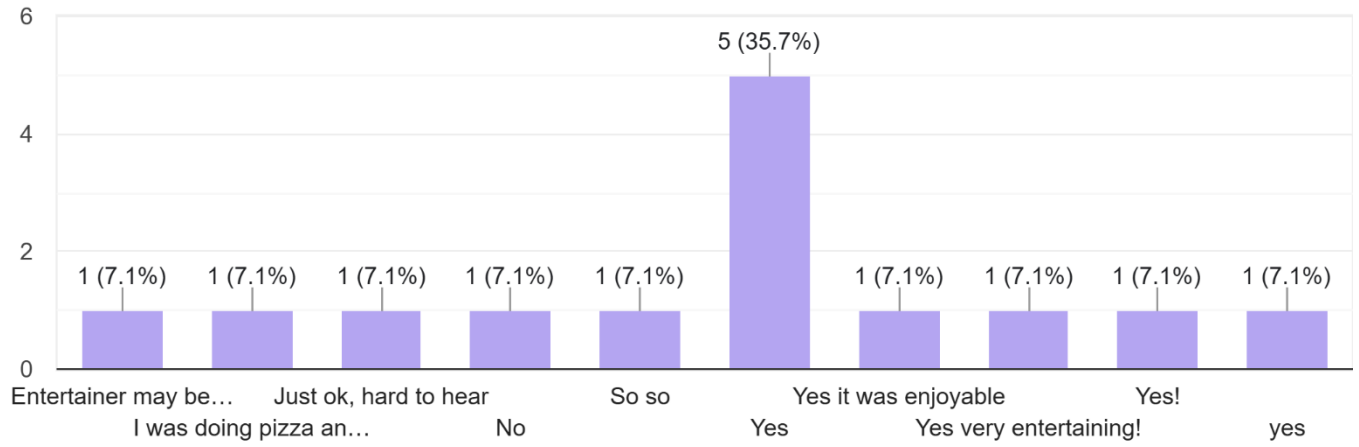
How many children from your household attended?

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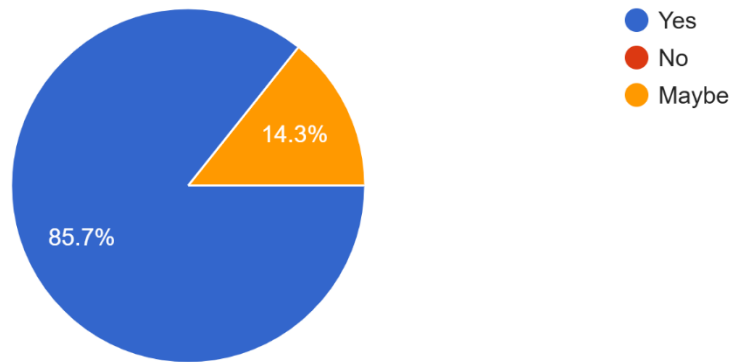
Did you feel the entertainer (Mad Science) was a good choice?

14 responses



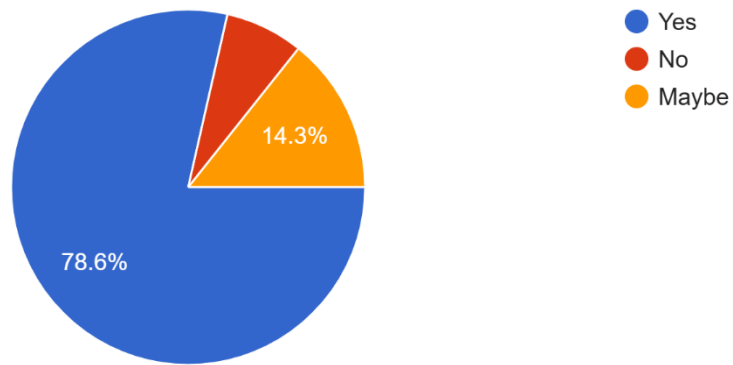
Do you agree that complimentary hot chocolate should be served?

14 responses



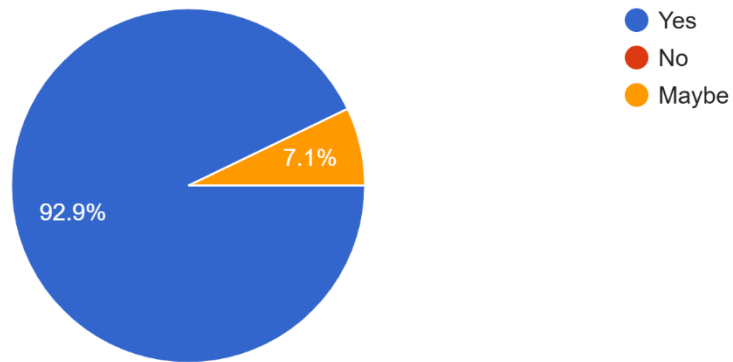
Do you agree that complimentary tea should be served to adults?

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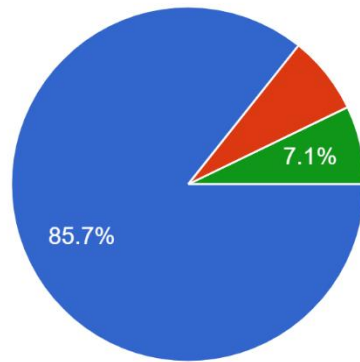
Do you agree that pizza should be available to order and eat at the event?

14 responses



How do you feel about the event length (1.5 hours)?

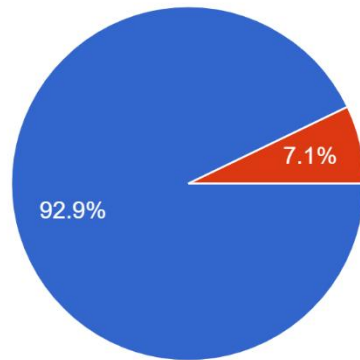
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- Just right
- Too long
- Too short
- Other - put comments later in the survey

How do you feel about the event start time of 6pm?

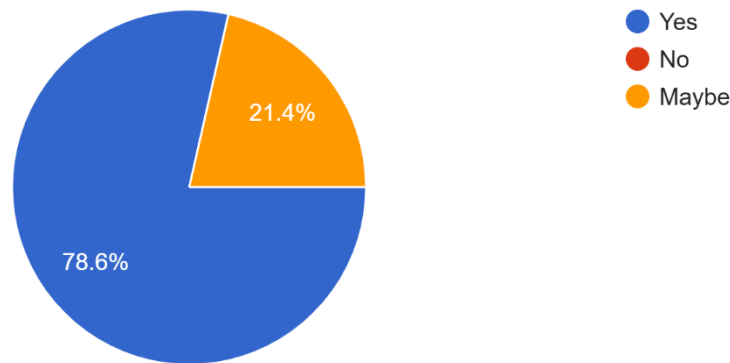
14 responses



- Just right
- Too early
- Too late
- Other - put comments later in the survey

Will you attend this event in the future if the format remains similar?

14 responses



Please provide any additional feedback or comments including ideas to improve. Thanks!

10 responses

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