



Ordinary Meeting of WCHS School Council

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 @ 6:30 PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS



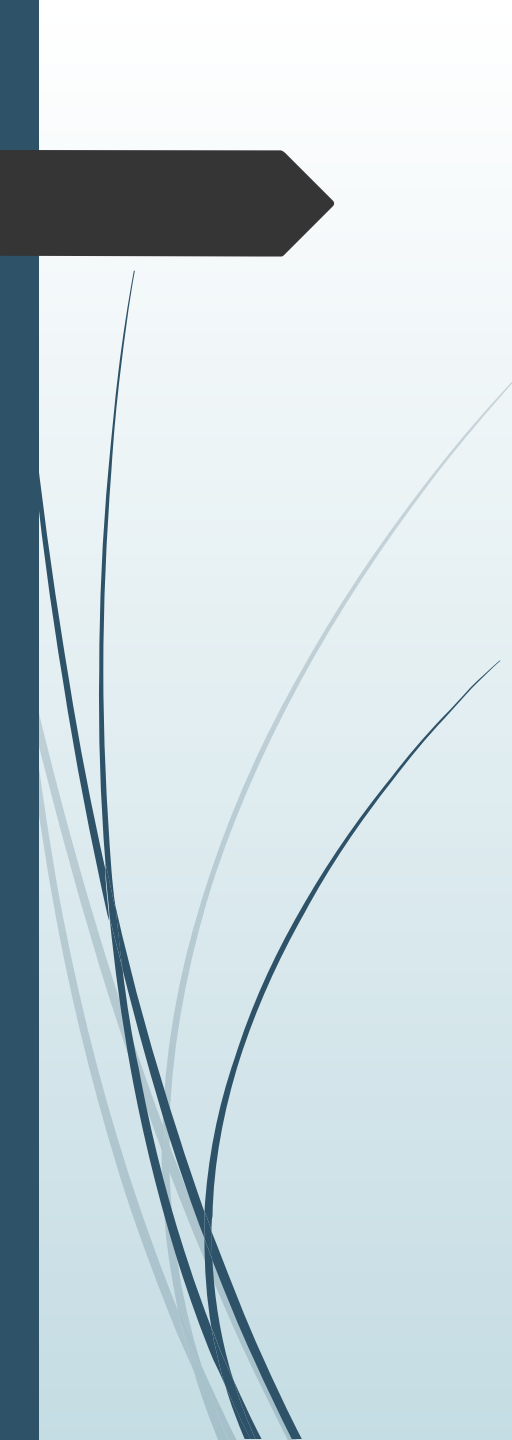
Agenda

Meeting Facilitator: Karen Savoy, Chairperson

1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - a. Registration of Attendance
 - b. Explanation of voting
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes from April 13, 2023 Ordinary Meeting of School Council Meeting

[2023.04.13 General Council Meeting Minutes.docx](#)

4. "Post-Secondary Education", presented by Albert Chieng, Student Services
5. Students' Union Update



Agenda

6. Principal's Update and Q&A - Darrin Whitbread, Principal

7. School Council Reports:

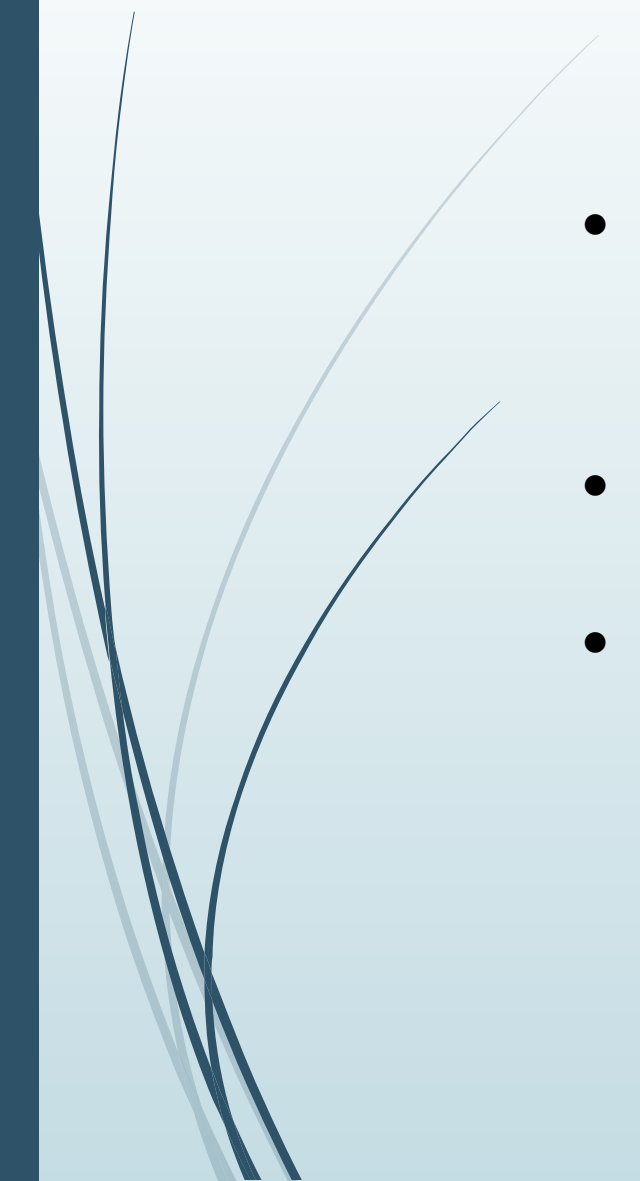
- Chairperson Report
- Treasurer Report
- Key Communicator Report
- Volunteer Coordinator Report
- Speaker Series Report
- Staff Appreciation Events
- Celebrate Western and Casino Report

8. New Business

9. Adjournment



Call to order and approval of Agenda

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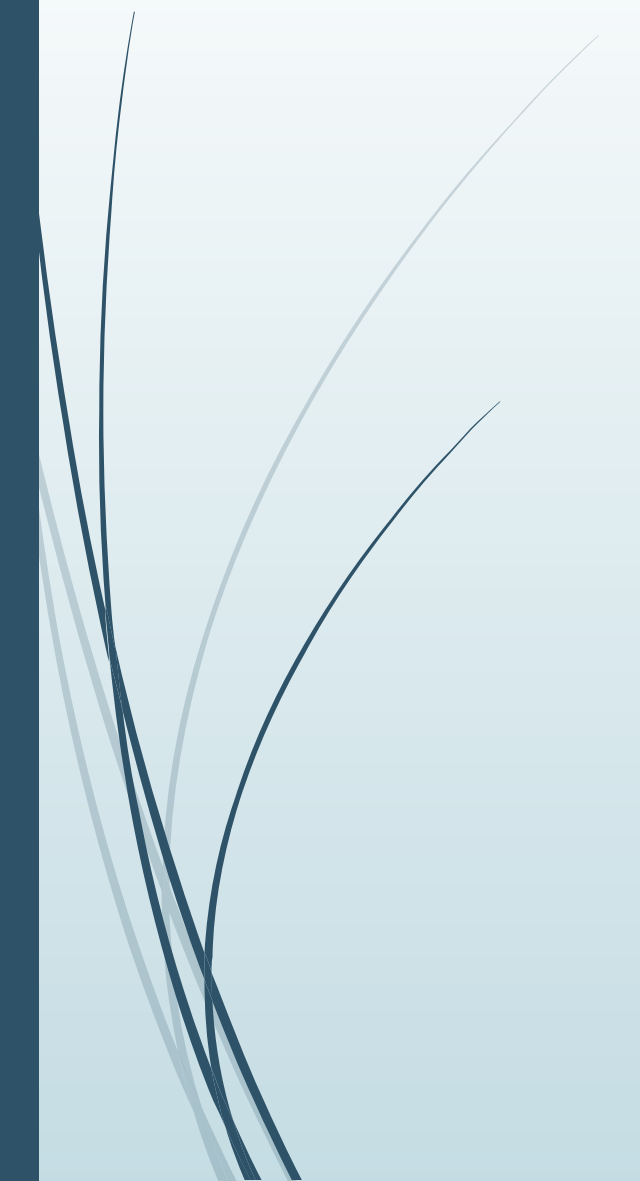


Planning & Process: Post-Secondary

Presented by Mr. Albert Chieng, School Counsellor

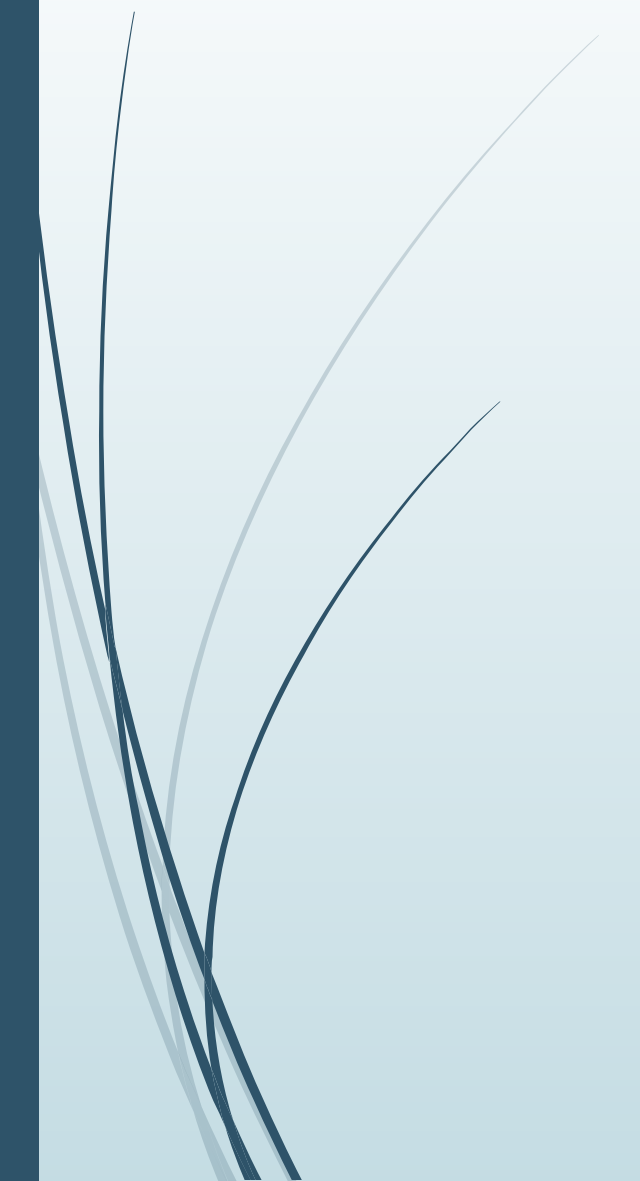


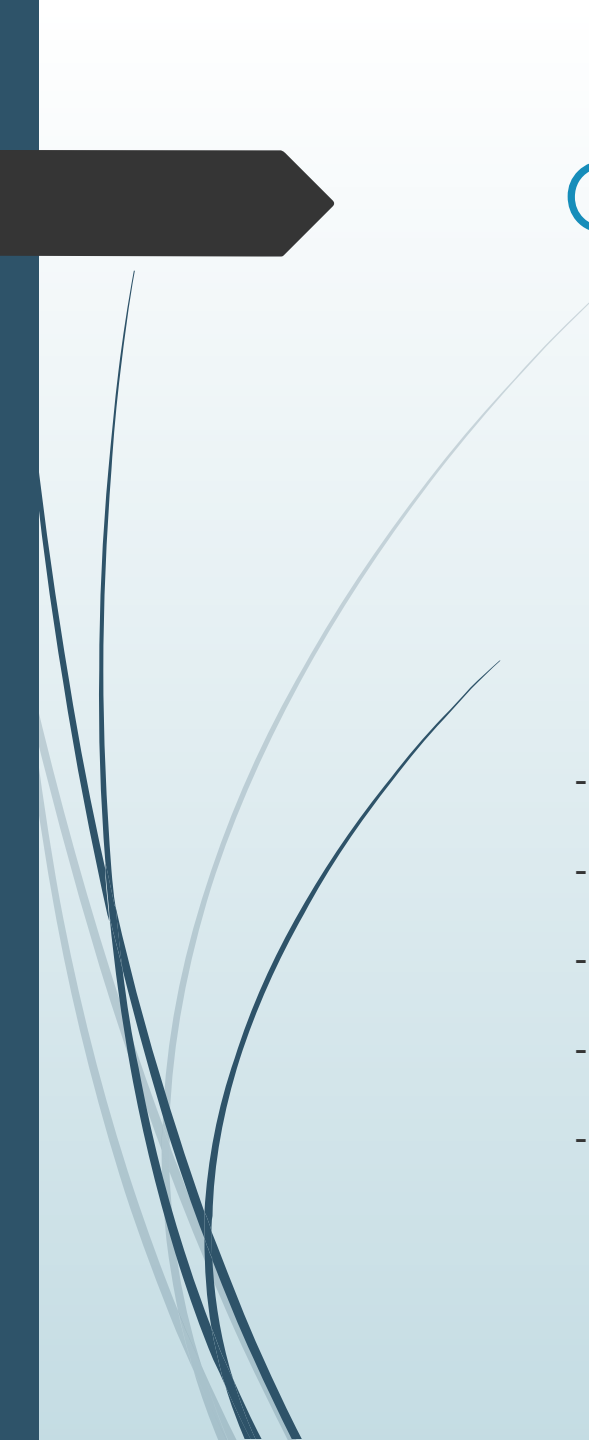
Student Union Update





Principal Update - Darrin Whitbread





Chairperson Report – Karen S.

- WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS
- WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, DARRIN WHITBREAD
- THANK YOU TO THE WCHS ADMINISTRATION, STAFF AND TEACHERS

SCHOOL COUNCIL PLANS FOR 2023/24

- GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - EVERYONE WELCOME!
- COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS
- SPEAKERS
- STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
- ADVOCATING ON YOUR BEHALF WITH CBE AND ALBERTA EDUCATION

Chairperson Report (cont.)

STAY INFORMED!

1. Attend meetings

School Council will be having four General Council Meetings this school year. Our AGM will be on November 16th IN PERSON. Please mark your calendars. New Executive will be elected at this meeting.

2. Check out our Website

WEBSITE FROM WCHS PAGE:

[HTTPS://SCHOOL.CBE.AB.CA/SCHOOL/WESTERNCANADA/GET-INVOLVED/SCHOOL-COUNCIL/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/westerncanada/get-involved/school-council/pages/default.aspx)

3. Check out our FACEBOOK Page:

- SEARCH "WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITY"
- [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/2651871125054120/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2651871125054120/)
- IF ALREADY IN THE FACEBOOK GROUP – PLEASE INVITE OTHER WESTERN PARENTS TO JOIN

CONTACT US AT: WCHSEXEC@GMAIL.COM

Treasurer Update- Veronica M

WCHS Parent Council Budget 2023-2024

Western Canada High School

Parent Council Financial Statement

Statement as of 9/11/2023
Budget until end of June 2024

Proposed Balance Council Spending

September 03rd 2023	\$ 3,943.28
Contributions	
Donations/Grant Revenue '23-'24*	\$ 500.00*
Parent Contributions Revenue	\$ 0

Projected Spending

Council expenses	\$ (300.00)
Meeting supplies	\$ (200.00)
Bank Fees	\$ (100.00)
Registration Fees (ASCA, etc.)	\$ (50.00)
Monthly Meeting Expenses	\$ -
School Needs	\$ -
Other-Grant '23-'24 with req spending	\$ (500.00)

Total Projected Spending in '23-'24 \$ (1,150.0)

Projected Closing Balance June 30th 2024
\$ 3293.28

Notes:

- 1.* Staff Appreciation proposed spending \$2000
- 2.* \$500 Grant 2023-2024 Revenue from Alberta Education Grant - comes with requirement spending -Not confirmed yet
3. We will hold an eTransfer campaign to raise funds for Staff Appreciation.

Treasurer Report 2023-2024

WCHS Parent Council Budget 2023-2024

Opening Balance Council spending

September 03rd 2024	\$ 3,943.28
Contributions	
Donations/Grant Revenue '23-'24**	\$ 0
Parent Contributions Revenue	\$ 0

Spending

Council expenses	\$ (225.75)
Meeting supplies	\$ (124.35)
Bank Fees	\$ 0
Registration Fees (ASCA, etc.)	\$ 0
Monthly Meeting Expenses	\$ 0
School Needs	\$ 0
Other-Grant '23-'24 with req spending	\$ 0

Closing Balance September 11th 2024
\$ 3593.18

Notes:

1. The \$500 Grant 2023-2024 Revenue from Alberta Education Grant in form of a gift card -comes with requirement spending and timeline -Not confirmed yet
2. In June 2023 we used the last available cheque, we ordered a new set of 50 cheques at a cost of \$124.35 expected to last for the following 8 years.

Treasurer Report 2023-2024

Opening Balance Staff Appreciation

September 03rd 2024	\$ 3,115.86
Contributions	
Donations Revenue	\$ 0
Parent Contributions Revenue	\$ 0

Spending

Staff Appreciations	\$ 0
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Closing Balance September 11th 2024
\$ 3115.86

Combined Remaining Balance
\$ 6,709.04

Key Communicator Update - Osaro E.

Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Annual General Meeting April 23, 2023

Res #	Resolution Title	Amended	Carried
SR23-01	Amend ASCA Bylaws	✗	✓
A23-01	Maintain ASCA Advocacy Policy 13-3	✗	✓
A23-02	Amend ASCA Advocacy Policy 21-02	✗	✓
P23-01	Mandating Criminal Record & Child Intervention Record Checks for School Board Trustee Candidates	✓	✓
P23-02	Supporting Integrated Education Funding	✗	✓
P23-03	Integrate Climate & Biodiversity Education Throughout the K-12 Curriculum	✓	✗
P23-04	Add Rights of Victims of Bullying and Violence to <i>Education Act</i>	✗	✓
P23-05	Required Consultation Opportunities for Proposed Changes to Legislation, Regulations, or Established Programs or Practices	✗	✓
P23-06	Setting and Meeting a Student to School Counsellor Ratio to Improve Mental Health	✗	✓

For more information on ASCA and the AGM: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>

Key Communicator Update (cont.)

CBE Community of School Councils (COSC) Meeting June 1, 2023

- Budget Highlights
 - Budget approved May 30
 - Total budget of \$1.5 billion –an increase of \$130 million over this year
 - Expecting 138,000 students –an increase of 13,000 over 2 years
 - Budget report available on the CBE website

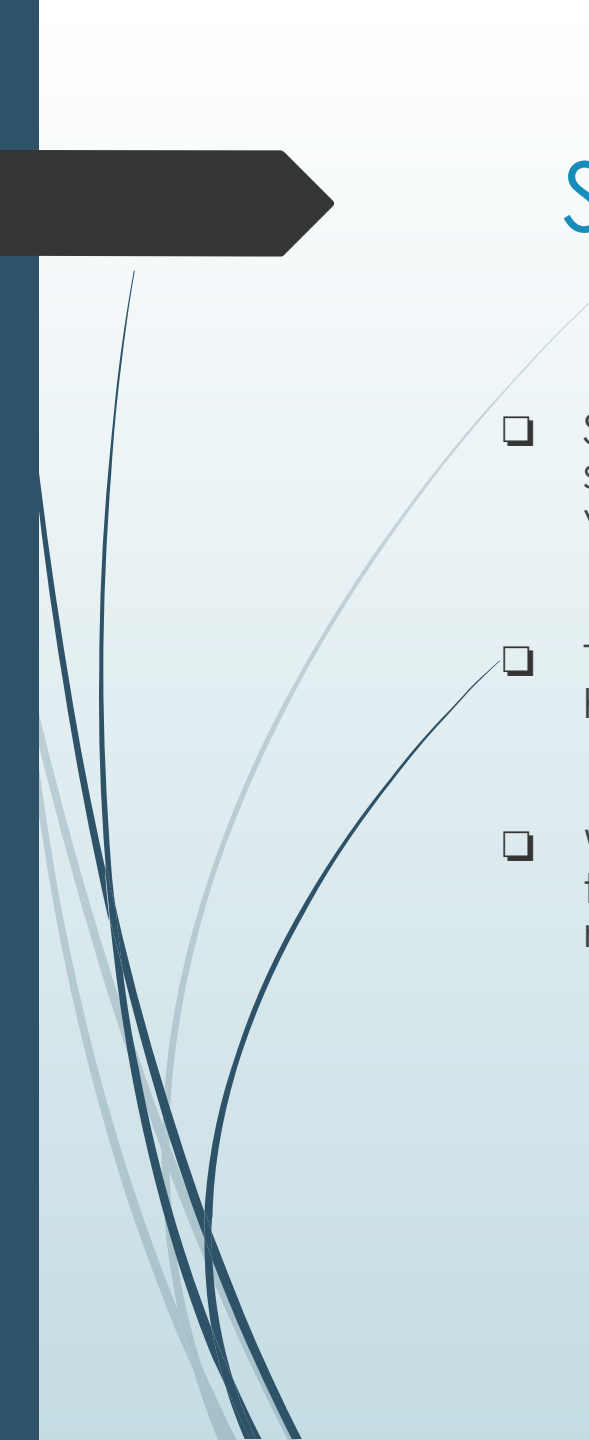
Link to Presentation: <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Documents/202230601-COSC-Presentation.pdf>

Volunteer Coordinator Report – Ruby B

- ❑ Thank you to everyone who has filled out the Volunteer Interest Form!
- ❑ The form was emailed to you in the weekly school email on September 15th. It is not too late to fill it out! If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form or email us directly at wchsexec@gmail.com
- ❑ This school year, volunteers will be needed for:
 - ❑ Staff appreciation events (December and June)
 - ❑ School Council Executive

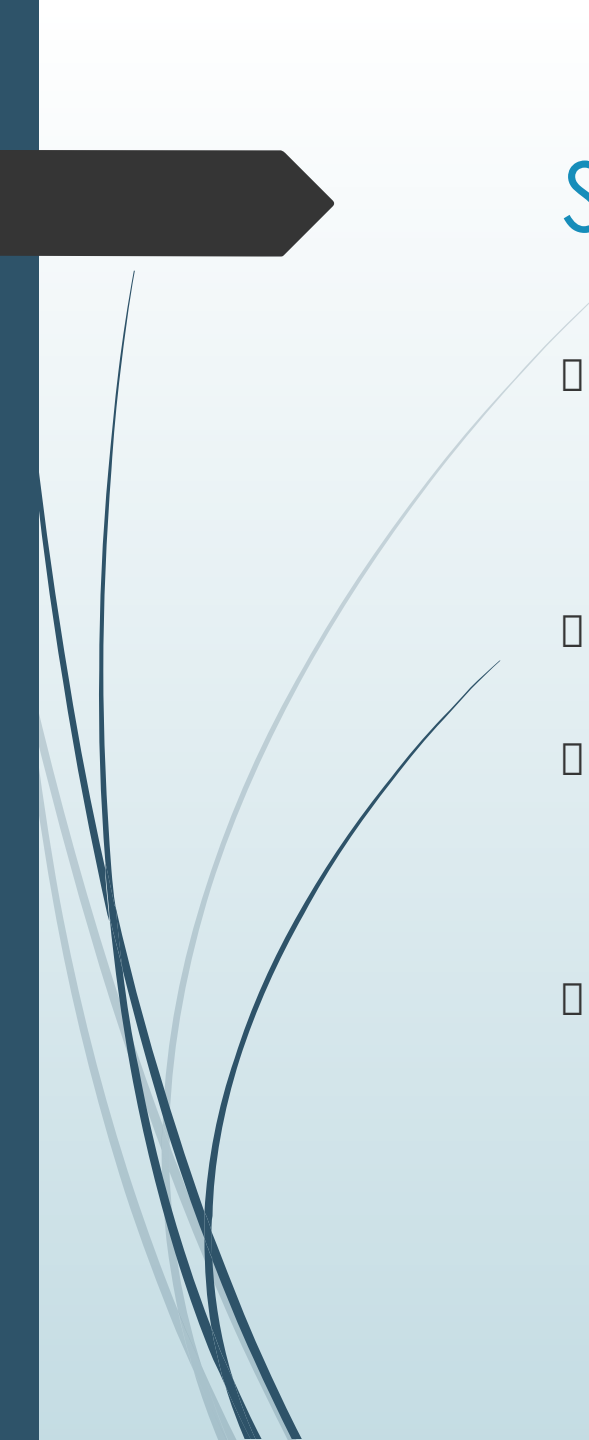
currently looking to fill the following positions:

IB Subcommittee



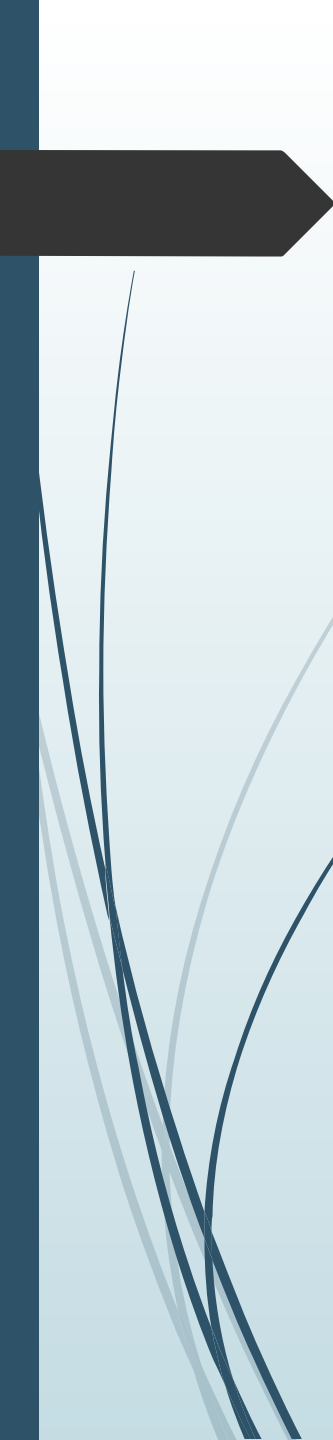
Staff Appreciation Events - Ruby B.

- ❑ School Council wrapped up the 2022-23 year with a year-end thank you event for the staff. We had “Allegro Cappucino” - a Barista on site, treats from Manuel Latruwe, and vegan treats from Cinnaholic.
- ❑ Thank you to all the parents who donated their time and funds to make this event happen!
- ❑ We anticipate another staff appreciation in event in December 2023. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the volunteer form that was included in the weekly newsletter from Assistant Principal Maureen Scharf two Fridays ago, or send us an email.



Speaker Series Update – Natalia S.

- School council works with WCHS staff to provide a speaker at each of our General Meetings. Topics typically include the post-secondary process; dual credit and work experience programs; and in the spring, everything you need to know about graduation.
- Our school trustee, Susan Vukadinovic, will be attending our March meeting.
- Alberta Health Services will no longer be making presentations at the school, but is offering FREE virtual sessions on child and adolescent health. For a list of their current and upcoming presentations see <https://community.hmhc.ca/sessions/>. You can also sign up for their newsletter.
- If there are any topics of particular interest, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can drop your suggestions during this meeting in the chat; comment on our Facebook page: Western Canada High School Parent Community; or email us at: wchsexec@gmail.com.

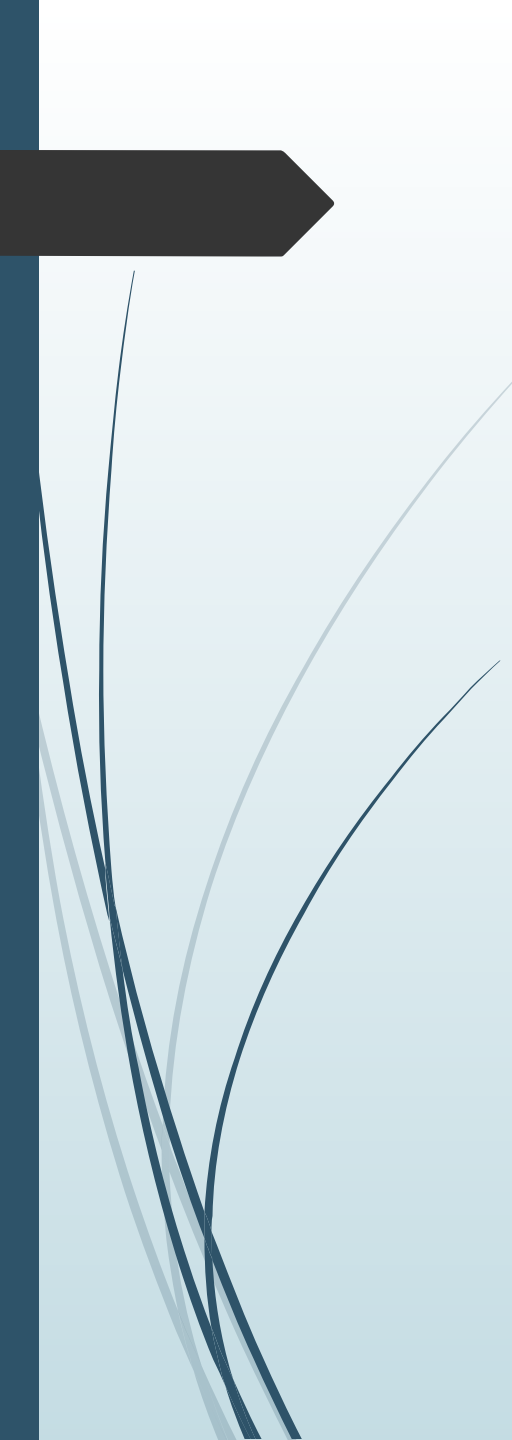


Celebrate Western Report

- The annual Celebrate Western Online Auction will be held from November 26 to December 3
- Celebrate Western is one of the school's most important fundraisers providing funding to fine arts, athletics and over 50 student-led clubs and organizations
- Last year the event raised over \$24,000. Let's reach this year's goal of \$30,000!

DONATE!

- If you or your business have any items or funds to donate to the auction, please email celebratewesternauction@gmail.com or bring it to Cathy in the main office.



Casino Report

- The school held a casino in May and raised over \$77,000! This is a fantastic number, and will go to support extra-curricular activities at WCHS.
- A huge thank you to the organizing committee and to everyone who volunteered.
- The next Casino will take place in 2025.



Adjournment

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□ NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Annual General Meeting on November 16, 2023

This meeting will take place IN PERSON AT WCHS. Details will be in the invitation.