



Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) – January 12, 2026

6:00 p.m. In Person – Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

Principal's Report – R. Reyes

Wow! How this first part of the year has flown by! We hope that all of our Wayoata families had a restful and joyful winter break! We are excited to see our students back at school in this New Year of 2026!

- 1. Grades 1-5 Winter Concerts and Kindergarten Afternoon Performances** – We would like to thank our families for their support of our students at Wayoata's Grades 1-5 winter concerts and our Kindergartens' Afternoon performances! We put on an incredible 9 concerts over the course of 3 days and evenings in December.... And then 2 Kindergarten performances just this past Friday (Jan 9), due to the snow day on Dec 18! Thank you to Mr. McPherson and all of the staff involved in making these concerts a success, and to our students for their tremendous work practicing and preparing! Thank you also for your generous donations towards our silver collection, which allowed nearly \$600 to go back into our Music programming.
- 2. Lockdown & Hold and Secure Practices** – We had very successful Lockdown and Hold & Secure practices on December 2. Each practice was completed in less than 5 mins. Teachers pre-taught and discussed these practices with their classes, as well as debriefed with their students afterwards. We will have another practice closer to springtime.
- 3. Extracurricular Activities**
 - a. Volleyball** – Our grades 4 & 5 students had the opportunity to participate in Volleyball Club and the Grade 5's from the club attended the divisional tournament at Bernie Wolfe on December 5.
 - b. Student Voice Club** – Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club ran a very successful Koats for Kids drive, collecting numerous items of gently used children's outerwear to donate.

These students also collected, sorted, and organized food and gift items for 3 Christmas Hampers. A small group of grade 5 students assisted in the delivery of these hampers. Due to your generosity, we not only assembled 3 generous Christmas hampers, but we were also able to donate many extra items to the Transcona Food Bank!

Thank you to our Wayoata families for your generous donations towards these important community service projects!

4. **Skating/Hockey** - Now that the winter temperatures have dipped low enough, Mr. McGurry and students have been working hard preparing and maintaining our outdoor rink! Some classes had their first turn to skate on the ice today and the others will have their turns in the coming days! We are also looking forward to curling, hockey, and other ice games on our outdoor rink!
5. **Safeway Collaboration** - Look for our students' beautiful artwork on Safeway's paper bags over the coming days! We're hoping to warm hearts with our "Beat the Winter Blahs" winter artwork and warm messaging to our community! 😊
6. **Teacher Collaboration** - Many of our teachers are engaging in professional learning and planning opportunities to collaborate and create exciting projects and learning activities for their students. Just a few examples are:
 - Our Grade 2/3 teachers, along with Ms. Smolinski (Teacher Librarian), have been engaged in Global Read Aloud activities, exploring books by author Oge Mora, as well as designing and writing postcards to student pen pals at Maple Leaf School.
 - Our Grade 4/5 teachers, along with Ms. Smolinski, have been working on weather projects involving research from various sources, and using greenscreen technology along with video/audio recording and digital editing.

Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Sunaina:

The program ran smoothly leading up to the Christmas holidays. As a token of appreciation, each lunch supervisor received a small gift to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

We are now back to regular operations following the holiday break, and supervisors have returned to work as scheduled. The lunch program continues to run well.

Thank you, WSCC, for your time and investment in supporting the students and staff of Wayoata School!

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, February 9th