

Wayoata School Community Council (WSCC) - November 3, 2025

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

Principal's Report - R. Reyes

It's been a great first two months of learning, and we are already nearing the end of Term 1! We appreciate that so many families who were able to connect with teachers to celebrate their children's learning during our Learning Conferences last week.

- 1. Picture Retake Day Our Picture Retake Day went well on October 23rd, with Edge Imaging. Edge will be returning in the Spring for group/class photos.
- 2. Halloween Dance A huge thank you to WSCC for hosting a very successful Halloween Dance at Wayoata! What an impressive turnout! Our students and families were all smiles as they left after a great night of dancing, treats, and prizes!
- 3. Learning Conferences We want to thank all families who booked a time to attend their child's learning conference! We had over 80% of our families book appointments to engage in this important celebration and conversation with their child and classroom teacher, to support student success at Wayoata. Our Scholastic Book Fair was also a success, with many students leaving with great new books (and fancy pens and erasers!). Our teachers also greatly appreciated WSCC's generosity in supporting them to purchase a few new books for each of our classrooms and learning spaces!

4. Extracurricular Activities

- a. Student Voice Club Our 3/4/5 Student Voice Club, collected many pairs (yet to be tallied) of socks during our Socktober sock drive! Next they're talking about a Koats for Kids drive and are also beginning to think ahead to collecting and organizing food and gift items to support the creation of Christmas Hampers.
- b. Volleyball Mr. McGurry and teacher volunteers will be coaching Grade 4/5 Volleyball this year. The grade 5's will head over to Bernie Wolfe School early in December for their volleyball tournament.

- 5. Litterless Snacks We encourage students to bring a litterless snack as often as possible, to encourage environmental friendliness and to support our ESD initiatives at Wayoata. There are also many litterless snack options available on our snack cart throughout the week, such as fresh fruit. We have also started up our composting initiatives nice and early this year, with some of our Student Leadership students being in charge of gathering, emptying, cleaning, and returning our classroom compost bins.
- 6. Lockdown & Hold and Secure Practices We are required to have two practices throughout the year. We will have one of these practices prior to winter break, and one in the springtime. Teachers all have age-appropriate conversations with their classes about these practices and ensure that students know that they are safe and that this is just a practice. A letter to families will be sent home prior to our practices.
- 7. Winter Concerts It's that time of year again! Winter Concert preparations are in full swing at Wayoata! Mr. McPherson, with the help of many teachers, have been organizing songs, lines, scripts, roles, costumes, and more, to prepare for a great show! Our students are already working hard in music, choir, and during additional rehearsals at recess!

Winter Concert dates will be December 10 & 11, for Grades 1-5, with more details to come very soon.

Kindergartens will put on an Afternoon Tea & Performance on December 17 & 18 - more details will come on this very soon, too!

Lunch Program Coordinator Report - From Sunaina:

We recently hired a new Lunch Supervisor, Lori, who has brought wonderful experience and enthusiasm to our program. She has a great background working with children and has been a positive addition to the team.

It's hard to believe that two months have already passed in the blink of an eye. The start of winter is approaching, and the lunch program continues to run smoothly. The students have settled well into their routines, and everything has been going well overall.

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

Next WSCC Meeting - Monday, January 12th