



WESTGATE SCHOOL COUNCIL & SOCIETY

2025/2026 ANNUAL REPORT

School Council:

A collective association of parents, principals, staff and interested community representatives established under the

Alberta School Act that seeks to work together to promote the well-being and effectiveness of the entire school community, to enhance student learning and to facilitate cooperation, support educational enhancements and opportunities among the concerned participants in the local school to support student learning.

Parent Society: Represents a group of five or more persons, incorporated under the Alberta Societies Act for any benevolent or charitable purpose in support of Westgate students & the school.

School Council Executive

Chair: Stephanie Paquet

Vice Chair: HollyJoy Stanford

Secretary: Kristin Mason

Key Communicator: Marie-Claude Tremblay

Member at Large: Vanessa Huey

Parent Society Executive

President: Stephanie Paquet

Vice-Pres.: HollyJoy Stanford

Secretary: Kristin Mason

Treasurer: Gillian Hogg

Directors: Vanessa Huey

Consecutive Meeting Dates

September 25, 2025

October 23, 2025

November 20, 2025

January 22, 2026

February 26, 2026

April 16, 2026

May 21, 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES:

Davison Apples

Hosted an AGLC approved Casino

Fun lunches and popcorn days

Concessions at 2 family events

50/50 at Gatorfest

Hosted 3 bottle drives

PARENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Hosted a spring information session on

Psychoeducational assessments with Serena Braun, BEd, MEd, MC, Registered Psychologist

SCHOOL WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS:

Collected donations for sister school Sherwood School

Collected donations for Westgate families in need

Hosted a winter Snowball family dance

Hosted a family fun Carnivale event in February

Hosted a spring celebration - GatorFest

Collected gently used spirit wear in an effort to promote sustainability within the school community

Facilitated GatorGear spirit wear orders

Organized a Read-A-Thon week, including special in-home and in-class activities

Provided funds for several special guest residencies

Grade 6 graduation support for Farewell event

MEETING SUMMARIES:

All meeting minutes can be found on the school webpage.

Each meeting featured summaries of school events, administration presentations, chair report with thank you's and key information, COSC meeting summaries from our key communicator, budget updates (Society) and various engagement initiatives.

Also, discussed upcoming events and planned the best ways to support student learning. Meetings took place in person and online (using a hybrid format). The hybrid format presented advantages with higher participation rates, combined with opportunities to connect in person. When possible, School Council meetings include opportunities for input to administration on things such as school development plan, RAM allocation, school planning, special event planning and class sizes.

SUPPORT TO SCHOOL:

Funded meals during in-person Parent-Teacher nights and special training day for staff and teachers

Organized three appreciation breakfasts

Funded educational enhancements for classrooms

Club support for all school wide optional clubs

Provided library bags & stocked Gator pantry for students

Thank you - to everyone who supports the work of school council by sharing your time, gifts and energy with us - you make a difference in your school community