



Westside

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 17, 2026

8:00 AM

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Welcome
- IV. Minutes Review
- V. GMAS Testing: April 15-23, 2026
- VI. Merger: Parkwood Primary/ Westside Elementary
- VII. Projects:
 - A. Sensory Garden Class Seating
 - B. Science Lab (FY27)
 - C. Greenhouse
- VIII. New Business: Marque, Sensory Garden Rock Project, Moving box donations, Staff Appreciation
- IX. Next Council Meeting Date:
May 5, 2026 @ 8:00am
- X. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

-GMAS Testing

Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast during testing. Testing dates will be shared with families both through take-home communication and social media.



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-School Transition Updates

- **Parkwood Primary** will serve grades PK–2.
- **Westside Elementary** will serve grades 3–5.

Transportation & After-School Care

- Bus transportation will continue to be available.
- The school will maintain its partnership with the Boys & Girls Club.
- Parkwood will offer an after-school program (ASP).

Classroom Packing & Moving Needs

- All classrooms will be packed and relocated.
- Donations of boxes are needed to support the move.

Campus Readiness

- During Summer Retreat, the Guiding Coalition will conduct a campus walkthrough to assess readiness for the upcoming transition.

-Outdoor Classroom / Sensory Garden Enhancements

- Tables have already been purchased.
- Additional needs include umbrellas and bench seating.
- Families are invited to contribute donations.



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- Teachers transitioning to Parkwood and 5th-grade students will have the opportunity to decorate rocks to leave in the sensory garden as a lasting legacy at Westside.

Science Lab Update

- A new science lab will be housed in the west wing.
- Classes will sign up to use the space.
- Scheduling is still being finalized to allow adequate time for setup, experimentation, cleanup, and transition back to class.

Greenhouse Project

- Plans are underway to restore the greenhouse.
- The school is partnering with Northside Middle and High School agriculture programs for student volunteer support.
- Donations will be needed to complete this project.

New Business

- A new digital marquee is being considered.
- Fundraising efforts and a designated account may be established to support this purchase.



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Teacher Appreciation

- Donations are requested for Teacher Appreciation, including gift cards and lunch contributions.
- This year's theme is "**Westside Through the Decades.**"

Next Meeting

- **Date:** May 5
- **Time:** 8:00 AM
- **Location:** PL Room
- Breakfast will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.