



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes
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Tuesday, November 7, 2023

7:02 – 8:43 PM
WGSS LIBRARY

- PAC Executive Anuschka Brhelle (President), Julie Croft (Treasurer - Recorder), Kristen Faulkner (DPAC), Stephen Northrup (Vice President)
- Parents Rebecca Hardin, Jennifer Valenciano, Sarah Hern, Alissa Matheson, Christine Hlloway, Cathy Lysack, Brent Faulkner, Kim Foden, Joy Lu, Lore Campbell, Amy Flint, Cindy Guo, Zoe Zhou, Kristin Brown, Aaron Wei, Mei Chen, Marianne Cunnold, Zuri Scrivens, Priti Flanagan, plus 2 illegible names.
- Staff Mr. Jeremy Lyndon (WGSS Principal), Marcello Moino (Assistant Superintendent, Langley School District)

1 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

A Brhelle called the meeting to order at 7:02pm, welcomed parents and staff. Introductions and quorum determined. A Brhelle gave the territorial acknowledgement and introduced the 2023/2024 PAC executive.

1.2 Regrets

Karen Roeck (Secretary).

2 Approval Items

2.1 Agenda – Tuesday, November 7, 2023

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, November-07-2023 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	Z Scrivs / S Northrup

2.2 Minutes – Tuesday, October 10, 2023

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, October-10-2023 WGSS PAC meeting
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CARRIED J Croft / S Northrup

3 Reports

3.1 Administration

M Moino presented on middle school programming in the WGSS region to give an update on middle school programming as the District is needing current feedback. He reviewed the history of the consultations that started in 2016. The District has found that different age groups of students have different needs and different supports required. There has been a high level of success with the middle school format in Langley. It supports students with diverse needs, connects more closely to student interests, particularly in explorations. He discussed the land acquisition issues in the Walnut Grove area and that a new middle school building would not be likely in the Walnut Grove region any time soon. The Ministry would need to be involved and funding would need to be received and there are no ministry capital funds available at this time or in the previous few years. The cost to build is incredibly high as well. For example, the per meter cost has risen from \$26 to \$44. RE Mountain cost \$150 million to build. Land was purchased on the Willoughby slope to build another secondary school at the land acquisition cost of \$44 million. To receive money for building, they Ministry considers population pressures so that they are required to build (e.g., Willoughby slope) or seismic upgrading is needed. Currently the Walnut Grove population is in decline, and it is now an overflow for Willoughby slope. If you have any comments or feedback, please email mmoino@sd35.bc.ca directly.

3.2 President

A Brhelle briefly discussed that we will be presenting the Gaming Grant funding recommendations for voting further on in the meeting.

3.3 Vice President

Nothing to report.

3.4 Treasurer

J Croft reviewed the statements, gaming funds had been received. We are still waiting for the PST rebate cheques; these are processed by the accounting team at the district office and have been told we should expect them by December.

3.5 DPAC

Nothing to report.

4 Old Business

4.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch

We typically hold the lunch in June; however, June is a very busy time for staff and volunteers. We would like to move it to April on a Design & Assessment Day. A Brhelle will work with Mr. Lyndon to identify a date.

5 New Business

5.1 Gaming Grant Funding

A Brhelle discussed the guidelines that the PAC executive must follow in determining whether a request for funding meets guideline requirements. For any that we are unsure of, we reach out to gaming for clarification. Once we determine which requests are eligible for funding, the PAC executive reviews the requests, factors in what funding may have already been given in the last year or two, we make recommendations on what dollar amount we should fund, and we try to balance request funding amongst similar groups. A Brhelle presented the list of requests that as a PAC we can fund if approved. All items were approved by those attending the PAC meeting (see attached list of approvals).

6 Correspondence

- 6.1 PAC Facebook Page & Website <https://www.wgsspac.ca/>
@WGSS PAC

7 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	A Matheson / A Brhelle

Next meeting: January 9, 2024 at 7pm