



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes  
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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

7:00 – 8:08 PM  
WGSS LIBRARY

- PAC Executive Anuschka Brhelle (President), Steven Northrup (Vice President), Karen Roeck (Secretary)
- Parents Marianne Cunnold, Erhan-Derya Enogh, Priti Flanagan, Kim Foden, Laurel Klager, Olga Shokina
- Staff Mr. Jeremy Lyndon (WGSS Principal)

## 1 Call to Order

### 1.1 Call to Order

A Brhelle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, welcomed parents and staff. Introductions and quorum determined. A Brhelle gave the territorial acknowledgement.

### 1.2 Regrets

Julie Croft (Treasurer), Kristen Faulkner (DPAC Rep)

## 2 Approval Items

### 2.1 Agenda – Tuesday, April 9, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, April 9, 2024 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	K Foden / S Northrup

## 2.2 Minutes – Tuesday, February 27, 2024

A parent asked to have the minutes amended under 4.1 to reflect the discussion about keeping the staff appreciation meal as a lunch instead of moving it to a breakfast. A Bhrelle asked the parent to leave their full name with the secretary after the meeting, but the parent left without doing so.

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, February 27, 2024 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED	S Northrup / K Foden

## 3 Reports

### 3.1 Administration

Recently returned from spring break. There are 2.5 months remaining in the school year. Three international trips during spring break (Italy, France, Spain). This Sunday, French exchange students will arrive to be hosted at WGSS.

April 9: ICBC presentation to Grade 12s by Kevin Brooks (popular, coveted speaker). There will be an update in the next newsletter.

April 12: Pep Rally led by Grade 12 student leaders.

April 18-22: Course request verifications. We build the timetable based on what the students want to do (e.g., Honours, Edge, AP). This should not be based on what courses they want to do with their friends.

Grad 2025: The ceremony will be staggered with RE Mountain at Langley Events Centre. Grad 2024 will remain at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, but future years will be at LEC to accommodate more seating. RE Mountain is using LEC

May 2-4; 9-11: Addams Family Musical. Collaboration between musical theatre department and VCC culinary program. The show will be presented in the newly imagined arts education space, which is approximately 100 seats smaller than the gymnasium.

Since the hallway outside the library is now an art gallery, Grad composite photos and yearbooks have been digitized and can be seen on the touchscreen in the main foyer. We gleaned inspiration from how Mennonite Educational Institute (MEI) digitized their historical artifacts. We will contract out the digitizing of WGSS artifacts.

Special presentation by Chad Hendricks (WGSS Fine Arts Teacher)

Graduate studies inquiry question: What's your story?

What if the theatre space is a space where we share stories? How can we take a global look at creating an interdisciplinary hub for people to connect and share stories?

Plans were underway, then we experienced The Great Flood of 2023. This caused a journey into reimagining the evolution of the space where we can share stories. Updates include a new paint colour; purchase of curtains and lighting set-up with five presets, eliminating the need for a lighting specialist.

We engaged in a collaboration with Jeff Dickson (WGSS Teacher and Kwantlen Artist), who presented at the meeting. Jeff shared his history in the Langley school district and connections to his Indigenous heritage. Taking on this art project was a way to share part of himself and celebrate all people who belong. Ideas for art in the space include playing off the duality of tragedy and comedy in theatre. For example, some students beam with radiance and light up the hallway (sun), yet for many of them, so much is buried underneath in the heart of that person (moon). The art pieces reflect how elements fit together: phases of the moon parallels phases of life that we go through, students as observers vs students as doers. We are going through a process of consulting the District Principal, Aboriginal Program and representatives from Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo Nations. Once the art is completed, there are plans for a formal opening ceremony and celebration with a posted artist's statement for everyone to read the story behind the intentionality behind the imagery and design.

### 3.2 President

Our DPAC representative, K Faulkner, has resigned her position, effective immediately. DPAC meetings are every third Thursday of the month at the Langley school district office. Anuschka put out a call for a representative to attend these meetings, but there was no response.

Funding for a new couch in the WGSS counselling department. A Bhrelle will check with the gaming council to ensure a couch can be covered by gaming funds, as a couch is not a curriculum item. Estimated cost is \$1500 + taxes and delivery.

MOTION	TO use gaming funds to purchase a new couch for the WGSS counselling department
CARRIED	Affirmative vote by all present

### 3.3 Vice President

Nothing to report.

### 3.4 Treasurer

A Bhrelle presented on behalf of J Croft. We earned a nice amount of interest on our scholarship investments, so there is a healthy amount available for the scholarship recipients of 2024. Current balance \$40,558.31. Available funds of \$9,700.00, minus approximately \$2,000.00 for the couch, leaving us with just under \$8,000.00 on the year.

### 3.5 DPAC

Nothing to report.

## 4 New Business

### 4.1 Presentation by Brenda-Lee Hunter on behalf of Family Smart.

FamilySmart has been around for over 20 years. Parent Peer Support Workers help children and young people by helping their family and other caring adults. We know children and young people do better when the adults who care about them are supported.

B Hunter shared an 8-minute video: [bit.ly/journey-to-familysmart](https://bit.ly/journey-to-familysmart)

Parent Peer Support Workers use their own lived experience of parenting a child or young person with mental health and/or substance use challenge to provide peer support to other parents and caregivers. Their main role is to listen and validate.

Parent Peer Support Workers provide emotional support, information and resources, help in understanding and navigating services, and attending meetings with families or caregivers. We serve parents and caregivers of a child, youth, or young adult (0-24+) with a mental and/or substance use challenge.

Parent Peer Support Workers can meet with families in-person, video chat, email, or phone. We are a confidential, free service, and we don't have waitlists. No diagnosis is needed.

There are a wealth of resources on the website: <https://familysmart.ca/>

## 5 Ongoing Business

### 5.1 PAC-hosted Staff Appreciation Breakfast on April 22, 2024 (Design & Assessment Day).

## 6 Correspondence

- 6.1 Please like and follow the WGSS PAC Facebook page and the PAC website:  
<https://www.wgsspac.ca/>

## 7 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	A Bhrelle / K Foden

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024