



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes  
FINALIZED

Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
7:02-8:07pm  
WGSS Library

PAC Executive	Anuschka Brhelle (President), Julie Croft (Treasurer), Karen Roeck (Secretary), Amy Olson (DPAC Representative), Shivani Khera (Fundraising Coordinator), Itzel Symonds (Fundraising Coordinator)
Parents	Nasra Khawaja, Laurel Klager, Valerie Steckler
Staff	Mr Jeremy Lyndon (WGSS Principal)

## 1. Call to Order

### 1.1. Call to Order

A Brhelle called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and welcomed parents and staff. Introductions and quorum determined. A Brhelle gave the territorial acknowledgement.

### 1.2. Regrets

Steven Northrup (Vice President), Jared Dennis (DPAC Representative), Kim Foden (Member at Large)

### 1.3. Reminder

PAC meetings are run according to Robert's Rules of Order. With the exception of presenters and invited speakers, we will be limiting each person to two minutes so that everyone has an opportunity to speak and to keep the meeting on time.

## 2. Approval Items

### 2.1. Agenda – Tuesday, April 8, 2025

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, April 8, 2025 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	J Croft / I Symonds

### 2.2. Minutes – Tuesday, February 11, 2025

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, February 11, 2025 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED	J Croft / I Symonds

## 3. Reports

### 3.1. Administration

Just before spring break, we lost a student (second one this year). Mr Lyndon and some staff members attended the funeral service. The hope is that students reach out when they are struggling and that peer groups will advocate and come forward when they hear of someone who needs support. The school needs to continue doing work in this area. When staff notice areas of concern, they alert counsellors. Students are exposed to so many things through their phones and the internet.

After spring break, a company came in to redo the waterproofing membrane and prepare the entryway for soil and plants. This project has been almost two years in the making.

The gym had a new set of electronic bleachers installed to replace 30-year-old equipment.

The rainbow crosswalk is gone due to peeling. The parking lot will undergo repaving, so the crosswalk will be replaced after the repaving process is completed. Mr Lyndon will add information to Friday's newsletter to update the community on the process.

Course planning is in the “cleaning up” phase where students are placed in specialized programs.

April 15-17 is the course request verification window. Students can make requests and notify of any errors or changes.

This year’s musical is “Between the Lines.” Dates are May 1-3 and May 8-10 with dinner options on May 1 and 8.

Upcoming dates:

Apr 15 - Pep Rally

Apr 24 - Grad Casino

May 28 - Tough Wally

### 3.2. President

The PAC treated the teachers and staff to samosas on the last day of school before spring break. Feedback was positive and it was good timing to boost morale.

Some parents in the community are wondering about how to address issues around peer groups being reluctant to approach adults to share mental health concerns about their friends. Are students equipped to know that it is important to approach an adult with this information?

Mr Lyndon mentioned that the district is aware and talking regularly about initiatives to grow awareness and proactive culture. PHE 8/9 curriculum includes content around strategies to protect themselves and others from potential abuse, exploitation, and harm in a variety of settings.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care implemented a phone use policy in K-12 schools this year, which WGSS applies regularly in classrooms. It is also up to parents to guide, monitor, and educate their children on healthy digital habits; however, some students do not have adequate support and guidance in their home environments.

All PAC records are now digitized to provide future PACs with clear, transparent access and set them up for success.

### 3.3. Vice President

Nothing to report (absent).

#### 3.4. Treasurer

February and March treasurer reports and bank statements are attached to the agenda.

2024-2025 GIC redeemed February 27, resulting in an earning of \$267.05 that went into our PAC account.

We invested another \$3000 from the 2022-2023 PST rebate to redeem in 2026. The interest rate was not as high, but better than 0%.

Bank statements have a lot of transactions on them, which largely represent Dry Grad transactions. J Croft keeps a separate tally of these amounts, but doesn't itemize them on the treasurer's statement.

I Symonds inquired about applying for next year's gaming grant. J Croft said the deadline is in June, but we are not able to apply yet.

The deadline to spend PAC funds and submit receives to Lori is May 31. There is \$34,000 outstanding.

#### 3.5. DPAC

A Olsen attended February and March DPAC meetings.

February 20 (virtual):

DPAC scholarship: The application deadline is April 1 each year.

Transition rates: Langley students who begin attending Langley schools in Grade 8 graduate at a 95.8% rate.

Anti-Racism: Michael Morgan will work with a consulting group in April and May to gather qualitative data from impacted students. They will collaborate with stakeholders from local Indigenous bands to develop a five-year strategic plan. 1:1 conversations and focus groups will include Black, Indigenous, and minority students. This topic garnered a lot of discussion, particularly from people concerned that certain groups are being left out and missing an opportunity to share their experiences.

Project Resiliency: A three-day counselling program for Grades 8-12 students focusing on home, health, relationships, school, and community.

Project Black Feather: An extension of Project Resiliency to identify vulnerable students at risk of being exploited (e.g., not attending school, potential gang connections). Families and students can self-refer to access services, and schools can also refer students. The program has served 350 students to date. There are currently 56 students in the program.

March 12 (in-person):

DPAC Budget: This will be discussed in April, and voted on in May.

Screenagers (Elementary Edition): Free screening at Kwantlen Polytechnic University on April 9 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Changes in Land Acknowledgement: Joel Neufeld met with Eric Woodward to discuss what these changes mean for the district.

Inflatables: There have been changes due to insurance liability. There are now requirements in place around monitoring and training before inflatables can be used in Langley schools.

District Budget: Third and final reading in June with a public Q&A opportunity on June 4 at 6:00pm.

Homestays: There is a need for international student homestays for the Langley school district.

AEDs: There are liabilities around having AEDs in school buildings because there are concerns that students will take the equipment and use it inappropriately. The counterpoint is that AEDs can only be used safely and they are placed in school staff rooms. HD Stafford hosts tournaments and is required to have an AED onsite. McLeod Athletic Park has an AED available publicly. A Olsen plans to loop back to this conversation at the April DPAC meeting when the superintendent is in attendance.

BCCPAC town hall: Was held on March 20 during spring break.

#### 4. New Business

#### 4.1. Fundraiser Initiative

There are several initiatives with little work involved (e.g., Cobs Bread, Tru Earth laundry strips). We can implement and advertise these now and see if our parent community engages.

### 5. Ongoing Business

#### 5.1. None to report.

### 6. Correspondence

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

### 7. Questions from Parents

#### 7.1. Are there any details about summer school? Will it be held at WGSS?

J Lydon confirmed that summer school was hosted here last year and will likely be here again. Usually, course offerings are heavy on the Math/Science side and light on the Humanities side.

#### 7.2. Are Math intake exams only offered at the start of the year for new Grade 8 students?

J Lydon said there is only one opportunity to write the exam, but students can work ahead through summer school or take two semesters in one year.

#### 7.3. Would WGSS be open to cross-enrolled students?

There have been situations where students attend for one semester or some classes when they are from a different school of record (e.g., Academy programs).

### 8. Adjournment

#### 8.1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

MOTION      THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned

CARRIED      A Brhelle / J Croft

8.2.      Next meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00pm