

WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes
FINAL
Thursday, September 11th, 2025
7:00
WGSS Library

PAC Executive	Itzel Symonds (President), Valerie Steckler (Vice President), Shivani Khera (Treasurer), Amy Olson (Secretary), Tali Litvakkor (Member at large), Stephen Northrup (Member at large)
Parents	Simong Pang, Zhehua Coveng, Jared Dennis, Alex Huynh, Changho Leo, Alison Martens, Stefani Hacker, Qiungo Li, Zuy Ruan, Justine Trenholm, Zia Gao, Teddy, Sukhi Jackson, Yu-fen Chou, Laurel Kalger, Maisaa Naser-Eddin, Nick Abou, Dong Lin
Staff	Mr Mike Pue (WGSS Principal)
Regrets	Rebecca Hardin, (DPAC Representative)

1. Call to Order & Establish Quorum

Called to order at 7:00 pm. 18 members present, quorum established.

2. Welcome and Housekeeping

a. Territorial Acknowledgements

b. Executive introductions

Executive leadership and Principal Mike Pue introduced themselves.

c. Reminders:

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.

3. Adoption of:

a. Todays' agenda:

MOTION TO approve the Thursday, September 11th, 2025 WGSS PAC
meeting agenda
CARRIED Valerie Steckler/Tali Litvakkor

b. Previous Meeting's Minutes

i.

MOTION TO approve the Tues, June 3rd, 2025 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED Shivani Khera/Valerie Steckler

ii.

MOTION TO approve the Tues, June 3rd, 2025 WGSS PAC AGM meeting minutes
 CARRIED Valerie Steckler/Stephen Northrup

4. Reports:

a. School Administration:

- i. Mike Pue began by sharing the importance of the territorial acknowledgments. Shared that the vision of WGSS is to make sure students have a place that they belong, and that they feel that they are seen and heard, all staff working together to wrap around the child and support them.
- ii. GQ ambassadors have been very helpful and supportive for Grade 8s. First day of grade 8, fire alarm went off due to a smoke detector malfunction.
- iii. There is a new parent code of conduct for what to expect.
 1. Social media - if you want to share something keep it positive.
 2. If you have some feedback bring it directly to the staff.
- iv. Pow Wow at the Langley Events Centre, encourages others to check it out.
- v. Next Thursday, Sept 18th, 6-7 is the WGSS open house, called Gator meet and greet (previously meet the teacher night).
- vi. September 26th will be honoring the National day of truth and reconciliation and Orange shirt day. Specific lessons in certain classes.
- vii. October 22-23 parent teacher interviews.
- viii. Rainbow crosswalk was removed last year due to peeling paint, and paving of the parking lot will happen at some point this year, and the rainbow crosswalk will be re-installed.

b. President report:

- i. The entire executive are new to the roles, so there is not much to report yet. Some executive served on elementary PACs.
- ii. BC Gaming grant, provided by BC Lotteries, provides funding for extracurriculars. There are limitations on what the finances can be used for, a new rule came into place in 2023-2024 that it cannot be used for scholarships. Typically the gaming grant funding is used for clubs, supporting teacher requests for classroom items (that are not curricular). Voting members are required to pass the motions for the use of this money, so it is important that parents attend PAC meetings so we have quorum.

c. Treasurer:

- i. Not much to report, by next month we will have the financial numbers, and will have a more formalized presentation at the October PAC meeting.

d. DPAC:

- i. DPAC rep sent her regrets, so the PAC president reported on her behalf.
- ii. Next DPAC meeting Thursday, September 18th
- iii. A really great presenter will be there, parents encouraged to attend.
- iv. There is a virtual workshop coming up with Hannah Beach September 16th. There will be a free link on the facebook PAC page for others to join. Hannah

wrote a book on working with teens, all parents encouraged to read it and/or attend her presentation.

5. New Business

- a. Traffic calming township survey: Township has sent a ballot to addresses in the area re: traffic calming measures on Walnut Grove dr.
 - i. One parent shared that the Township's process for traffic changes is to first poll those in the affected neighborhood, and then reach out more broadly.
 - ii. Discussion that there is a need to invite other inputs, including all parents who have kids who attend WGSS.
 - iii. Parents who have questions or feedback can email the Township directly: enginfo@tol.ca
- b. Fundraising ideas:
 - i. Valerie Steckler shared that idea of running a First aid and babysitting course. Suggesting to schedule in February. If possible run out of WGSS, but could also look at other location (e.g. JKE) if WGSS is not available. Typically the income is around \$20 a student as the first aid company gives a significant discount, and registrants pay the full fee, so we pocket the difference. Valerie will reach out to the first aid companies to get a quote and bring to the next PAC meeting.
 - ii. Question came up about the fundraising page from last year with the QR code; will post that on the FB page and in the newsletter

6. Ongoing business

- a. Request for donations will go in the Gator News

7. Correspondence

- a. PAC facebook page - follow the page and invite others to do so
- b. PAC website: wgsspac.ca

8. Questions from parents (reminder: two-minute time limit per person)

- a. What is the administration doing about vaping in the bathrooms? One parent shared that her daughter doesn't drink water all day, as she doesn't want to use the bathroom due to vaping.
 - i. Mr Pue shared that the administration is making some changes to the location of the gender neutral bathroom. Using hall passes for the bathrooms. Teachers are present in the halls. Principal and VPs are wandering the halls. Have told students they can use the Erase form to report vaping or unsafe bathroom

situations. This is a provincial government resource as a tool to report bullying. Students can anonymously report things that are happening. The report goes to the Ministry, then it gets sent to a district representative and it gets sent to the school.

- a. Question about when and how club information is communicated: Club day is coming up, where clubs will share and present. Clubs are currently going through the process of being approved by student council.

9. Next meeting day: Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at 7 pm

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	Laurel Klager/Sukhi Jackson