

WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes  
 APPROVED  
 Thursday, January 15, 2026  
 7:00  
 WGSS Library

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| PAC Executive | Itzel Symonds (President), Valerie Steckler (Vice President), Shivani Khera (Treasurer), Becky Hardin (DPAC representative), Tali Litvak Kor (Member at Large) |
| Parents       | Gina Goller, Zhengli Tan, Tina Rajian, Justine Trenholm, Alison Martens, Xinran Su, Christine Holloway, Thamalee Dilakshi                                      |
| Staff         | Mr Mike Pue (WGSS Principal)   |
| Regrets       | Amy Olson (Secretary), Stephen Northrup (Member at large)  |

### 1. Call to Order & Establish Quorum

Called to order at 7:00pm. Quorum established, 4 members present

### 2. Welcome and Housekeeping

- a. **Territorial Acknowledgements:** we gratefully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui, and Semiahmoo Nations.
- b. **Executive introductions**
- 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. **Today' s agenda:**

MOTION TO approve the Thursday, January 15th, 2026 WGSS PAC meeting agenda  
 CARRIED (Becky and Gina approved)

- b. **Previous Meeting’s Minutes**

MOTION TO approve the Thursday, November 13th, 2025 WGSS PAC meeting minutes  
 CARRIED (Itzel and Becky approved)

## 4. Reports:

### a. School Administration:

- i. Welcome back from Christmas break. Lots going on since Nov:
  1. Universities coming for presentations. Students are learning about course selection and requirements.
  2. Me survey - comparing results to previous years.
  3. Gators classic, senior boys - basketball doing well.
  4. Theatre company, grade 12 class performed a multipart skit about being out in the woods and connections.
  5. Winter assembly - Santa attended, kids enjoyed themselves.
  6. Literacy 10 and 12 provincial assessments in progress, happening in the library - all digital.
  7. Course planning for semester 2 ongoing, processes for course changes especially important for gr. 12.
  8. Today is black excellence day, staff are finding ways to associate black Canadians associated with the periodic table. Black history month in February.
  9. Everything is going smoothly with the return to school.
- ii. Question about the process for gr. 10 assessments: every student has to complete math 10 and literacy assessments (done in November). Advanced students will be assessed in June
- iii. In the semester turn around (January 26 - 28)
  1. Gr 10 and 11 course guidance: many subjects will be presented for post secondary, not specific to one university but general information.
  2. Gr. 9 mini capstone presentation, the students have been given their schedule for their presentations - very important to attend.
  3. Gr. 12 students will present final capstone projects.

### b. PAC President report:

- i. PAC Website: [www.wgsspac.ca](http://www.wgsspac.ca)
  1. Does PAC need a website? The cost is \$17 per year to host and should we be spending if it isn't needed? Do we have other options? It has been offered to the dry grad committee for use but not getting much interest. Additional cost of \$186 for having the domain active. Should we have just a facebook page? Lately about 50 views per month on the PAC website. Could we link to our google drive and post on WGSS website to link meeting minutes? Parents said that other schools link their meeting minutes to their social media accounts. Mr. Pue said the school website should be able to post minutes for PAC. WGSS facebook has 81 views on the last post. Becky suggested keeping the website hosted to use the email address for fraud prevention - other PACs have reported fraud (email spoofing) when using other email addresses (like Gmail). Becky also suggested using a Microsoft account, rather than Google, because it

can be linked to the school rather than one person, which is how it has to be set up with Google.

- a. Action items: we have paid for the domain for this year, but not hosting. **Unanimous vote to not pay for hosting and look for another way to make available meeting minutes.**

c. Treasurer:

- i. Treasurer's Report attached to the agenda package.
  1. Operating and gaming no activity
  2. Received interest on term deposit.
  3. Opening balance: \$6,657.11 (November 1, 2025)
  4. Closing balance. \$6,657.11 (December 31, 2025)
  5. Total amount in Operating account: \$9,768.11
  6. Total amount in Gaming account: \$72,299.89
  7. Total assets (as of December 31, 2025): \$82,068.89
  8. No gaming funds will be expiring this school year, we should be spending about \$50,000 this year to avoid any expiring next year.
  9. Statements available in Treasurer's report.

d. DPAC:

- i. The trustee and superintendent talked about the largest new school project, a new school located around 76th and 212th. It will be an english only secondary and middle school on a joint campus, and the name selection process is ongoing. New school boundaries are being assessed to take into effect these new and existing schools, with consultations ongoing.
- ii. Lunch lady motion that was discussed at our last meeting passed, and the district is now looking at different options for that. Suggestions from parents are welcome.
- iii. PAC money went missing from some PAC bank accounts, scamming happening when accounts not monitored closely. PAC's encouraged to be diligent and regularly monitor accounts and emails.
- iv. Presentation: Jan 27, 2026 @7pm (online) DR. Watson presentation: Open parachute. Idea of how to get mental and physical lessons in schools when dedicated professionals are not available and teachers aren't specifically qualified. Videos led by mental health professionals, worked with PHE teachers. WGSS has utilized these in the past. Targeted for middle school age kids.
- v. Scholarship for \$500 for Gr. 12 students, parents can email: VP1@langleyDPAC.ca for sitting on the deciding committee.
- vi. Food safe available for 4 parents per school, none used for WGSS.

## 5. New Business

- a. **Club Funding Requests (see Jan '26 funding requests). For all funding requests, clubs submit receipts and are reimbursed.**
- i. Tyler Loo Sr. Girls basketball team uniforms. Requesting \$6000. Various sizes, for both home and away colors. High quality to last longer. Unanimously approved.
  - ii. Chad Hendricks theatre company. Memorial shirts for being in the company. \$440 for 22 shirts. Made at WGSS print shop. Unanimously approved.
  - iii. Christine Holloway requested funds for dry grad. Event activities include: photobooth, inflatable games, magician, casino tables, etc. \$5000 requested. Approx 450 students. Recommended by parents present to raise the amount to \$20 per student, which would add up to \$9000 total. Unanimously approved for \$9000.
  - iv. Adelaide Dykson requested \$300 for the Literacy Alliance club. Buying two different books for all members for the book club. Questions about what happens to the books after the school year? Will they be donated to the library or will the students get to keep them? Unanimously approved for \$300
  - v. Noemie Potvin requested \$2000 for emergency safety supplies like water in the event of a natural disaster. This request is for supplies not provided by the school district. Questions about where water will be stored and how it will get dispensed. Mr. Pue said they could find space, maybe in containers by the field. Questions about how many students will stay at school since many can walk home. Unanimously approved for \$1200.
  - vi. Aaron Flemming requested \$200 for the Computer Science club. They want to pay the entry fee for students for competitions, Recommended to approve for \$205 to include the \$5 registration fee. Approved unanimously for \$205
  - vii. Paul Lincke requested \$500 for debate club fees. This will pay for entry fees for 25-30 students. Approved unanimously for \$500
  - viii. Cooper Briggeman requesting for Lego design clubs. Requested \$614.92 for Lego sets and \$500 for display cases. Recommended to ask what happens to it after this school year. Unanimously approved for \$1164.92.
  - ix. Teacher Chris Jansen and students Maggie King & Ash Jain requested \$800 for Creative Writing Club, for a book publishing project. Workshops from successful authors for students in ranging literacy levels. Goal to create and publish one book with compilation from many students. Unanimously approved for \$800
  - x. Jincheng Tung requested \$2000 for the Table Top Gaming Club. Previously approved \$1000 in November. Duplicate request from November. Not funded again.

- xi. Teacher Chris Jansen and student Wilby Nyo requested \$1500 for the Dungeons and Dragons Club for resources so students can join and play. Recommended to reduce to \$400. Unanimously approved for \$400.
- xii. Chris Janzen requested \$1600 for school beautification. A wall has been made available for students to display their art who are not in formal art classes. Cost is for supplies. Unanimously approved for \$1600.
- xiii. Annie Qin requested \$400 for Rubik's Cube Club. Duplicate request from November. Not funded again.
- xiv. Chris Janzen requested \$2880 for VR headsets for the VR Club. Headsets they have already are used in turn and more headsets would allow more students to benefit. Unanimously approved for \$2880.
- xv. Teacher Chris Janzen and students Robert Chen and Carl Sun requested \$1000 for chess sets and tournament fees and prizes for elementary school competitions. Gaming rules say we can't fund prizes which were requested as \$300. Recommended funding for \$800 with the stipulation that it has to be used for WGSS students. Approved for \$800.
- xvi. Chris Janzen requested \$650 for podcast club for wireless microphones and if possible also the replacement for headsets that are non-functional. Recommended to give \$900 to allow for replacements. Unanimously approved for \$900
- xvii. Jason Zhang requested \$100 for War Thunder club funds. In game resources for structured activities and competitions. Online game. Recommended to approve for \$400 as this is our usual for club requests. Approved for \$400.
- xviii. Tyler Loo requested \$900 for a filming system for the athletics department (after school sports). Questions about if other systems were looked at. Approved for \$900.

## **6. Ongoing business**

- a. Fundraisers: Request to parents to bring forward any fundraising ideas.

## **7. Correspondence**

- a. Follow WGSS PAC on Facebook - please follow our page and invite others to do so
- b. PAC website: [wgsspac.ca](http://wgsspac.ca)

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

- a. None

**9. Next meeting day: Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 7pm - NOTE: the original scheduled date was February 12, but needed to be re-scheduled due to a parent evening and course planning deadlines preventing our school admin from being available.**

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm

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| MOTION THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned<br>CARRIED Itzel Symonds/Valerie Steckler |
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