

## WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

April 9th, 2026

WGSS Library

<b>PAC Executive</b>	Itzel Symonds (President), Valerie Steckler (Vice President), Amy Olson (Secretary), Stephen Northrup (Member at large), Shivani Khera (Treasurer), Rebecca Hardin (DPAC Representative), Tali Litvakkor (Member at large)
<b>Parents</b>	Olga Shokina, Justine Trenholm
<b>Staff</b>	Erin Florko (WGSS Vice Principal)
<b>Regrets</b>	Mr Mike Pue (WGSS Principal)

### 1. Call to Order & Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:01. 9 members present, quorum established.

### 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, April 9th, 2026 WGSS PAC meeting agenda CARRIED Stephen Northrup/Tali Litvakkor
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#### b. Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION TO approve the February 19th, 2026, WGSS PAC meeting minutes CARRIED Itzel Symonds/Rebecca Hardin
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#### 4. Reports:

- a. School Administration: Erin Florko, Vice Principal, presented on behalf of Mike Pue. February was a big month with Black History month, Pride month. District had an event and WGSS sent some students, and they presented really well on different topics such as Pink Shirt Day, Red Dress Day. Had a grade 7 open house night. Just finishing special program assessments. Had Gator Pod interviews, English honors assessments, AP assessments finishing up this week. Had grad spring fling dance, turnout this year is way higher. Students are craving that 'analog' era, more social interaction. Last year sold 101 tickets, this year close to 400. There's a grade 8 dance coming up. Job Fair yesterday focused on grade 12. Hub day, where students could leave early, but the job fair was packed. Track started, first track meet today in Abbotsford. Numeracy, literacy, and French Immersion assessments coming up next week. Grad casino night coming up. Learning updates published on April 27th. Teachers will have the marks in by April 20th. Musical "Chicago" (teen edition) practising all hours, presentations kick off April 30th. Summer session will be offered at WGSS. Registration for summer school will start on April 29th.
- b. PAC President report: Attended grade 7 assembly to present about PAC, and it was well attended, hopefully will get some new parents for next year. New website is updated, but there have been some technology challenges, so it is still being worked on. We will have more professional email addresses. We have had some feedback from clubs that are thankful for the funding we have given them. A couple of thank you cards from scholarship recipients from last year.
- c. Treasurer: Treasurer's report attached to the agenda. PAC was aiming to spend \$41,000 from gaming grants from last year, we have approved requests for up to \$46,000. If clubs use all the money that's been approved we are on track to spend it. The GIC we may want to consider putting money back in for next year's scholarships. \$475 came into gaming account, is likely for dry grad, Itzel will talk to them about giving that back. Bank statements for Jan and Feb attached to agenda as well. Not much activity on the bank account right now, we are waiting on the expense requests to come in from the funding requests.
- d. DPAC: DPAC report printed and distributed. Langley School District has named the two new schools. The middle school is "Statlew", which means "little river", and new high school is Emery Dossdall Secondary. Budget presentation for SD has been circulated and open for comments. DPAC elections are open, they need a secretary if anyone is interested, commitment is twice a month on Thursdays, 7-9.

#### 5. New Business

- a. Motion on DPAC revised constitution and bylaws (C&B) - see attached

Discussion occurred around proposed changes to the C&B:

- (1) teachers in Langley SD35 can also be DPAC members;
- (2) budget will be presented rather than voted on;

(3) process for nominations for DPAC positions will change, e.g. members will not be able to nominate themselves from the floor, will be in advance with biographies so those voting are aware of who they are voting on.

C&B DPAC rep will vote for the revised DPAC C&B provided there is an amendment to allow the budgets to be voted on rather than presented.

Alicia (DPAC Treasurer) is running for BCCPAC president. Walnut Grove signed a proxy form as it was due April 5th. We can choose how we want to vote and communicate that to the proxy, or let the proxy choose. The people that were running the BCCPAC are running against one another. BCCPAC AGM is April 23rd. Rebecca has asked for DPAC to review the resolutions and present to the PACs how they will vote. Rebecca will find the resolutions to send to the PAC. PAC can post to the facebook page and group chat for parents to review.

- b. DPAC policies: Rebecca assisted with the development of the policies.

MOTION to have Becky Hardin attend a DPAC meeting and vote as she sees fit regarding the DPAC Constitution and Bylaws, and DPAC policies

CARRIED Itzel/Shivani, unanimous vote

- c. Budget for our PAC: Itzel would like to propose that PAC has a budget for expenses, because right now we are having to vote on every single item that comes up. Itzel is willing to work on it, we do not have a lot of operating expenses will not be a large budget. Would present it in May and approve it at the June AGM. Gives a good guideline for the treasurer.

MOTION to create a PAC budget for regular operating expenses.

CARRIED Rebecca Hardin/Valerie Steckler, unanimous vote

## 6. Ongoing business

- a. Update to PAC website- as above in president's report, Itzel is working on getting the website up and running
- b. Funding requests:
  - i. Hanlon's hockey: previously gave them \$500, this time requesting \$1,000 for goalie gear. Reviewed the amount of finances available. Itzel shared we could spend up to an additional \$30,000 and still be fine. Full amount for Hanlon's hockey approved unanimously.

- ii. Craig Rogers, music: \$6,000 for Marimba purchase. Discussion around the use of the Marimba as presented, does not qualify for gaming grant as it is related to curriculum. Request denied.
- iii. Craig Rogers, band club: \$5,000 for repairs of instruments. Repairs do not qualify for gaming grant, request denied. Itzel will recommend to Mr. Rogers to check with BC gaming regarding repairs if the instruments belong to the club rather than the school (we are unsure if they are school instruments or if they have been donated to the club).
- iv. Robotics club: \$1500 for further parts for improving mechanisms for game tasks (recently participated in a competition). Request approved.
- v. ELL Rep Skill-Building Club: \$200 for snacks and thank you gifts for volunteers. Approved.
- vi. Tyler Loo, new uniforms for senior boys soccer team: \$7,000. PAC would like to ask the state of the current uniforms, how many students this will benefit, what's included in the uniform set (shirt, shorts, socks?), how long these will last for before considering approving. Will also remind Mr. Loo that we have a new funding request form with additional questions (he submitted an older form that does not have these detail requests).

## **7. Correspondence**

- a. PAC Facebook Page - 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. Question about AP English and requesting the pre-reading list. Ms. Florko suggests the parent discuss with Mr. Powell.
- b. Discussion around excusing school absences. Reminder to use the school messenger app.
- c. MyEd contract is up, Rebecca Hardin will follow up with DPAC about a feedback survey.

## **9. Next meeting date: Thursday, May 21st, 2026 at 7 pm**

## **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41

MOTION THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned CARRIED Itzel Symonds/Amy Olson
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