



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes
FINALIZED

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

7:02 – 7:53 PM
WGSS LIBRARY

- PAC Executive Anuschka Brhelle (President), Steven Northrup (Vice President), Julie Croft (Treasurer), Karen Roeck (Secretary), Kristen Faulkner (DPAC Rep)
- Parents Peter Ahn, Kristin Brown, Mei Chen, Marianne Cunnold, Amy Flint, Cindy Guo, Joy Lu, Cleosson Souza, Zia Wan, Aaron Wei, Jianna Zhang, Lili Zhang, Zoe Zhou
- 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, welcomed parents and staff. Introductions and quorum determined. A Brhelle gave the territorial acknowledgement and introduced the 2023/2024 PAC executive.

1.2 Regrets

None to report.

2 Approval Items

2.1 Agenda – Tuesday, October 10, 2023

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, October-10-2023 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	K Brown / A Flint

2.1 Minutes – Tuesday, September 12, 2023

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, September-12-2023 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED	S Northrup / K Faulkner

3 Reports

3.1 Administration

Parking lot lines are done on the south side of the school.

On October 3, the Grad cruise was held. It was a great success on a beautiful, warm night. The students had a great time and there were thankfully no illnesses, as endured last year.

PAC funds requests were submitted and will be reviewed by the PAC executive.

On September 29, Orange Shirt Day was recognized and students created posters to commemorate and remember, which will be re-used each year. The WGSS Indigenous representative put together these posters and other resources for the school.

Photo retakes are scheduled for students in need of retakes.

On September 22, Post-Secondary Institute (PSI) Day was hosted at WGSS, which was mainly attended by Grade 11 students.

On October 12, there will be an informal reporting update going home for all students via paper copies.

On October 26-27, parents are invited to sign up for parent teacher interviews. New this year: MS Teams interviews are no longer an option, as it was time consuming for teachers to toggle between in-person and virtual appointments. Parents can contact teachers individually to make alternate arrangements if they are unable to attend scheduled in-person times.

Clubs Day was advertised as October 17 but is actually October 24, due to table availability from the district.

There is a new version of Screenagers out, all based on vaping. Last year, we showed Screenagers 2.0 with a live Q&A panel. It was well attended by parents in the evening and shown in classes to students during the school day.

Meeting attendees watched an 8-minute video by Clint Jackson (District Principal of Health and Equity) outlining the plan for the Feeding Futures School Program. The video is part of a wider consultation with PACs, DPACs, Local First Nations and other Indigenous organizations, School District Staff, and other equity deserving groups.

Feedback was requested around the following three questions. J Lyndon took notes and submitted feedback to C Jackson via the provided MS Form.

- What would you like to see us achieve around School Food Programs?
- What would you like to see change in the areas of: Food Literacy/Education, School Food Environments
- What other ideas do you have to help our students consistently access healthy food options?

WGSS provides breakfast and lunch programs and measures how many students attend. Reports are sent to the Breakfast Club of Canada to satisfy funding requirements. Counsellors have snacks and food in their offices that students can access at any time. Cafeteria vouchers are available to students in need, but also are given to students as prizes or incentives for contributing to the school community (e.g., setting up for the assembly). This creates opportunities for universal access to food vouchers versus stigmatizing food vouchers as something only for students who struggle with food security, creating opportunities to normalize differences in the food culture around the school.

3.2 President / VP

A Brhelle outlined PAC Funding Requests as detailed under New Business, and put out a plea for parents to attend the November 7 meeting to vote on all presented requests. PAC will present a dollar amount that can be granted for each request. If requested funds exceed available funds, the PAC will propose a percentage dollar amount to partially cover each request. Gaming funds can be used to fund extra curricular requests, but not curriculum.

Nothing to report from the VP.

3.3 Treasurer

We have not received our PST funding, so J Croft will follow up.

All 2022-2023 invoices have been paid out, and no further invoices are expected. There has been a policy change around invoices and gaming grants so money is being spent within the fiscal year.

We have a carryover of \$12,862.16 of gaming funds that we can combine with this year's gaming funds to grant approximately \$53,000 total towards requests.

3.4 DPAC

DPAC had the same presentation on the Feeding Futures School Program. Communication is sent out via the WGSS Facebook page and the school newsletter. The next meeting will be held online on October 19 (monthly meetings alternate between in-person and online).

4 Old Business

4.1 Nothing to report.

5 New Business

5.1 This year's PAC Funding Requests have been received, and will be considered for eligibility by the PAC Executive before now and the next meeting. Requests will be voted on at the November 7 meeting.

6 Ongoing Business

6.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch - to be held in April 2024 instead of June 2024. The menu was Indian food and pizza. Indian food was a huge hit, but can be expensive. It would be appreciated to have leads on where to purchase Indian food at a discounted rate. The budget was approximately \$1800 for 185 teachers, but it would be good to have food at \$1600 to leave room to purchase plates, cutlery, napkins and other consumable items.

7 Correspondence

7.1 PAC Facebook Page - please follow our page and invite others to do so.

7.2 Our website is live! Please check it out: wgsspac.ca

8 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	J Croft / S Northrup

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023