



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes
APPROVED

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

7:02 – 8:12 PM
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- PAC Executive Anuschka Brhelle (President), Julie Croft (Treasurer - Recorder), Stephen Northrup (Vice President)
- Parents Kristin Brown, Kim Foden, Hazel Invento, Laurel Klager, Olga S, Ye Li, Jianying Wu
- 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

Kristen Faulkner (DPAC), Karen Roeck (Secretary).

2 Approval Items

2.1 Agenda – Tuesday, February 27, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, February-27-2024 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	K Brown / K Foden

2.2 Minutes – Tuesday, January 9, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, January-09-2024 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED	S Northrup / A Brhelle

3 Reports

3.1 Administration

Mr. Lyndon discussed the semester change over and that more than 600 course change requests were received and dealt with by the Counselling team. He emphasized that course planning nights are scheduled and that students need to focus on choosing their courses wisely as managing massive numbers of course change requests is not sustainable. Course change requests related to post-secondary and/or summer school will be accommodated as best as possible. The Counselling team is still short 1 Counsellor, but they should be back after spring break.

Capstone presentations were held during semester change over and Grade 7 students attended for a day as well. Report cards for Semester 1 have been distributed and interim reports are available Thursday, February 29th. Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for March 13th and 14th.

WGSS is implementing a new absence report system with the Safe Arrival app. RE Mountain has trialed it with great success and WGSS is hoping that it will be launch after spring break. There will be a soft launch of a couple of weeks, then the app must be used. There will be consideration for those with extraordinary circumstances (e.g. no internet access or cell phone), and if any parent/guardian can contact the office to discuss further.

A parent had extensive questions about the District decision several years ago about changing from linear to semester system. Mr. Lyndon explained the pedagogical and scheduling factors that were considered in making the decision. Mr. Lyndon directed the parent to send him an email for further information.

3.2 President
Nothing to report.

3.3 Vice President
Nothing to report.

3.4 Treasurer
J Croft reviewed the statements, GIC for 2023/2024 scholarship will redeem this month. The GIC gives us the opportunity to lock in funds and receive interest that we can then use for other activities.

3.5 DPAC

Presented by A Brhelle. DPAC sent a letter to the District asking for information regarding student support related to EA, IEPs, etc. funding. DPAC has responded asking for more information and further clarification.

4 Old Business

4.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch

The lunch has been changed to a breakfast and will be held on the morning of April 22, 2024. A Brhelle is coordinating the breakfast with L Coulthurst in the WGSS office. Food will be ordered and no volunteers will be needed.

A parent asked to have the minutes amended under 4.1 to reflect the discussion about keeping the staff appreciation meal as a lunch instead of moving it to a breakfast. A Brhelle asked the parent to leave their full name with the secretary after the meeting, but the parent left without doing so.

5 New Business

5.1 Request for PAC Donations

We received \$1100 in PAC donations. This money was collected via the student fees in early September. A Brhelle has asked if a subsequent email could be sent out announcing the PAC donation option. As of this year, we are not able to use Gaming funds for scholarships, and we depend on PAC donations to fund our scholarships.

5.2 Second Round of Gaming Requests

One of the items we voted for in the first round was no longer required as alternative funding was arranged. This allowed us to open a second round of funding to utilize the \$5,000. The PAC Executive decided to open it to student clubs and associations who had not already received funding in the first round. A Brhelle presented the funding requests that met Gaming requirements for a vote. All requests listed below were approved.

Beautification: \$2000

Dance team: \$1000

Garden Club: \$500

Lunch Buddies Club: \$400

Debate Club: recommended \$450

Crochet Club: recommended \$400

5.3 PAC Vote on Supporting Counselling Department

Without further information regarding the type of support and the amount of money requested, we are not able to vote on this item. However, we encourage the

Counselling Department to submit a request to the PAC for consideration.

6 Correspondence

- 6.1 PAC Facebook Page & Website <https://www.wgsspac.ca/>
@WGSS PAC

7 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	A Brhelle / J Croft

Next meeting: April 9, 2024 at 7pm