



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes
FINALIZED

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:01 – 7:31 PM
WGSS LIBRARY

PAC Executive Anuschka Brhelle (President), Steven Northrup (Vice President), Julie Croft (Treasurer), Karen Roeck (Secretary)
Parents Kim Foden, Laurel Klager, Itzel Symonds
Staff Mr. Jeremy Lyndon (WGSS Principal)

1 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

A Brhelle called the meeting to order at 7:01pm, welcomed parents and staff. Introductions and quorum determined. A Brhelle gave the territorial acknowledgement.

1.2 Regrets

None to report.

1.3 REMINDER: 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.

2 Approval Items

2.1 Agenda – Tuesday, June 18, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, June 18, 2024 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	S Northrup / J Croft

2.2 Minutes – Tuesday, May 14, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, May 14, 2024 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED	S Northrup / K Foden

3 Reports

3.1 Administration

Grad ceremony was last night. Lots of fun in record time (under 3 hours). This was our last year at Chandos Pattison Auditorium. Next year we will be at the Langley Events Centre. The Grad Walk was yesterday morning, everything went well and we got really lucky with nice weather. Scholarship afternoon was on June 11. Evening of Inspiration (12 grads celebrated/honoured for espousing the core values of SD35). Grad Banquet and Dry Grad are on Monday, June 25.

This week is the last week of classes. Last day of classes is Thursday, June 20 with Grade 12s presenting capstone projects on Friday, June 21.

Tuff Wally final fundraising total will be high \$20k/low \$30k. Last year, we were the top public high school in the province for fundraising (2nd to Crofton House School for all public/independent schools).

The 2024-2025 schedule is almost finalized. The counselling department is working to have everything in place for students.

The final music concert was on Wednesday, June 5 with a surprise for Mr Fawkes' retirement. Been at WGSS for 33 years since the school opened. Craig Rogers is hired as his replacement. Five other retirements from WGSS this year.

136 blocks posted for hiring (works out to 20+ teachers).

We hosted Premier David Eby on Monday, June 17. A small group of Grade 12s met him and asked deep, thought-provoking questions. A great representation of WGSS.

3.2 President

A Bhrelle presented PAC scholarships to two recipients at the scholarship recognition afternoon last week. Inspiring to see the hope of the potential for these extraordinary students who will be running our world. It puts a different perspective on the "bad rap" teenagers and young people can often get and gives a sense of

pride about WGSS.

We had an invitation from the TOL Mayor Eric Woodward to meet in-person, which occurred on Monday, June 17 between E Woodward, A Bhrelle, J Croft, and S Northrup. Concerns discussed were funding and parent engagement. Dry grad could always use more funding, so hopefully we planted a seed about bringing communities together to support our graduates and keep our kids safe. Other than the gaming grant, the PAC does not have significant funds in their accounts. E Woodward brought up a need to upgrade the WGSS athletic facilities.

Mr Lyndon sent out a letter on behalf of the PAC saying thank you to parents for their support and engagement.

3.3 Vice President

Nothing to report.

3.4 Treasurer

All gaming invoices are in and paid, with the exception of some big ticket items that will carry over to the 2024-2025 school year, starting July 1 (e.g., \$6,000 for theatre mural; \$5,000 towards the rainbow crosswalk; \$5,000 for the Gator Green garden; \$2,300 for a couch for the student council area). The implementation of clear due dates has made for a much easier budget season. We have scholarship money put aside for the 2024-2025 school year, but not for the 2025-2026 school year.

3.5 DPAC

Nothing to report (vacant position).

4 New Business

4.1 Nothing to report.

5 Ongoing Business

5.1 Nothing to report.

6 Correspondence

6.1 Please like and follow the WGSS PAC Facebook page and the PAC website:
<https://www.wgsspac.ca/>

7 Questions from Parents

7.1 Does the PAC do any fundraising?

We are actively looking to add a fundraising coordinator and will advertise this at

the September 10 PAC meeting. Traditionally, WGSS PAC has not done much fundraising because they wanted to avoid stepping on the toes of Dry Grad fundraising; however, we need to be mindful of setting up future years for success with finding money from other areas than gaming. Another challenge at the high school level is that students start to take the initiative for fundraising. Additionally, in this economic climate, it is difficult to continually ask parents for money or promote selling. If every family donated \$5-\$10 to WGSS, it would make a significant difference to our community.

8 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	J Croft / K Foden

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2024