



WGSS PAC Meeting Minutes
FINALIZED

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
7:02–8:17pm
WGSS Library

PAC Executive	Anuschka Brhelle (President), Steven Northrup (Vice President), Julie Croft (Treasurer), Karen Roeck (Secretary), Shivani Khera (Fundraising Coordinator), Itzel Symonds (Member at Large)
Parents	Tammie Adams, Linda Cheng, Jared Dennis, Sheira Hallam, Erin Heutink, Rya Hosanova, Victoriya Kalinichenko, Amy Liu, Tali Litvak-Kor, Amy Olson, Shannon Roth, Shafi Sarowar, Jakia Sultana, Katy Vivian, Natalie Wise, Aaron 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 and welcomed parents and staff. Introductions and quorum determined. A Brhelle gave the territorial acknowledgement.

1.2. Regrets

Kim Foden (Member at Large).

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, November 12, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, November 12, 2024 WGSS PAC meeting agenda
CARRIED	S Northrup / J Croft

2.2. Minutes – Tuesday, October 8, 2024

MOTION	TO approve the Tuesday, October 8, 2024 WGSS PAC meeting minutes
CARRIED	S Northrup / J Croft

3. Reports

3.1. Administration

Oct 9 - Grad cruise. Very rainy weather, but the students had a great time.

Oct 10 - After the provincial election, our students hosted a mock election with different results than the provincial results.

Oct 23-24 - Pretty good turnout at Parent/Teacher interviews.

Oct 31 - Halloween activities were fun and uneventful - just the way we like it in high school. We also had some Diwali activities.

Oct 29-Nov 1 - Graduation assessments for Literacy and Numeracy.

Athletics is transitioning out of fall sports into winter sports. Awards for soccer, cross country, swimming, and volleyball teams.

Nov 6 - first fall music concert.

Nov 7 - three Remembrance Day assemblies.

Nov 13 - WGSS is hosting the district music festival.

Nov 22 - first formal reporting update.

Nov 28 - Grad winter formal.

3.2. President

Nothing to report.

3.3. Vice President

Nothing to report.

3.4. Treasurer

Nothing to report.

3.5. DPAC

Nothing to report (vacant position).

4. New Business

4.1. DPAC representative

Two parents have expressed interest in becoming our DPAC representative: Amy Olson and Jared Dennis. Amy and Jared agreed to share the role by splitting attending the virtual and in-person meetings. Jared asked about how to get information about DPAC meetings. A Brhelle shared information about how to find DPAC information on the WGSS PAC website and recommended signing up for the DPAC newsletter. I Symonds confirmed that, as DPAC representatives, Amy and Jared will join the PAC executive.

4.2. Future Planning for the WGSS PAC

Shivani Khera, our fundraising coordinator, has expressed interest in any of the executive positions which will need to be filled at the end of the year. A completely new PAC Executive will have to be elected at the AGM in June 2025.

4.3. Funding requests

Every year, the gaming commission gives the school \$20/student. In October, we invite student clubs and teachers to submit funding requests. Next, the PAC executive gathers to review requests and ensure they align with gaming request eligibility criteria. Requests are brought forward to the parent community for approval. Last year, we gave each club around \$400 each. A parent asked what kind of supervision and control the PAC has of funds after they have been granted. J Croft clarified the process where receipts are submitted via the office by the teacher sponsor, then we write a cheque to reimburse expenses.

A parent asked why some clubs are getting more than \$400. J Croft explained that Dry Grad, Model UN, and Music for Wellness are categorized under "Student Club Requests" but are larger events that reach a greater number of students with more complex associated costs. A Brhelle clarified that the executive also considers amounts given in previous years when bringing forward requests to the parent community.

A parent suggested including funding requests and recommendations from past years. A Brhelle reminded the parent that next year will be an all-new PAC, so it is important to continue attending PAC meetings and asking good questions. J Croft clarified that it would be a lot of work to follow up with club leaders to obtain a report of how funds were spent, and current PAC members do not have time or space to chase students for follow-up. I Symonds suggested that next year, we include a section on the form where applicants explain the rationale for their funding requests.

A parent asked if new clubs get any funding to help with start-up costs. J Lyndon confirmed that clubs do not get funding, but all teacher sponsors are given information about how to apply for gaming requests.

A parent asked if November is the only time of year when funding requests are considered by the PAC. A Brhelle clarified that if funds allow, there will be a second round of funding requests in the spring.

A parent asked why the casino night is restricted to such a small number of students. J Lyndon explained that space is an issue, as it is hosted in the foyer; however, this is the first time he has heard feedback about students wanting to attend but unable to get tickets. He needs to connect with Grad Council to see if there are limitations regarding rental equipment restrictions.

A parent asked if sports teams should be funded by the school. A Brhelle explained that sports teams fall under extracurricular programming and are eligible to request gaming funds. J Croft clarified that requests come forward

from coaches, who are aware of school equipment inventory and additional needs. J Croft also outlined the rationale for giving new teams more funds for starting up, and then reducing amounts for more established teams. J Lyndon explained the "pay to play" model, where the athletics department charges athletics fees and collects amounts from various fundraisers (e.g., vending machines). There is no specific amount given to each team.

Summary of student club requests:

- Chess Club: \$1,100 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- D&D Club: \$150 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Literacy Alliance Club, \$800 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Dry Grad: \$4,500 requested, \$4,500 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Model UN Club: \$2,500 requested, \$2,000 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Music for Wellness: \$1,242 requested, \$1,242 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Rubik's Cube Club: \$800 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Table Top Games: \$500 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Creative Minds Arts Club: \$500 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Grad Council: \$2,000 requested, \$2,000 recommended, approved by majority vote

Summary of school requests:

- Beautification (library audio system): \$1,878 requested, \$1,878 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Beautification (elevator): \$600 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Volleyball blocking boxes: \$2,500 requested, \$2,500 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Lacrosse equipment: \$7,752 requested, \$3,500 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Rugby scrum sled: \$4,500 requested, \$4,500 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Athletics game day flags: \$400 requested, \$400 recommended, approved by majority vote
- Tuff Wally event: \$2,500 requested, \$2,500 recommended, approved by majority vote

5. Ongoing Business

5.1. PAC Fundraiser

Please help spread the word about our PAC Fundraiser. Donations can be made to the PAC through SchoolCashOnline.

A parent asked if donations are tax deductible. J Croft explained that parents can donate through the district foundation; however, the foundation keeps 10% of the amount donated, and there are restrictions on how the PAC can spend the money. A Brhelle clarified that it can take time for the funds to make their way to the PAC, so it may not come in time for scholarship distribution.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Please like and follow the WGSS PAC Facebook page, and encourage others to do so.

6.2. The PAC now has space allocated in the Gator News.

6.3. PAC website: <https://www.wgsspac.ca/> All approved minutes are posted on the PAC website.

7. Questions from Parents

7.1. What will the PAC do with the gaming fund excess (\$41,960 received, \$27,820 approved)?

A Brhelle explained that there will be a second round of gaming requests in the spring to leave room for unanticipated future needs.

7.2. What will happen with funds for the future PAC?

A Brhelle clarified that the current PAC brings up a succession plan at every PAC meeting to give people time to plan and set up the PAC well for future years. A Brhelle was willing to serve as Past President, but no one came forward at the June 2024 AGM. A Brhelle and J Croft are willing to answer questions and help the new PAC in the transition period.

8. Adjournment

8.1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

MOTION	THAT the WGSS PAC meeting be adjourned
CARRIED	J Croft

8.2. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025