

Westwind PAC April Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025 @ 6:30pm via Teams

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Welcome!

1. Approval of the minutes from the last PAC Meeting ([February 2025](#)): moved Thomas, seconded Christie, PASSED.
2. Chair's Report
 - Jordan read out the response from Connie Huang, President of the RDPA re: letter about SOGI policy. If you're interested in reading this response and/or the RDPA Constitution, please email Jordan at rudekteacher@gmail.com.
 - We're still looking for a Parent Education Coordinator and a Grade 7 Yearbook Pages Coordinator - connect with Jordan if you can help!
3. Treasurer's Report
 - Presentation of [February](#) & [March](#) financial reports
 - March numbers are pretty accurate because March is the end of a Munch-a-lunch ordering period. We are still in really good shape!
 - Some receipts have just come in for larger expenses, which is good. Teachers are aware of their classroom allocations and are encouraged to spend what they have.
 - Jordan met with Susan about school needs beyond what we've already approved.
 - Susan brought up PAC potentially funding school sports team celebrations (pizza lunch, etc). We talked about also supporting clubs with materials and/or celebrations, etc. possibly with a small amount per team/club, or a per student funding model. Christie mentioned that it might be nice to have some kind of 'badge' that kids can collect for participating. Question: how are clubs advertised? Mostly through in-school announcements/posters and/or class visits & teacher reminders. Sometimes there are age limits due to space constraints, but often it's drop in when you like! It might be nice to have info sent home in September to families so that kids that are new to the school can be aware of the opportunities. Sometimes clubs aren't so formal or start up mid-year, so communication can be tricky, but check out the school instagram for info!
4. Committee and Club Reports
 - Fundraising
 - **Snack Day:** next one will be held on May 9th **AFTER SCHOOL** - have students bring their loonies & toonies!
 - **Spring Plant Fundraiser:** on from now until April 16. Pick-up May 2 in front of the school. Order here:

- <https://westwindelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
 - **Movie night:** Friday, April 25th for the Dogman movie! More details to come.
- Munch-a-Lunch:
 - **Ordering is now open** for April to June! The first deadline is tomorrow (April 8) for lunch on April 15.
 - **Reminders:** if your child is away on a hot lunch day, here are your pick-up options:
 - Pick up between **11:30-11:45am from the multipurpose room.**
 - Pick up from the office after school or the next day. *Please note that meals will not be held over the weekend.*
 - If you are able to advise the hot lunch team ahead of time, please email jesswchan22@gmail.com.
- Grade 6/7 Outdoor Education & Farewell Fundraising (Pizza Days): no update
- Grade 7 Farewell Committee: no update
- Parent Social (Meghan & Alanna):
 - Wild Wild West-Wind on May 10th @ The Steveston Hub. Early-bird pricing until April 15 only! Buy your tickets on Munch-a-lunch 😊
 - If you have Silent Auction items to donate, please email westwinddance@gmail.com to arrange.
 - Come on out - it'll be good fun!
- Yearbook Committee: no update

5. Other business: AGM is coming up in May and two PAC Executive

6. Administrative Report

Susan

- We have 3 Teacher Candidates with us currently - welcome!
- Staffing updates: we just hired a 3rd noon-hour supervisor - Julianna Leckner has joined us. Angela Mok has also been covering a leave for an admin assistant in the office. Welcome! We also have two postings open now for EAs. We are also launching into the staffing process for next year - meetings are happening this month with the district to confirm staffing & class organization.
- Budget news: the district (and many across the province) is facing a deficit of about 2.2 million due to increasing costs. They are avoiding layoffs, but will have to make program cuts to claw back the deficit.
- After school hangout sessions are resuming this Wednesday (weather permitting)! Join us on the playground after school for unstructured outdoor play and family hangout time!

Ellen

- The school story is evolving and we are looking to add a numeracy goal for the coming years: <https://westwind.sd38.bc.ca/our-school-story>.
- Westwind will be a voting site for the federal election on April 28th - access will be through the multipurpose entrance to block off public access from staff & students, with extra
- Learning updates will be posted on April 29th through MyEd.
- The district strategic plan is up for renewal, so stakeholder consultations are

happening now. Open houses are happening now - check out the dates here: <https://westwind.sd38.bc.ca/news/2025/04/strategic-plan-open-houses-april-2025>

- Non-Instructional Day on May 16 will be focused on Indigenous Education - no school in session this day.

Upcoming dates available on the school website: <https://westwind.sd38.bc.ca/>

- Monday, May 26 - District Track Meet for grades 4-7.
- June 20 - Year-End Assembly
- June 26 - Grade 7 Farewell

Question re: numeracy education & artificial intelligence - is this conversation coming up? How might AI change numeracy education?

Ellen: this is being discussed at a district level. Questions include: what competencies are we hoping for? How might these competencies apply to navigating AI tools? What are the different ways we can understand math concepts? How can we ensure that students are curious and inquiry-driven?

Susan: currently, the policy is that elementary students only use specific AI tools with the guidance of their teachers. We are definitely in the middle of a learning curve, and high school students are already using it and experimenting, with teachers a bit less, and administrators a bit less than that! Conversations are ongoing.

8. Adjournment: moved Jamie, seconded Tasha, PASSED.

Thanks everyone!

Meeting adjourned: 7:31pm.

**Next meeting: May monthly meeting, followed by PAC Annual General Meeting
Monday, May 26 @6:30pm via TEAMS**