



West Boundary Elementary School
Regular Meeting of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
WBES Library, Rock Creek, BC
Wednesday, March 18, 2025 at 4:15pm
MINUTES

The President called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

Present:

Tanya R.	President / Co-Treasurer
Tessa S.	Vice President / Co-Treasurer
Amber P.	DPAC Rep
Nick B.	Principal / Member at Large
Rose Z.	Trustee
Ashley A.	Member at Large
Thomas S.	Member at Large
Pattie K.	Member at Large
Tia N.	Member at Large

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Call for New Business

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the Agenda for 18-Mar-2026 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the 18-Feb-2026 Regular PAC Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Treasurer's Report

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the 18-Mar-2026 Treasurer's Report be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Principal's Report

See Attached Report

- WBES is going to have a pre-school running for 3- & 4-year-olds after Spring break. 4 days a week from 12:30-3pm in the Strongstart room. Some parents raised questions about changing the time to be 1-3:30pm so it coincides with the end of the day bell.

DPAC Report

- PAC appointees confirmed (can be changed as needed).
- Executive (Until next AGM):
 - Chair – Roly Russel
 - Vice – Amber Petrie
 - Treasurer – Laura Lewis
 - Secretary – Alison MacMaster
- Members at Large: Michael Mizuik, Bethany Thate
- Open bank account at Beam Credit Union – signers: chair, secretary, treasurer
- Fiscal year end: June 30th
- Opportunities to join district committees (policy, finance & operations, education, budget, strategic planning, board evaluation). More details were requested before assigning roles.
- Potential conflict noted for employees on Board of Evaluation Committee.
- DPAC provides a district-wide parent voice (per Trustee: Rose Zitko).
- Bus cameras (external) would be something parents could take to DPAC.
- \$2500 Gaming Grant can fund parent Pro-D (eg: mental health speakers).
- Scholarships are no longer eligible to come from Gaming Grant funds.

Trustee's Report

- April 21, 2026 the regular meeting of SD51 board of trustees will be held at WBES at 6pm.
- Superintendent changeover on August 1, 2026

Correspondence

- N/A

Old Business

- Portable/Folding Bleachers – Nick – Bleachers did not get ordered last month. School credit card needed to be used and not personal card. Nick will make sure to order before Spring break.
- Puppet Show – Booked for the afternoon of May 21st. Invoice has been paid \$1,050.00.
- Baldy Ski Trips – SD51 sent invoice for the 3 intermediate ski days, totalling: \$1,124.85. Waiting for invoice for 4th (primary) ski day. Average \$370-\$380 per trip.

New Business

- Swing Set – Tanya asked if the district was still planning to install the swings that didn't get installed last summer? Nick says yes and also noted that we are getting new window coverings in the school as well as a couple of new door configurations to make better use of space with the library office rooms over the summer too.
- New fundraiser ideas were discussed, events that bring the school and community together rather than just selling products – see: Future Agenda Items.
- Tia – brought up discussion around the grade 7 yearbooks to possibly see if the class could somehow get signatures or notes/comments in the yearbooks? Thinking that maybe Avery labels would be the easiest option, then when yearbooks arrive, kids can put their stickers on the covers or pages inside.

Fundraisers

- Easter Pie Fundraiser – Complete. 60 pies (11 extra). Cost \$325.75. Profit \$310.25
- Easter Purdy's Chocolate – Complete. 5 orders. Sales \$666.00. Profit \$166.50
- Kernel's Popcorn – Complete. Still have about 12 bags left to sell.
- 50/50 Cash Raffle – Active. March 16 – April 23. \$2/ticket. 1000 tickets available.
- Growing Smiles Plants – Active. Online ordering is open. Paper copies to go home after Spring Break. Deadline to order is May 4. Delivery May 19. Pickup May 19-21.
- Sysco – Amber talked to a rep again, was told they do offer a discount for fundraisers, and we set the selling price. Amber has a price for hotdogs. Also, will ask about throwing together a few items for a "bbq pack" and see if it will be worthwhile to host this fundraiser.

Upcoming Dates

See School Calendar.

Future Agenda Items

- End of Year 50/50
- End of Year Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser
- Christmas Artwork Cards in conjunction with Coffee Fundraiser (Nov/Dec)
- Dinner & Movie Night Fundraiser (Grade 7's may already be organizing this)
- Pumpkin Carving Night – Purchase a pumpkin, carve at the school. (October also has Harvest Lunch and Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser in early/mid Oct. and Book Fair which runs the last week of Oct).
- Reusable Snack Bags
- Mabel's Labels
- BBQ Silent Auction (at the April BBQ/Earth Day 2027)
- Crazy Hot Chocolate Fundraiser (pay per cup and additional toppings)
- Swimming Field Trip to Greenwood Pool
- Swimming Days to Grand Forks Aquatic Centre (SD51 has user agreement with GF Rec).

Upcoming Meeting(s)

Next Regular Meeting: Monday May 11, 2026 @ 4:15pm
Next Regular Meeting: Monday June 8, 2026 @ 4:15pm
Next Regular Meeting (AGM) Wednesday September 23 @ 4:15pm

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

Principal's Report – March 2026

Dear Families,

As we approach Spring Break, I'm excited to share some wonderful highlights from the past few weeks at our school.

Our final intermediate ski day at Baldy Mountain Resort was an outstanding success. Every one of our intermediate students graduated to using the chair lift—an achievement they should be very proud of. Our primary students also had an incredible day, showing perseverance, courage, and tremendous support for one another. Baldy Mountain Resort continues to be the best place for our students to learn and grow on the mountain, thanks to its excellent facilities, affordability, and exceptional staff.

Monday night pickleball has also wrapped up for the season, and it was amazing to see how much skill and confidence students developed over the weeks. A huge thank-you to Todd Dynesson for once again dedicating his time and energy to making this program possible.

Basketball season came to an exciting finish as well. Our boys' team capped things off with a 4–1 record, while our girls team went a perfect 4–0 at the wrap-up play day at BCSS. For the fourth year in a row, WBES is number one in basketball! Of course, our staff did their part to keep our athletes grounded, delivering a spirited and entertaining challenge game in front of a very enthusiastic crowd on Monday. Well done, staff — and I hope everyone's knees are feeling okay!

Our intramural program, featuring "Steal It," has also come to a close, ending with a surprising but exciting upset: Red defeated the powerhouse Yellow team to claim gold. Congratulations to all participants for their energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

This week, our "Tastebuds & Traditions" program came to a beautiful conclusion with a feast showcasing the incredible dishes our Grade 7 students created under Ginette's guidance. The program highlighted a variety of Indigenous culinary traditions, and the learning and pride on display were truly inspiring.

In another exciting culinary challenge, our Grade 7s also held a salsa-making competition using ingredients from our school garden. As a three-time salsa judge from the fall fair, I can confidently say the competition is getting tougher every year.

Tomorrow, we launch our inaugural "Ignite the Wild" outdoor education event. Students will travel in teams through various stations designed to help them explore and appreciate the great outdoors. We're looking forward to an incredible day of hands-on learning and adventure.

Report Cards will be going home tomorrow as well. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We value our partnership with families and are here to support every student's success.

Finally, I want to wish all our students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and rejuvenating Spring Break. Thank you for your continued support and for helping make WBES such a vibrant, caring community.

Take care,

Nick