



West Boundary Elementary School
Regular Meeting of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
WBES Library, Rock Creek, BC
Monday, April 13, 2025 at 4:15pm
MINUTES

The President called the meeting to order at 4:15pm

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 (Joined at 4:38pm)
Ashley A.	Member at Large
Christina D.	Member at Large

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Call for New Business

- Bingo Night Fundraiser

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the Agenda for 13-Apr-2026 be adopted as amended to add new business."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the 18-March-2026 Regular PAC Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Treasurer's Report

MOVED/SECONDED

"That the 13-Apr-2026 Treasurer's Report be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Principal's Report

See Attached Report

Trustees Report

- Trustee elections are being held this year in October.
- 4 trustees will not be returning – Greenwood and 3 from Grand Forks.

DPAC Report

- N/A

Correspondence

- N/A

Old Business

- Portable/Folding Bleachers – Nick – Ordered 2x 9ft long sets for \$2830.80.
- Grade 7 Yearbooks (Tanya emailed Amanda T.) Re: labels to take home with class signatures/friend notes. She emailed back saying she would talk to the kids. I offered for PAC to cover the cost of the labels if that is something they wanted to do.

New Business

- Gaming Grant – Applied for on April 7 - \$2,160 is what they indicated we should receive for the 2026/27 school year.
- Mabels Labels – Fully online – Ongoing – They send us a cheque once a month when we have a minimum of \$50 earned, otherwise it rolls over to the next month.
- Bingo Night Fundraiser – Would be fun to host a family bingo night with concession next year. Things to consider:
 - User agreement/rental cost with SD51 to use the school after hours – Does PAC get to use for free, or get a discounted rate?
 - Licensing fee from BC Gaming
 - Volunteers to run bingo and concession
 - Rose thinks the Beavercreek club might still have their older bingo roller and balls – she will check and let us know.
 - Where to we get/borrow bingo roller and balls if not?
- “Are we excluding many students in the name of inclusion?” – Questions and thoughts voiced from a number of parents at WBES.
 - Discussion ensued around the topic of inclusion, rainbow day, SOGI, sexual education in the classroom, and how some families don't feel comfortable having their children exposed to certain topics at certain ages but feel that their values are being excluded in the name of inclusion and their only “choice” is to keep their children home on certain days.
 - In the end, the conclusion of the discussion was that:
 - a) Families have decided to enroll in public school and in doing so have consented to what is required to be taught through the provincial curriculum.
 - b) Families have a choice to what their children participate and don't participate in at school, however, non-participation usually means staying home that day.
 - c) Concerns regarding curriculum should be brought to the attention of the teacher, principal and/or district superintendent.

Fundraisers

- Kernel's Popcorn – Complete. All bags are sold. Sales \$1,062. Cost \$640.50. Profit \$421.50
- 50/50 Cash Raffle – Active. March 16 – April 23. \$2/ticket. 1000 tickets available.
- Growing Smiles Plants – Active. Online ordering is open. Paper copies have gone home with students. Deadline to order is May 4. Delivery May 19. Pickup May 19-21.
- Sysco – Amber – Update regarding BBQ packs. Unfortunately, the price point would be too high for most families to consider supporting. We will not be going ahead with Sysco fundraising.
- PAC has decided to hold off on organizing any more big fundraisers this school year.

Upcoming Dates

See School Calendar.

Future Agenda Items

- Pancake Breakfast – First day of school (Sept)
- 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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

Principal's Report – April 2026

Dear Families,

Although it has only been a short time since our last Principal's Report, there has been a great deal happening at WBES!

We have now hosted two successful Ignite the Wild events, the first on March 19 and the second on April 16. These rich, hands-on outdoor learning experiences have provided students with meaningful opportunities to explore, collaborate, and build confidence in nature. Across the two events, students participated in activities such as map reading and a treasure hunt, campfire apple crisp, DIY fire starters, rock painting, microscope discovery, pinecone games, and many other fun outdoor games led by Ginette.

We were also pleased to welcome Oliver Search and Rescue, who shared valuable outdoor safety and survival skills with students. Both events were engaging, well-attended, and enjoyed by all.

Our Big Buddies and Little Buddies, working together in their House Teams, continue to do excellent work building connections across grade levels and strengthening our sense of community and belonging.

Our Green Team and Hiking Club are back up and running, along with LEGO and Coding Clubs, providing students with a wide range of enrichment opportunities during and beyond the school day.

We were very pleased with the strong attendance at our Ready, Set, Learn event, and our Preschool program has now begun and is running every afternoon.

Last week, we welcomed Lori Weidenhammer, also known as Madame Beespeaker, who introduced students to the fascinating world of native bees. We are fortunate to live in a region that is home to over 450 species of bees, and students gained valuable insight into their importance within our local ecosystem.

We also had a visit from Science World, who presented The Science of Sport to our students. Through live experiments and interactive demonstrations, students explored the scientific principles behind athletic performance—an engaging and memorable experience for all.

School spirit was on full display during our recent "Rhyme Without Reason" Spirit Day, with many creative, hilarious, and memorable outfits throughout the school.

Looking ahead, Earth Day takes place tomorrow, along with our BBQ Lunch and Student-Led Conferences, followed by early dismissal. We are very much looking forward to welcoming families into the school.

Finally, our Technology Symposium will be held on April 30, featuring coding and building challenges for our intermediate students. We will also celebrate Twin Day on May 7. Stay tuned for more details about these upcoming events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Talk soon,
Nick