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WPAC Meeting

Invited Nick Mao Cory Masters leila Jessie Li mo.alnaeb@gmail.com
Ana Barreira - WPAC treasurer Sarah Wong Stina Martinez Juan Wang
Lindsay Morton

Attachments  WPAC Meeting

Meeting records  Transcript

Summary

Cory Masters opened the PAC meeting with Stina Martinez and Lindsay Morton providing the principal's update, thanking the PAC for their Christmas gifts and initiatives, and discussing enrollment, the hot lunch program, and upcoming school events like Lunar New Year and Pink Shirt Day. Lindsay Morton and Stina Martinez shared updates on professional development with Sarah Ward and Matt Glover, new school upgrades like the PA system, and the continued focus on the school's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning writing goal, which will also involve Carrie Wilson. Cory Masters gained PAC Exec approval to use \$1,400 from the gaming grant for a sensory room and proposed using additional gaming grant funds for a new gym projector and the confirmed hip-hop program; he also shared a positive financial update, including Lillian Wang's clarification on Fun Lunch income, and discussed the delayed playground update, which will now be a multi-year PAC fundraising initiative. Jessie Li provided a DPAC update, encouraging attendance at the Sarah Ward event and mentioning the availability of mini traffic grants, and Sarah Wong initiated planning for the Spring Fling, requesting volunteers to help coordinate the event.

Details

- **Welcome and Principal's Update** Cory Masters opened the first PAC meeting of 2026, wishing everyone a happy new year ([00:00:00](#)). Stina Martinez and Lindsay Morton provided the principal's update, sharing that the kids were happy to be back at school ([00:01:42](#)) and thanking the PAC for the Christmas sweatpants for staff, which they are "obsessed" with and wear on WCOT Wednesdays. They also thanked the PAC for organizing the holiday concert and the "Created by Kids" initiative ([00:02:38](#)).
- **Enrollment and School Operations** Stina Martinez reported on enrollment, noting that offers have been made to in-catchment families for the 2026-2027 school year, and registration for out-of-catchment families starts on January 15th ([00:04:25](#)). Lindsay Morton provided an update on the hot lunch program, reminding parents that there is a 10-day lag from when an order is placed ([00:03:32](#)), and Nick Mao confirmed that hot lunch is "back to normal" with the same vendors and routine ([00:18:23](#)). Lindsay Morton and Stina Martinez also acknowledged the Lunar New Year team for their hard work on the upcoming celebration, which will involve various student presentations ([00:04:25](#)).
- **Transitions and Spring Return** Stina Martinez stated that families were invited to two open houses regarding Grade 7 to Grade 8 transitions, and declaration of intent is due by January 22nd. The high schools are scheduled to visit WCOT in early February to help smooth the transition for Grade 7s ([00:05:23](#)). Stina Martinez also informed families that students are physically expected to be back at school on September 8th this year ([00:06:18](#)).
- **Special Events and Sports** Lindsay Morton announced that the Grade 7 basketball season has started, with the first game next Tuesday, and thanked the coaches, including Mr. B, Mr. Cullen, and Miss Pang ([00:06:18](#)). Upcoming events include Lunar New Year, Naruse on March 6th, and the Reading Link Challenge for grades four and five, which has started practice. The school is also planning a schoolwide dance for Pink Shirt Day on February 25th, focusing on kindness and anti-bullying ([00:07:08](#)). Additionally, the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation will take place in February to promote physical literacy and staying active ([00:08:18](#)).
- **Professional Development and School Upgrades** Lindsay Morton highlighted a professional development session on January 30th featuring Sarah Ward, an expert in executive functioning skills, and encouraged parents to attend her DPAC

session on January 28th ([00:09:20](#)). Stina Martinez provided an update on the Spring Concert for grades 5 to 7 choir and band, led by Miss Ing and Mr. Mi, scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd ([00:10:27](#)). Lindsay Morton mentioned that the PA system is very close to being finished, making WCOT the first school to install this new system ([00:09:20](#)).

- **Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) and Writing Goal** Lindsay Morton discussed the school's FESL work, which continues to focus on the writing goal. Wescott is hosting Matt Glover, an expert in teaching writing, to work with staff on practical strategies and literacy foundations, emphasizing building confident and curious writers ([00:11:26](#)). Carrie Wilson, the district innovation leader, will also be involved in combining technology with writing for intermediate students ([00:12:34](#)).
- **Gaming Grant and Budget Approvals** Cory Masters addressed the need to spend excess funds from previous years' gaming grants ([00:13:27](#)). They requested and received approval from the PAC Exec to allocate \$1,400 of the gaming grant towards creating a sensory room for students ([00:14:24](#)), supplementing a grant received from the Variety Children's Foundation ([00:15:44](#)). Cory Masters also floated the idea of using gaming grant funds to purchase a new ceiling projector for the gym, for which Lindsay Morton and Stina Martinez are securing a quote from the IT department ([00:16:41](#)). Additionally, the gaming grant will be used to fund the confirmed hip-hop program scheduled for the beginning of May ([00:17:28](#)).
- **Fundraising Initiative and Financial Update** Cory Masters proposed a new fundraising idea for Westcot baseball caps, similar to the existing sweatpants and sweatshirts, to be offered via a pre-sale through Muncha Lunch ([00:17:28](#)). Cory Masters presented the financials, noting that Fun Lunch income is slightly ahead of the forecasted goal. Lillian Wang (Juan Wang in the transcript) provided details on bank deposits and calculations, stating that they are closer to 65% of the yearly income goal for Fun Lunch after adding unrecorded deposits and markups ([00:20:13](#)).
- **Financial Reserves and Future Projects** Cory Masters confirmed a healthy overall cash balance of \$88,000, including \$25,000 in the gaming grant account ([00:27:58](#)). The need for a new fridge for the PAC kitchen is being considered, which is why a larger budget is available in the kitchen fund ([00:22:05](#)). Cory Masters updated the PAC on the playground project, explaining that district funding will be delayed due to older playgrounds with safety concerns at other

schools. The playground update is now projected as a 3-5 year PAC initiative requiring significant fundraising, and an ongoing check writing campaign is planned to begin raising the substantial amount needed ([00:25:57](#)).

- **DPAC and Community Updates** Jessie Li provided an update on the DPAC meeting, encouraging parents to attend the education event on January 28th, led by Sarah Ward ([00:28:50](#)). Jessie Li also mentioned that DPAC encourages every school to apply for the \$300 mini traffic grants, and Cory Masters offered to apply for WCOT. The presentation at the DPAC meeting focused on fundamental skills with an emphasis on literacy, and the district is doing well with their writing initiatives ([00:29:59](#)). Jessie Li also reported on international student enrollment, noting 456 students across 12 schools, providing a stable income stream ([00:31:41](#)).
- **Spring Fling and Parent Engagement** Sarah Wong announced that planning for Spring Fling is starting and requested volunteers to coordinate or run parts of the event ([00:31:41](#)). Meetings will typically be held at the school library about half an hour before pickup time, and details will be shared through Stina Martinez's newsletters and the PAC WhatsApp group. Lirica identified an issue with the link for the parent education event in the e-bulletin, and Stina Martinez apologized and stated they would resend the correct link ([00:33:17](#)).

Suggested next steps

- Cory Masters will work on getting quotes and pricing for Westcot baseball caps and send the information to the PAC executive.
- Cory Masters will apply for the \$300 mini traffic grant for school traffic safety.
- Stina Martinez will send out the e-bulletin with the correct link for the Sarah Ward DPAC event.
- Cory Masters will work with Lindsay Morton and Stina Martinez to ensure that the purchases for the sensory room align with the gaming grant guidelines.

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