



WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

West Vancouver Secondary School PAC Executive Meeting 2 Thursday, 06 November, 2025 Time: 9:00 am

Attendees: Steve Rauh, Dana Sebal, Julie Bruford, Rickilla Landra, Alice Chang, Debra Kimura, Neggy Agnew, Amy Ng, Liz Yoon, Alicia Fernandez, Sachi Yamanaka, Claire Wang, Golsa Alavi, Tammy Brockmeyer, Sarah Caines

PAC Executive for 2025-2026:

- **Co-Chairs:** Dana Sebal [REDACTED] & Julie Bruford [REDACTED]
- **Vice-Chair:** Casey White [REDACTED]
- **Treasurer:** Stephen Scali wvsspactreasurer@gmail.com
- **Secretary:** Rickilla Landra [REDACTED]
- **DPAC Reps:** Neggy Agnew [REDACTED], Julie Cameron [REDACTED], Amy Ng [REDACTED]
- **Education & Athletics Council:** Joanne Lotz [REDACTED]
- **Website:** Alice Chang [REDACTED]
- **Translators:**
 - Mandarin:** Emily (Xiao Yin) Wang [REDACTED]
 - Spanish:** Paola Malvido [REDACTED]
 - Farsi:** Saghar Tofigh [REDACTED] + Parnian ("Peri Nouri") Khajehnouri [REDACTED]
- **Members at Large (in alphabetical order):** Golsa Alavi, Tammy Brockmeyer, Sarah Caines, Savita Chopra, Janny Fang, Alicia Fernandez, Francine Field, Pilar Gonzalez, Emma He, Debra Kimura, Stephanie LeComte, Jenny Liu, Maria Lague, Leslie Macgregor, Paola Malvido, Bitra Moradi, Peri Nouri, Jian Para, Sophie Pezeshkan, Tina Pu, Saghar Tofigh, Catalda Van Dyke, Susana Varas, Claire Wang, Emily Wang, Wendy Wu, Sachi Yamanaka, Liz Yoon

1. Principal's Report – Mr. Steve Rauh.

- *Progress Reports* for all students are now available online. Report cards come out in early December.
- *AI in schools:* Cari Wilson is leading the AI education program for the district. WVSS started an AI seminar series for students 2 weeks ago. After an introduction to AI, kids watched a video from the creators of ChatGPT, then worked on establishing a common basis of understanding to use AI. Certain AI tools [such as BRISK] are approved for school use. Students are learning the four scenarios when it is appropriate to use AI: as an idea starter, for feedback, to make improvements, and as a work partner. Instruction and assessment are intertwined; students may create a chatbot in Brisk and load in all their learning material to solve problems and search for specific data. AI is also helpful in language translation and

coding. Steve explained that teachers may access the “Turn It In” app to check student work for AI cheating.

- *Remembrance Day*: the school is organizing two ceremonies at the Kay Meek Centre on Monday November 10.
- *WVSS sports teams* are doing well. The school now has a 3-headed camera [to be installed by late November] to record sports games in the gym and live stream them for family members to watch.
- *Traffic issues*: PAC can apply for the \$500 West Van District traffic mini grant, either this month or in May 2026. Steve explained that the school would like safety vests and handheld stop signs for traffic control. The traffic lights at Mathers and 15th St will soon have an advance left turn light, This may relieve some traffic congestion on Mathers. With construction finally coming to an end, the large student parking lot between North and South campus is expected to re-open in Spring 2026.

2. Treasurer's report – Stephen Scali is absent today

- The treasurer’s report covers all 3 accounts: Gaming, Trust & General. All PAC accounts are in good standing. The gaming grant was approved.

3. Fundraising:

- *Community Spirit*: Julie Bruford & Tammy Brockmeyer are taking the lead to make more WVSS/Highlanders branded items available for students and parents. Neggy also offered to help with a merchandise sub-committee. Ideas include bleacher pads, bleacher chair cushions, waterproof picnic blankets, hats, sweatshirts, pants, scarves, signs, etc. This effort will be coordinated with Jo-Anne McKee, merchandise coordinator [REDACTED]
- *Winter 2025 fundraisers* have begun: Growing Smiles plant sales, Purdy’s Chocolates, PAC optional donation [school cash online] and Tru Earth laundry subscriptions.
 - Bitia has agreed to help Dana coordinate the December Growing Smiles orders. Rickilla can help with Growing Smiles pickup day [other volunteers welcome].
 - Deborah and Alicia will coordinate Purdy’s Chocolates orders [same pickup date].
- *Future fundraising ideas*: we could use Square to set up wish lists for donations and integrate our fundraising with a website to show progress towards each goal.
- *Spring Fair*: Amy suggested we organize a Mayfair style event in the Spring of 2026 or 2027. Steve Rauh agreed that we can reserve the field or the gym to host such events. Amy and Julie Cameron may form a sub-committee for this initiative.
- *Staff Appreciation lunch*: Golsa, Alicia, and Amy volunteered to organize this June 2026 event during our last meeting. Julie suggested that PAC members wear WVSS T-shirts or name badges to make us more identifiable and coherent as a team.
- *Student Food Sale*: Steve has invited the PAC to observe this student-run event in April.
- *Planning Note*: for any fundraising ideas Steve Rauh suggested we be very specific in what the goals of the event are. Amy, Tammy & Julie will put together proposals to present to the PAC at our next exec meeting.

4. Website – Alice Chang:

- Alice continues to run the website and is hoping to have a new PAC email address soon. Rickilla will send Alice the meeting minutes.

5. 2026 Keynote Speaker Suggestion – Julie

- Reframe Voices, www.reframevoices.ca provides education on eating and body image disorders. Julie would like to invite a representative to speak as a keynote speaker in spring. If that is well received, we could investigate supporting a workshop in the future.

6. DPAC Report - Neggy & Amy

- *November 05, 2026:* The mystery guest was the president of the West Van Teachers Association. Teachers' contracts are up for renewal soon.
- All PACS are supposed to have their new email address [we do not have ours yet]. This will include a free drive and access to Canva.
- December 3rd is the DPAC world café event. The next guest speaker in 2026 will be Sarah Ward, parent educator. Tickets will be available in January.
- Chris Kenndy provided updated [lower] figures for international students and English learners.
- West Vancouver academies are a success; perhaps more students could speak about their experiences during future events.

The next WVSS PAC executive meeting will be in late January, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 AM