

**WEPAC Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

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*The WEPAC respectfully acknowledges that we all live and learn in the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Tla-o-qui-aht & Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. As parents of future generations we must all strive to provide safe, inclusive spaces and continually seek opportunities to grow and learn together.*

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*In Attendance: Dani, Drew, Lindsay, Cindy, Anne, Naomi, Beth, Ron, Amorita*

1. Call to Order - 6:34pm
2. Approval of Agenda - any new discussion to add to the agenda?
3. Approval of October 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes - approved
4. WEPAC + Admin Updates
  - 4.1. WEPAC Updates - Lindsay/Cindy
    - Naomi - job description and action items for new treasurer, no new additions beyond update sent via email
  - 4.2. School Admin Updates -
  - 4.3. Drew - THANK YOU NAOMI ! for all your service as treasurer
    - Dani - FA classes are sewing sequins and feathers with T+R day blanket. Great project for COVID because the kids can work at their own pace and they don't miss anything. Grace has a dream of post Covid kids and teachers in regalia and to have a full school celebration. The energy and community building is lovely with this project. Plan is to have as many done before Christmas as possible.
    - 4.3.1. Childcare Spaces Update before care, toddler (nap room space), after school care.
      - Baseball diamond is going to be repositioned. teaching amphitheatre for school use.
      - Covered use area. Announcement for funding will come in May. Dani - nice to get together with stakeholders in the community and hopeful for grant approval. potentially Strong Start classroom and professional development spaces for post secondary education.
      - Naomi - suggestion of incorporating staff housing into the daycare space. Not allowed to as the requirements of the building. Gazebo outdoor space is still a go, this is in addition.
      - Anne - make sure the businesses who donated to Funday Monday re: gazebo are acknowledged and communicated that this is where their funds went. CWRS recognized for the work they've done in the area rehabilitating it. Cindy - very wet/rainy area? Drew says it stays relatively dry in that area. 4th street mitigation with District to help with drainage. Confirmed with CWCRS that the space is fine. Funded by the Gov of BC. Stakeholders - DoT daycare, Ty-Hystanis daycare. The school district has always said that Tofino was next for a daycare when new funding was released.
    - 4.3.2. Swimming Lessons go ahead!! January 10th start date. Shandy will be teaching. Alys Hoyland will be helping with swimming lessons. Ocean Village is confirmed. Bus is

serviced and has its commercial vehicle approval. Need confirmation about bus decal.  
Gaming grant - to swimming. Need confirmation - Naomi to look into it. Kids are stoked!

4.3.3. Student Assessment/evaluations in the era of COVID i.e. What trends we are seeing and targeted strategies Drew shared a picture of their evaluation set up. Red - not there, yellow, beginning, green - meeting Blue - extending. At start of year: Expectations and Social - emotional learning. Absences prolonged period of time due to covid. Indigenous students are more affected by prolonged absences. Next steps are to look at what type of challenges are students are having. How can student/teacher/parent support the student? Real correlation between attendance and assessments. PAC - messaging around importance of attendance? This information is shared individually amongst parents. Cindy - maybe communicating this information broadly to parents would help us all support each other with attendance. Potential to show to a larger audience in a way that is beneficial to the whole community? How can we as a PAC support? Dani - the importance of kindergarten. Great Pro -D day discussion on literacy with Ms Morris. The school recognizes that the ½ days are difficult, but also super important to have the discussions with the parents about these topics. Homework club starting next week. Depending on COVID wanting to get back to Welcome backs, Ready set learn, more resources. Dani - thank you for feeding the kids PAC! Important to have full bellies for learning. Will Heartwood leaving the gardens be an issue Wick enrollment? Drew - not sure, possibly. There is wiggle room for space for kids from Heartwood. Even if they are looking at a distance learning program there are options the school could discuss with parents.

4.4. School Lunch Program Updates - Chef Ron - Helene, Ron, Cindy - grant discussion around Farm to Cafeteria to be continued. 3 aspects - hands on piece, community connection and incorporating healthy food in the school. Indigenous food day? Could fit under grant and could be the launch meal. Salmon BBQ?

## 5. New Discussions

5.1. Fundraising - Annual Financial Calendar of WEPAC. The WEPAC should actively begin to fundraise again to ensure consistent reserve funding for the future.

Let us know when we can safely hold an outdoor event. Potentially spring?

Holiday shopping spree - not possible this year

Older student council kids want to make movies/have a before Christmas event. door decorating, festive dress up day. Student council is discussing decorating outdoors somewhere.

Funday Monday is probable.

5.2. Future Planning - Transitioning the Treasurer Role - possible to have Scott Adair help with quickbooks and Cindy Orr to become treasurer

## 6. Action Items from Previous Meetings

6.1. Thank you's to funders by Amorita - in progress

6.2. \$300 Classroom Gifts to Teachers - in progress

6.3. Contacting past WEPAC members on Garden + Playground bank acct to close them. - Cindy to connect with former members and Naomi to set it up.

6.4. Safeteen - Update from Beth - Beth will connect with Drew and Dani for survey questions and talk to them about dates for Safeteen

6.5. Foundation Skills Assessment - provides a snapshot for Grades 4 & 7 - Mandated assessment by government. Push back from students as FSA isn't a perfect way of assessment. Letter sent didn't go through the proper vetting with HR.

7. Setting Next Meeting Date - January 18, 2022 6:30pm

8. Adjournment 8:19pm

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What is a PAC? From [bccpac.bc.ca](http://bccpac.bc.ca)

The [School Act](#) gives parents the right, through Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), to provide feedback in their school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the education of the students and the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.