

FSS PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

In Attendance:

Jason Sommerfeld	Rachel Romero	Patty Villaseñor
Mark Elson	Sheri Earle	Erin Webber
Nic Heckendorf	Isabel Craig	Christina Fraser
Nancy Reid	Deb Davidson	Tanya Malcolm
Nat Parr	Treena Drotar	Ami Barras
Tanya Bossio	Jane Johnson	Kate Dillon
Charlie Sawatzky	Amber David	Heather Hammett
Amy Attalla	Rajni Parmar	Paul Rogers

FSS Leadership Club Students:

- Pari Parmar
 - Nisha Parmar
 - Fernanda Gonzalez
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Patty acknowledged living, working and playing on Ktunaxa Lands.

AGM:

Open positions available to replace Patty (Chair), Vice Chair, Sheri Earl (Treasurer), Nancy Reid (DPAC) and Christine Sweet (Secretary). We would like to thank and welcome:

- Tanya Malcolm – Chair
- Mark Elson – Vice Chair
- Deb Davidson – DPAC Representative

If anyone is interested in Treasurer or Secretary, please let us know.

Treasurer Report - Sheri Earle

- Gaming account balance as of June 2025 was \$4,531.73
- Non-Gaming account balance was \$527.67
- Total available funds – both accounts \$5,053.55
- Funding Allocations: ***Please see attached 2025/26 FSS PAC Budget and 2024/25 Budget***
- Funding requests for groups are provided to the PAC and then the decision is made to provide funding. FSS will then allocate those funds.
- Allocations are provided to FSS so that can pay directly from the school.
- Motion to accept 2025/26 budget put forth by Patty and second by Nancy and then was approved by all present.

Chair Report – Patty:

- BrightRaiser Fundraiser, all Canadian products, has started. All orders will be shipped to FSS and then distributed, like our previous Purdy's fundraisers. Stay tuned for more information!

Principal Report – Jason Sommerfeld

- Welcome to our new Principal!
- Great start to the school year. Has received positive feedback from school staff.
- We still require EA's and a temporary School Counsellor.
- World Rivers Day – Community clean up day on Sunday with Elk River Alliance. FSS will be doing this on Friday as a school. Students will clean the Elk River section close to the school and return to the school with their “finds” to review with ERA.
- Review the Growth Plan 2023-2026 – ***please see attached***
 - o Final year of the current 3 yr plan

Sibshops – Amy Attalla

- Non-profit organization – workshops for siblings of children with special needs.
- Please inform those that you know about the Sibshops. Current workshops are on Tuesdays @ 9:00 am at EIDES in the Multi-Purpose Room (4 workshops in a session). Children must be registered by their parents/guardians.
- www.fernieshibshops.com

Vice Principal & Co-Athletic Director Report – Rachel Romero

- Rachel is on the BC School Sports Board of Directions – attended meeting in Vancouver in mid-September.
- Overview of our Sports program:
 - o Challenges with the number of sports provided at FSS. Grade 7 is not part of the BC School Sports. We do provide sports for the G7 students; however, rules are quite specific for them.
 - o We have one gym with over 35 sports teams per season.
 - o We currently have 98% of community coaches.
 - o We would like parent/guardian feedback on our sports programs. Questions, comments, etc. can be sent directly to Rachel Romero (rachel.romero@sd5.bc.ca).
 - o BC does not provide school funding for extracurricular activities – paid for by families.
 - o Large schools limit the number of teams ie. Seniors, Juniors only – one team each where FSS tries to accommodate all of our students/grades.

DPAC – Nancy Reid

- Website design improvements.
- Has been receiving quotes for outdoor play structures.

Trustee Update - Nicole Heckendorf:

- Shout out to our Maintenance Shop – A++++ report on our buses. They received an exceptional report.
- Board of Trustees have been touring the Elk Valley schools and will continue over the next month.
- The new elementary school is slowly coming along. Working on the environmental certificate.
- EIDES will also remain as an elementary school as there are currently 650 students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Next meeting will be on October 29, 2025 @ 7:00 pm.