

FSS PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 7:03 PM – 8:05 PM

Attendance

- Mark Elson Acting Chair
- Troy Nixon Parent
- Isabel Craig Parent
- Leah Folkmann Secretary
- Rachel Romero Vice Principal
- Nicole Heckendorf School Board Trustee
- Nat Parr Treasurer
- Jane Johnson Parent
- Paul Rogers Parent
- Jason Summerfeld Principal

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Mark Elson
- Land acknowledgment provided by Mark Elson

Agenda Additions

- Call for volunteers
- Sandwich board discussion

Adoption of Previous Minutes

- Motion to adopt minutes made by Isabel Craig
- Seconded by Mark Elson
- Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

- See attached report

Discussion:

- Nat Parr summarized information regarding the Capital Gaming Grant
- Rachel Romero discussed the long-term school wish list, including expanded outdoor and playground space
- Mark Elson shared communication from BCCPAC regarding:
 - Adherence to financial requirements for gaming grant spending
 - Importance of diligent record keeping

Committee Updates

- Mark Elson expressed appreciation for previous board members' efforts
- Call for additional board members/volunteers including next interim Chair

Funding Request

Student Council Trip – Victoria (Parliament Visit)

- 31 FSS students attending
- Partial funding received from Provincial Government
- Additional funding requested from PAC

Discussion:

- Mark Elson indicated eligibility for gaming grant funding
- Suggested a tiered contribution model based on family ability to pay
- Nicole Heckendorf noted potential challenges for families requesting financial support
- Rachel Romero advised there may be remaining funds in the sports budget previously donated by PAC

1. Motion: Allocate \$1,500 from Gaming Account to the trip
 - Moved by Mark Elson
 - Seconded by Troy Nixon
 - Carried (none opposed)
 2. Motion: Support reallocation of funds from Provincial Sports Travel to Student Council Trip
 - Moved by Mark Elson
 - Seconded by Isabel Craig
 - Carried (none opposed)
- Funding aligns with gaming grant guidelines supporting student experience

Reports

Principal's Report (Jason Summerfeld)

Events since the last meeting

- Course selection night took place
- Grade 10/11 students participated in math contest and placed quite well
- Pink shirt assembly and cake made by Kristy in the shape of a pink shirt was shared with the school
- Staff had anti-racism training delivered by the BCTF on professional development day
- Missy D performed for French Immersion and Core French students
- University of Lethbridge presented to interested grade 10 and 11 students

- FSS held a school science fair- some students will attend the East Kootenay Regional Science Fair.
- Informal reports were sent home
- Grade 7 ski trip
- DSAC yesterday at the SD5 board office

Upcoming events:

- Grad retakes are on Wed April 8
- EKASS is presenting to Cullins' grade 9 class
- Aubin is hosting a mini museum on Thursday April 9
- PARTY program is returning to the school April 14, 2026
- Careers 10 is having a reverse job fair on Thursday April 16, 2026
- Quarter 4 begins on Monday April 20
- Monday April 20- Friday April 24 is our next set of Provincial Grad Assessments. Grade 12s writing in April. Grade 10s writing in June

Discussion items:

- FSS will be looking for school community feedback to add to our school's name to recognize the French Immersion program
- Planning for new art in the Indigenous Education Support Room

Vice Principal's Report (Rachel Romero)

Athletics Update:

- Spring sports underway:
 - Track & Field
 - Golf
 - Frisbee
 - Soccer (Junior & Senior)
 - Rugby
 - Badminton

Vice Principal Update:

- Course selection completed
- Planning underway for September 2026

DPAC Update

- None – no DPAC rep

Trustee Report (Nicole Heckendorf)

- Stakeholder meeting was held for new elementary school
 - Design includes engaging/fun elements
 - Groundbreaking planned for Summer 2026
- Attended BC School Board Trustees meeting
- Schools presented budget needs for 2026–2027

Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Date: Wednesday, April 15
- All volunteer slots filled
- Lunch items provided by parents should cover all the required foods.
- Location: Library

New Business

Sandwich Board Proposal

- Quote submitted by parent Deb Davidson
- Discussion:
 - Potentially effective communication tool to communicate upcoming PAC meetings
 - Cost considered high
 - School may be able to build one internally through programs/classes and may be used for other message communications
- Tabled for further discussion

Trash Bash (Erin Webber – FSS Teacher)

- Date: Friday, April 24
- Volunteers needed for setup and BBQ

Confirmed Volunteers:

- Jane Johnson
- Patty Villasenor
- Troy Nixon
- Jeff Johnson
- Still need 2–3 additional volunteers

Next Meeting May 20, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM