

KDS PAC

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

Present: Gemma Leighton-Boyce, Deirdre Bailey, Rachelle MacEachen, Jerrica Young, Tori Maciejewski, Nicole Heckendorf,

Next meeting: June 1, 2026

1. Welcome, approval of last minutes – Gemma, second Deirdre
2. Board member updates - budget (review spend to date, what has been allocated (Frank Slide?), remaining funds, what gaming grant money we need to spend this year.
 - Budget so far, Jerrica provided budget for the year, 600 carry over from last years Gaming grant needs to be spent within the year
 - June 15 tentative for end of year party, celebration at 1ish. Last year's end of year party PAC paid for cupcakes and bussing from Fernie
 - Planning May 28th – 4:30-6:30 BBQ for KDS Parents, sticker with name and grade of kid, Tori to make an invite poster, people to RSVP, QR code RSVP with Canva, Tori to organize food and take lead on it
3. Science fair – Gemma went, it was a lot of fun, it was really well organized. It would be worth considering a trip for next year, Engineers of BC did a bridge building/breaking activity.
4. School board update – Nicole Heckendorf
 - Fernie elementary – stakeholder group meeting in April to meet and review the ministry approved design. Met with Tobacco Plains to get indigenous input. There will be community communication. We are close to going to tender for the construction project. Hoping to get building started by Summer 2026.
 - Mountain view in Sparwood – lease is officially done and taking back over from EVR. They did work/funding to get it back into original state. Renting the space to business and expanding Treehouse Daycare.
 - BC School Trustee's AGM – attended, with all 60 districts from across BC, great information and very valuable session.
5. KDS update – Deirdre
 - Professional learning and connections conference, 6 KDS attendees, and 3 presentations from KDS. Scott joined the board, so there is Kootenay representation. Conference was awesome. The growth of our program/visibility and practice has really grown in the past 4 years. There is a real focus on the K-6 evidence of learning that show student reflection, KDS is consistent with provincial level. Very appreciated to be able to attend – that crew will attend the next PAC and share learnings.
 - There are no plans to add an additional day to the 4-7 class

- Two blended classes for K-3 next year, calendar sent has the same number of instructional days per class. Class lists are planned to be updated by May 6th prioritizing class composition balancing grades and student needs.
 - Significant Summer development coursework planned, hoping to move forward with new reporting platform
 - Kikomun run is May 14,
6. Funding requests?
 - Saplings for grads at the end of year party - Approved
 - Kristen wants to make photo books for the Grade 3's that are moving up - Approved
 7. KDS PAC – considering online forum “KDS School Community” – Vernon school has Instagram account. This would develop foster school community – how can we help build the community?
 8. Another grocery card fundraiser? – Not needed
 9. Any other business / open floor for questions

Adjourned: 8:30

KDS PAC Summary				
Balances as of:		April 13, 2026		
<u>Account</u>				
		<u>Balance</u>		
General Account		\$1,120.66		
Gaming Account		\$4,005.75		
Total PAC Funds		\$5,126.41		
<u>Fundraising to Date (2025-2026)</u>				
<i>Fundraiser</i>		<i>Net Raised</i>		
Dec Grocery cards		\$260.05		
<u>Allocated Funds</u>				
<i>Initiative</i>		<i>Account</i>	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Spent</i>
Ski Race Social		Gaming	\$370.00	\$370.00
Bussing		Gaming	Approx 300	
End of Year Party		Gaming	TBD	
Teacher Event BCEDL		General	\$652.34	
<u>Funds Available</u>				
<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Allocated</i>	<i>Available</i>	
General	\$1,120.66	\$652.34	\$468.32	
Gaming	\$4,005.75	\$670.00	\$3,335.75	