

PAC meeting minutes- Nov 26, 2025

In Attendance- Tanya Malcolm, Mark Elson, Rachel Romero, Andrew Gulyas, Isabel Craig, Jason Summerfeld, Paul, Michelle, Patty Villasenor, Leah Folkmann, Jane Johnson, Nat Parr, Deborah Davidson, Carolyn Doyle

Outgoing (FSS PAC Chairs) -Patty Villasenor (PAC Chair), Sheri Earl (PAC Treasurer), Christine Sweet (PAC Secretary), Nancy Reid (DPAC Representative).

Incoming (FSS PAC Chairs)- Tanya Malcolm (PAC Chair), Mark Elson (PAC Vice Chair), Nat Parr (PAC Treasurer), Leah Folkmann (PAC Secretary), and Deborah Davidson (DPAC Representative).

Motion to adopt the agenda- Tanya Motioned, Isabel first and Nat second

Motion to adopt the minutes- Tanya motioned to adopt, Mark Elson, Patty second

Reports-

Nat Parr / Treasurer- See attached

Tanya Malcolm/ Chair- New e-mail fsspac7@gmail.com if all funding requests and requests could go there.

- Working on PAC to have a section of the Newsletter

Funding request- Michelle, Screen printing art club

- Textile program
- Giver donated big equipment to the school.
- Michelle allows kids to stay in the classroom at lunch or on break.
- Asking \$1500
- Offered for the wider school community as well for textile projects.
- Run mostly at lunch, for the screen-printing art club
- Tanya motioned to give \$1500- Isabel second
- All in favor, none opposed

Funding request- Kurtis Caldwell

- Questions about school support vs pac support- School is not ready to give money for things until the end of the year.
- Tanya motioned to award the drama club \$1500 for headset \$439.00 x 2 and \$549.99 for a speaker
- All in favor- 1 opposed

Funding Request – Andrew Gulyas

- Space in the changing area- to put extra clothes for students to go and grab clothes, jackets, boots, everything will be donated.
- \$500 for infrastructure to house the clothes
- Call for donations will come after the area is set up.
- Question- could you get donations at the reuse? Answer- we want it to look better than donation furniture.
- Mark motioned to move \$500 from Extra Curricular to Outdoor club for the moveable infrastructure to house spare winter clothes.
- Isabel and Jane second
- Second motion- Tanya to award \$500 to the outdoor club – Leah second
- All in favor, non opposed.

Jason Summerfeld- Principal report

- No 'I' in Summerfeld
- Live Different Assembly- What can you do in your school and your community to make a difference. If students want to go to other places around the world and help communities. Small group sessions also went very well.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at the school went very well and was complimentary about the student behaviour during the ceremony.
- Recognize Mrs Tang, did a lot of work for a lot of students who find these ceremonies difficult to sit through.
- Ashley Tanaka organized a successful fundraiser for the Drama program.
- Buddy classes going well (older students reading with the younger students).
- Learning updates/ report cards, sent out electronically
- Dec 4th there is a lock down drill. These are always planned ahead of time.
- Winter band concert Dec 9th, 2025 in the evening
- Dec 9th outdoor cookout
- Gwen Cannon is running a craft fair at the same time as our next PAC meeting- This is Gwen's capstone.
- Kitchen is going to stay the same for now- we are doing fine now. The pay what you can method will be rolled out when the kitchen starts losing money.
- Partially because of the food security group supplying grocery cards, and because of a few catering gigs the kitchen had as well.
- What is DSAC?- District Student Advisory Council
- Rebooking Literacy and numeracy assessments for January.

Rachel Romero- Vice Principal

- Administrator who oversees athletics, Meghan Coultry is the Athletic Director
- Senior boys soccer did really well at Provincials- 7th Place.
- Swimmers went to Burnaby Water mania
- Cross Country Runners went to the Island with 5 runners and did well
- Senior girls and boys at Provincials, both are ranked quite well.
- Junior teams also went to Provincials- 7 teams all headed to West BC
- Basketball started, busy transition

- Curling, ski/ snowboard (coaches- Robert Metcalf, Andrew Gulyas, Scott Bailey, Lucy Harrup) encouraging athletes to join this group.

Deb Davidson- DPAC

- Everyone is a new representative
- If we want a Zoom license- DPAC will cover the cost if we want it
- Tanya- Does DPAC give money to us?
- Deb- They were concerned about money being easily awarded. If we want money, we could come with our ideas.
- They have money for DPAC to get a better online platform, so parents can get information.
- See the DPAC minutes (get from Deb Davidson)

Nicole Heckendorf- School Trustee

- Nothing to report, and absent for this meeting.

Junior Student Council- Presentation by Mae Elson

- Would like a junior student council
- Encourage leadership, and involvement in the school
- **Option 1** join existing student council
- **Option 2** make their own.
- Juniors don't need credit, but want experience
- This will only work if the junior grades are interested
- 90% interested in student council, 48% would participate, future projects include: Color run/ green bins/ kindness rocks/ community day (volunteering in the community)
- They would like a meeting before Christmas
- When is your availability? – Rachel Romero said: Anytime at lunch (m,w,f)
- Polled 21 kids (not a lot of time to put a survey together)
- How do you know about Junior student council? – My parents were part of that.
- Administration did not have time last year, hoping to make this happen this year.
- Tanya- We will hold them accountable for this meeting.
- Mrs Moocher will be the teacher sponsor.

Fernie Food Security- Presentation by Mark Elson

- Trying to raise awareness to all parent groups
- History- found out last spring there was food security issues that the school has been trying to help for a long time.
- Fernie Food Security Society was founded June 2025
- 82 kids by end of summer were supported with biweekly food drop offs.
- What is food insecurity? Lacks the financial means to buy nutritious, safe, personally acceptable foods. When factors outside an individual's control negatively impact their access to food.
- 110 kids access school district funded breakfast and lunch
- How do we help? Food bins, backpacks and at home delivery, Grocery Gift Cards, Education

- Question- Why not have a youth centre? Answer- It's hard to have permanent spaces. Majority of our stuff is delivered; some people like to pick up too.
- Dropping off at the school and trying to meet kids where they are.

Next Meeting- Wednesday Dec 17, 2025 (Gwen's Craft Fair)