

PAC Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Land acknowledgement was given.
This was the first PAC meeting of the year.

2. Introductions

Round-table introductions were held.

PAC Executive:

- Mark Elson — Acting Chair
- Leah Folkmann — Secretary
- Natalie Parr — Treasurer

Members/Attendees:

- Isabelle Craig
- Charlie Sawatzky
- Thomas Lenz
- Dagny Lenz
- Tanya Bossio
- Rachel
- Nicole Heckendorf
- Caroline Giffin
- Kevin Giffin
- Jane Nelson
- Paul Rogers
- Jason Summerfeld — Principal
- Rachel Romero — Vice Principal

3. Adoption of Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion: Paul moved to accept the agenda.

Seconded: Isabelle.

Motion: Carried.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion: Mark moved to accept the June minutes.

Seconded: Isabelle.

Motion: Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report — Natalie Parr

Natalie gave a brief explanation of the two PAC accounts: the gaming account and the fundraising account.

Natalie outlined the projected costs for the PAC for the 2026/2027 school year. The PAC anticipates receiving **\$10,960 from the gaming grant.**

Mark explained the budget and noted that fundraising provides an opportunity to expand the PAC budget.

Kevin asked whether the budget meets the school's needs. Discussion followed regarding specific projects that may require more focused fundraising.

Rachel indicated that there are additional needs for students that may require further fundraising.

6. Acting Chair's Report — Mark Elson

- Mark called for more PAC members.
- Board elections will take place at the next meeting.
- Mark indicated that he will continue to act as Chair if no one else wishes to take on the role.
- Natalie and Leah will continue in their respective roles for the 2026/2027 school year.
- A volunteer is needed to arrange for the PAC meeting sign.
- Parent communications take place by email and text.
- Dagny may have a contact who could make a sandwich board.
- Mark thanked Jane for the Fernie FIX submission.

7. Principal's Report — Jason Summerfeld

Jason referred the group to the Principal's Report for additional information.

8. Vice Principal's Report — Rachel Romero

Rachel provided an update in her role as Athletic Director.

- Bantam girls: two volleyball teams.
- Boys volleyball: a full team on each side, with eight players.
- Soccer: two senior and two junior teams, with hopes of attending provincials.
- Cross-country running is underway.
- Swimming has received lane times with Coach Aidan.
- The rugby program has struggled to get started due to participation in other sports.
- A sports flyer has been sent out.
- Sports programs include rugby and soccer.
- There are no cuts or tryouts for Grade 7 volleyball.
- More participation is needed from Grade 7 boys in volleyball.
- The school has a Facebook page for sports communication.

Rachel noted that, while working on the sports budget, she and other athletic directors from EK schools had met to discuss making sports tournaments more cost-effective. By combining travel and increasing communication and cooperation between schools, they were able to reduce athletic fees. This allowed for more tournaments for more schools at lower fees.

There is a school FSS Facebook athletics page. All other school communications take place through the school website.

9. DPAC

Mark gave a brief explanation of DPAC.

A call was made for a DPAC representative. The DPAC member would attend DPAC meetings and report back to the PAC.

10. School Trustee Report — Nicole Heckendorf

Nicole provided an update on the new school:

- A building permit is expected within the next week.
- The contract with the construction company has been signed.

- Target readiness was noted as **January 2028**.
- The district is doing everything within its control to get construction started.
- Nicole indicated that she will be running again for school board trustee.
- The trustee election will be on the same ballot as councillors and mayors as part of the municipal elections.
- Nicole encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Jason expressed his view that a new school should not open in the middle of the school year, noting that it would be difficult to establish school culture if the school opened partway through the year.

11. Swing Set

There was no record of fundraising for a swing set over the summer.

Jason noted that, if a swing set is obtained, it would need to be installed by a contractor for insurance purposes.

Mark noted that there are fundraising opportunities available, but a volunteer would be needed to drive the project forward if the PAC wishes to pursue it.

12. Terry Fox Run — Erin Webber

Erin Webber provided an update on the upcoming Terry Fox Run.

- The run is scheduled for **Friday, September 25**.
- Pancakes will be served after the run.
- Erin asked for volunteers to help cook pancakes.
- Volunteers are needed from approximately **8:37 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
- Five additional volunteers are needed.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **8:10 p.m**