



EIDES PAC Meeting – June 2, 2026, at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

NyKayla, Erika, Carolyn, Jill, Scott, Tanya, Nicole H, Nicole N, Wendy, Jodi

Adopt Agenda:	Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes:
1. Erika 2. Jodi	1.Jodi 2.Wendy

1. Principal’s Report (Nicole Neufeld & Amy Leeden)

Nicole

- Staffing/Enrollment:
 - Enrollment is down next school year from 547 to 510
 - 24 teachers next year (down 2 teachers from this year)
 - 5 job postings currently out (3 classrooms, 1 Phys Ed., 1 Contract TTOC i.e. substitute teacher)
 - 11 EAs (down from 17 this year) due to having less designated students
 - We get to keep our Learning Services teachers, Youth Care, Indigenous Education, Counselling and Admin. Assistants time
- This past month:
 - Kikomun Run – 1st place all around
 - Drama Performance – Reluctant Dragons
 - Field trips: Trout Hatchery, Thibeault Ranch, Fort Steele, Mount Fernie Provincial Park
 - Bike Roadeo – parents Flurina Keller-Payne and Debbie Zuffa taking it over next year
 - Kindergarten Orientation and Parent Meeting – well attended
 - Teacher Saho Machida arrived from Japan and has been helping in classrooms – is looking for a family to stay with next school year
 - Class and school-wide photo
 - Last Fire Drill – one lockdown drill left to do
- Upcoming:
 - Grade 6s have their orientation day at FSS tomorrow
 - Track & Field, district meet hosted by EIDES
 - Indigenous Month Kick-off – Sookinaia Singers on Thursday
 - Buddy Bingo Fundraisers for Fernie Friends for Friends
 - Grade 6 to Blue Lake June 8, 9, 10
 - Ready Set Learn June 11th from 10:45-11:45
 - Report card time



- Volunteer Luncheon June 16th – please come!
- June 23 – Year End Celebration Assemblies
- June 24 – Grade 6 Celebration 1:15-3:00 p.m.
- Building classes for next year – we go through this thoroughly and every single student is considered; it takes time

Amy

- Amy was away this week

2. Treasurer's Report (Wendy Anderson)

- *Please refer to attached treasurer reports for details.*
- Funds that went out this month:
 - Half the deposit for yearbooks (\$1429)
 - Paid Ghost rider \$750 Adventure camp fee
 - Various teachers' classroom supplies
- Funds that came in this month:
 - Spring plants fundraiser \$1755.01 and counting; will likely be closer to ~\$2,000 (Jodi still needs to send Wendy some cash to deposit)
 - \$3,100 Peter Truch (Vision Zero grant)
- Other business:
 - Made budget adjustments that were discussed last month; at the moment we are looking positive.
 - With enrollment numbers down next year and therefore less staff, we will have to adjust some numbers – e.g. remove 2 classrooms worth of supplies payouts, etc. Nicole N. to send teacher/classroom # list (when she has it) to Wendy so she can adjust the budget accordingly.
 - Wendy to consider adding a line item for a similar Mothers Against Racism workshop for next year - Erika to follow up with Felina to confirm.

3. Trustee's Report (Nicole Heckendorf)

- We're very far down the list to apply for the government grant list for the playground
- The new school should be breaking ground and going to tender this summer; still saying 2027 opening (Fall school year)
- Nicole has a report she would like to share about various funding models – she is going to confirm that it can be shared externally and will send to the PAC once confirmed.
- Nicole intends to run for Schoolboard Trustee again (likely will be an uncontested incumbent)

4. District PAC (DPAC) Report (Jill Barclay)

- Held their last meeting of the year
- DPAC executive is down to 1 person – not much movement; need to fill the vacancies – treasurer especially



- Engagement in volunteer roles in PAC and DPAC are down – trying to figure out different ways to engage parent body
- Gaming Grants – new [manual](#) released with updated information/clarifications on the gaming grants guidelines
 - New item of interest: Teachers or employees of the district are equally members of the PAC and able to hold positions and make decisions

5. Anti-Discrimination Committee (Felina Arsenault not in attendance)

- Nicole mentioned that Amy has been in touch with is Inspiration Republic – <https://www.inspirationrepublic.org/> about coming to the school in the Fall

6. Other Business

- **Spring Plant Fundraiser (Jodi Erbacher)**
 - Went well, raised nearly \$2,000 – thanks!
 - There are some extra plants, Jodi suspects they sent us extras; some people are interested in taking them
 - Some cash still trickling in – Jodi will send one e-transfer to Wendy instead of multiple
 - Jess Nordstrom is now taking it over for next year
- **Orange Shirt Order (Felina Arsenault not in attendance)**
 - Nykayla heard from Felina that she has a rough plan in place – Nykayla will follow up
 - It is a direct order situation i.e. no need to be added as a budget item
- **Playground Committee (Lynn Henderson not in attendance)**
 - Nykayla suggest we reinvigorate the playground committee discussion in September
- **Reading Log Update (Kristy Falconer not in attendance):**
 - One parent commented that the incentive approach for most minutes in classroom (pizza, cupcakes) worked really well – maybe we can do twice next year
- **Big Used Book Sale Drive (Carolyn Doyle)**
 - Book drive is going very well - ~6,000 books so far!
 - Tomorrow is the last day – make sure to send in your books
 - Overall class wins a cupcake party
 - Big Bang has been supporting the prizes this year
- **Vision Zero Grant (Scott)**
 - We need to close that grant with Interior Health
 - Paid for the report from the engineer
 - The \$4,961.14 was supposed to go to the city for the speed reader but we were never charged; City is looking into this
 - In case we had to round this up to an even \$5,000 or \$5,000+GST or something, Scott requested that PAC can possibly fund up to \$350 if required?
 - Carolyn motioned up to \$350 to manage the vision zero grant
 - PAC voted yes
- **New popcorn machine**



- A parent mentioned the school could use a new popcorn machine; could potentially raise the funds through PAC or if there is left over money from grade 6 fundraising

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

See you next year!

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00pm