



EIDES PAC Meeting – March 3, 2026 at 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Nykayla, Lynn, Cheryl, Jill, Amy, Nicole, Erika, Wendy, Nicole, Carolyn, Laura Lee, Sheri, Tanya, Felina, Jodi

Agenda Motions:

Nykayla put forward 3 motions to adjust today’s agenda:

1. Move Lynn Henderson (playground committee item) to the top of the agenda so she doesn’t have to stay for the entirety of the meeting.
2. Remove the agenda item regarding discussion of the e-transfer funds – this can be addressed at a future meeting.
3. Remove discussion of removing 2fA off the Google drive; this is administrative and can be decided by the executive

Adopt Agenda:	Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes:
Wendy Jodi	Wendy Jodi

1. Playground Committee (Lynn Henderson)

- Lynn has stepped forward to lead the playground committee. She also has another person in line to help.
- Erika said she can also help with grant writing.
- Nykayla put forward a motion for Lynn to head the playground committee; Erika seconded the motion.
- PAC voted in favour of the motion.

2. CHEQ Findings (Laura-Lee Phillips)

- Laura Lee presented the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire Report findings
- CHEQ is Human Early Learning Partnership (UBC) initiative that gathers important information about children’s experiences prior to kindergarten in BC; information that schools and communities can use to support children and families for healthy development
- All reports can be found on <https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/reports/?tool=cheq#reports-tools-tabs>
- The School District 5 report is attached for reference
- 85% of Kindergarten students’ caregivers in School District 5 completed the questionnaire this year
- For example in Fernie in April and May – early years parents will have the opportunity to have a meet the IDES principal, teachers



3. Principal's Report: Nicole Neufeld & Amy Leeden (7:29-7:38)

Nicole

- Grade 4 Students Learning Survey from the Ministry – students and parents fill out. The survey is due at the end of May. If you are a parent of a Grade 4 student please fill this survey out.
- The Kindergarten teachers, early learning educators will be meeting with Laure-Lee tomorrow to look at the report/data, note anything that stands out, and strategize on initiatives for more early years engagement in the community, as Kindergarten teachers have noted that there are some children arriving at Kindergarten not feeling ready for the Kindergarten setting.
- Amy and Nicole had their yearly budget meeting with the school district
 - Enrollment is down – 94 kids leaving and 51 coming in next year
 - Had a conversation about the school district playground funds – EIDES is not even near top 5 of the list
- Learning updates are coming home next week
- Nicole N was invited to the new school's stakeholder meeting March 10. Jodi was too.

Amy

- Pink Shirt Day - leadership did an amazing job. Thanks to PAC for contributing to ensure all leadership kids got a pink shirt.
- Intermediate ski days are underway
- Teachers had a Pro D last week incl. a learning session about neurodiversity
- Basketball – two teams from EIDES will be in the tournament is on the March 5th in Sparwood. Big thanks to the coaches.
- Ballet Jorgen presentation and Missy D were well received by students
- Upcoming presentations:
 - April – Jess Dance Hip Hop
 - May – Science World
- Spring Break happening in 2 weeks from now

4. Treasurer's Report: Wendy Anderson (7:38-7:41)

- *Please refer to attached treasurer reports for details.*
- The two main things that went through the account this month:
 - Grade 6 kernels popcorn \$2,451
 - Grade 6 raffle \$17,160
- It appears the Grade 6 fundraisers have ended up with more funds than required – they are looking at options to pass on to PAC or the other EIDES fundraising initiatives



5. Trustee's Report: Nicole Heckendorf (7:41-7:44)

- Stakeholder Meeting is being held on March 10
- The project has received finalized environmental certificate of compliance
- Received approval from Ministry on Design Development stage
- Moving forward with the Pre-tender stage
- Last day to provide feedback on next year's school calendar was today

6. District (DPAC): Jill Barclay (7:44-7:49)

- DPAC is still looking for a treasurer
- There is still some money for them to cover a Zoom license (DPAC would reimburse us for it) to make our meetings more accessible to the parent body
- We are likely one of two PACS in DPAC that are not on Zoom
- PACS out of Vernon are putting together a fundraising manual for all of PACs in BC – ready to be distributed to us in the next coming months
- Jill asked DPAC about playground fundraising advice; essentially, PAC's role is the fundraising, and execution is up to the district and administration

7. Anti-Discrimination Committee – Felina Arsenault (7:49-7:55)

- ADC meeting was held on February 23
- We are trying to get bring some sort of anti-racism presentation into the school.
 - One option is Inspiration Republic – <https://www.inspirationrepublic.org/>
 - They would need to travel from Ontario, so we're trying to get group with other schools to reduce the cost (as travel costs would be part of it). Felina and Erika asked Jill to bring it up at DPAC to see if any interest
 - Nykayla asked if we could look into grants for this. Erika will do some digging on behalf of the ADC
- The ADC is thinking about creating an area on EIDES web site for anti-racism, anti-bullying, etc. info (e.g. ministry Anti-racism guidelines) online on the web sites, as a lot of other schools/districts have this.
- Teachers have been doing an online anti-racism course – before they wrap up this process, the ADC wants to help create a Google doc or somewhere for them to share resources on this topic with each other, that they use in the classroom.
- Want to check for outdated language in EIDES and School District forms. (one example was a parent noticed this year on a Kindergarten form the it still had Mother and Father as form fields instead of Caregiver 1 and Caregiver 2)

8. Other Business (7:55-8:01)

- **Spring Plant Fundraiser**
 - Someone has volunteered to take it over.
 - Jodi booked it in for Tuesday the 26th of May – that is the last date it is available, which we typically aim for due to the timing of Fernie's growing season.



- **Ghostrider Concession on this Friday**
 - This was lined up as a Grade 6 Fundraiser, which they now don't need because they've reached their fundraising target – thought PAC could take it, or perhaps the Grade 5s for their Fort Steele trip
 - This is a good opportunity; potential to raise up to \$2,000
- **Giver Orange Shirt Order:**
 - It was brought up at the last meeting that there is a desire for EIDES orange shirts, but there is never enough time in September to organize this before National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Felina will take on organizing an orange shirt order before June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch:**
 - Confirmed for April 16
 - Most of the volunteer spots/items have been filled, thanks everyone
- **Reading Log Update:**
 - Christie was away today so no update

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00pm



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 16-27 – Spring Break

April 3 – Good Friday

April 6 – Easter Monday