

**Fernie Secondary School Virtual Pac Meeting and 2021 AGM Minutes  
Wednesday September 29, 2021 at 7pm MST**

**In Attendance:**

Tanya Malcolm, Patty Villasenor, Anna Piney, Nicole Heckendorf, Erin Hay, Isabelle, Sheri Earl, Frank Lento, Troy Nixon, Karen, Jane Johnson, Jackie Arling, Charlie - Sawatzky

**Welcome and Annual General Meeting called to order at 7:03pm**

**Land Acknowledgment.**

**Executive Positions**

The executive positions for the year 2020/2021 were as follows:

Chair Patty Villasenor  
Vice Chair Nicole Heckendorf  
Treasurer Anna Piney  
Secretary Melissa Lafortune

Anna Piney and Melissa Lafortune have retired from their respective positions for the coming year. Patty Villasenor and Nicole Heckendorf are willing to continue in their positions for the year 2021/2022.

Call for Chair nominations: Patty Villasenor, accepted.

Call for Vice Chair nominations: Nicole Heckendorf, accepted

Call for Secretary nominations: Jane Johnson, accepted

Call for Treasurer nominations: Sheri Earl, accepted

Therefore the Executive positions for the year 2021/2022 are as follows:

Chair Patty Villasenor  
Vice Chair Nicole Heckendorf  
Treasurer Sheri Earl  
Secretary Jane Johnson

The bank signatories will be changed to reflect the new positions. Cheque signing will continue to be any two of the four Executive position holders.

**2020/21 Financial Statement - presented by Anna Piney**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was an unusual fiscal year. There was not a lot of revenue or expenditures. The start of 2020/21 year balance in the gaming account was \$2474.04 . Gaming grant came in September 2020 in the amount of \$7740.00. During 2021 a second,

non-gaming bank account was opened to hold any non-gaming money made through fundraising.

The only significant spending in the gaming account was to support the 2021 Grad class. Pre-covid activities like - sports team travel, student golfing, field trips, etc did not occur, so spending is reflective of that. Graduation scholarships were paid from existing scholarship funds already held at FSS. A Purdys fundraiser allowed \$475.91 to be added to the non-gaming account. Most of this money was spent on a staff appreciation lunch.

The gaming account balance is currently at \$9216.21 of which \$1,500 has already been allocated to equipment for the Makerspace club.

The non gaming account is currently at \$20.30

The 2020/2021 financial statements were approved.

Question: Do we have to spend all of the gaming grant? Yes we have 36 months to spend each grant after receipt.

### **2021/22 Budget - presented by Anna Piney**

There was some guess work required to create this year's budget. \$7500 dollars budgeted for the expected gaming grant - however it could be more because the student population has increased. The below allocations were budgeted for expenses assuming a more normal school year. These reflected the current \$9,216.21 balance in addition to the expected gaming grant.

Provincial sports travel - 3,000.00

Scholarships/bursaries - 1,000.00

Junior golf program - 600.00

Field trips (buses) - 1,500.00

Graduation - 1,000.00

Maker club - 1,500.00

School celebrations - 1,000.00

Other extracurricular activities - 5,000.00

Raffle proceeds disbursed - 5,000.00

Please reference the attached budget for full revenue over expenses.

Question: Why is there \$5000 in revenue and expenses for raffles? PAC holds the license for all FSS raffles, so the money is received and then distributed back to the fundraiser through the PAC bank account.

The 2021/22 budget was approved.

### **FSS PAC Meeting Agenda Approved with no amendments.**

#### **Adopt the FSS June 2021 PAC Meeting minutes.**

First - Charlie Sawatzky

Second - Nicole Heckendorf

## Reports:

Aboriginal Education: Amanda Lavoie Aboriginal Youth Worker. FSS has 61 self identified Indigenous - youth in our school. Ms Lavoie is excited and proud to be advocating for our schools to be a welcoming space to all people. There is some new signage with the new Aboriginal Education logo and meaning. See Below.



### SD 5 (Southeast Kootenay) Aboriginal Education Logo

**Circle-** The circle is meant to symbolize the "Community/ Family Support and Protection surrounding the student.

**Smaller Circles-** The smaller circles symbolize the four directions, the four senses of self (mental, spiritual, emotional and physical) and the four elements. Bringing a sense of balance to the student. The bottom circle depicts Earth, the Top circle depicts Air, the Right circle depicts Fire; the Left circle depicts Water.

**Tree-** The tree inside of the student is meant to represent personal growth, with the roots anchored to show a sense of being "grounded" in self and culture.

**Feathers-** The feathers are meant to represent the Elders/Traditional/Ancestral Knowledge.

**Inukshuk-** The Inukshuk symbol is meant to acknowledge our Inuit students and families.

**Infinity Sign-** The infinity symbol is meant to acknowledge our Métis students and families.

**The Student-** The student's head, the heart and the earth symbol/roots are connected to one another. The heart holds a "fire of determination and purpose".

**Sun and Mountain Range-** The Sun represents a New Beginning, Hope and a Lit Path moving forward. The Mountain Range is to give a sense of the Kootenay area.

Artist - Marisa Phillips

Recent art project students drew on white fabric squares. Every student drew one. They were then made into two quilts and one was presented to Tobacco Plains Indian Band.

Sitting stones have been well used and a wonderful addition to campus. A blessing ceremony for grade 8 students was a success. Joe Pierre came and told stories and there was a drum circle. A nice gesture for those grade 8 students who didn't receive a social welcome to the school last year due to Covid-19 safety guidelines.

Frank Lento commented that he wanted to express his gratitude for Amanda's effort so far this year.

**Treasurer's report** - The gaming grant for the 2021/22 year has been submitted and we expect to hear back in the next few weeks. We expect more than last year - budget \$7500. Gaming account = \$9216.21

Income from the Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser was the only revenue and \$450 expenditure spent on staff appreciation lunch.

Regular Account Balance = \$20.30 - it does have 2.00 monthly fees and so we may want to consider a fundraiser this year.

Fundraiser? Potentially a Christmas Chocolate fundraiser with Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. - Nicole Heckendorf will take the lead.

**Chair's report** - Nothing to report at this time.

**Principal's report - Erin Hay**

September has been a fast start! FSS is growing! Which is awesome. 442 students  
Last year's student population was approx. 370-380

There are 83 grade 11 students, most other classes are approx. 70-75 This increase meant an additional 4 classes had to be added to the time table on fairly short notice. So there was a lot of juggling around to do! There is also a lot of grade 8 students

7s have six electives that they rotate and computers, career, art and home economics are required. .

8s & 9s electives are run on a quarter system, Q1-Q4 electives. Ms. Hay commented that it is unfortunate that some kids aren't getting their first choice in electives.

New clubs are being formed. Student council is kicking off.

Fly fishing

Library Club and is popular among younger students - informal chess club and other educational and recreational games. (ie Dungeons and Dragons)

Athletics are back!!

FSS now has a swim team - 15 to 18 Terry Hanson & daughter Keira are coaching.

Rachel Romaro - XC Coach. Successful fundraiser of \$150 to the Elk Valley Suicide Task Force.

Volleyball season is in full swing - all teams Bantam to Senior Boys + Girls are running. There was a short discussion about live streaming FSS sports opportunities, and as the start of the school year demands slow down, the Athletic Director will have some capacity to consider this request.

Staff Professional Development this month is to focus on truth and reconciliation. FSS is hosting Elk Valley Educators in person and due to Covid-19 guidelines the session is limited to about 50 people which adds up quickly from 28 teaching staff, EAs + clerical and youth care and AbED workers. FSS is hosting a panel discussion - it will be recorded. Although limited to 50 ppl in Traynor Hall. Small numbers means they can have more intimate and engaged discussion about this important subject.

Rachel and Erin had a quick discussion about a welcome back event for parents. Like an open house and behind-the-scenes tour of the school. They will work with PAC executives to organize and announce the event in the future.

There was a Covid - vax clinic in early September and a small band of protesters. Diane Causault - SD5 Director of Learning and Innovation happened to be on campus that day, and accompanied FSS Admin to listen to their concerns. Erin commented that after they felt

seen and heard they departed. Erin reiterated the message that FSS has maintained through the entire pandemic. Everyone is welcome in our school.

A friendly reminder that masks are required and please consider reusable/washable masks.

Financial Support Request:

Fly Fishing Club - Kyle Cullins \$110 per kit. \$2000 request.

Vote on \$500 towards equipment to be voted on next month. Gaming grant requires Purchased in BC. FSS will cover the expenses in good faith that PAC will vote in favour in October.

### **DPAC Representative Report - Ute Hammer**

If necessary, I can continue as DPAC rep for FSS again for my last year with the school. I don't mind the meetings, I actually attended the one last week. Not much new to report as everyone was just getting back into the routine. It was nice to hear that some PACS are meeting in person again, how exciting.

There was an email the other day that whoever is doing the BCCPAC registration for FSS needs to use the code that was emailed as payment (DPAC is paying for our membership). Please check that someone is on that (Anna is, I presume).

### **Trustee Report - Frank Lento**

New SD5 Secretary Treasurer - Nick Taylor

Construction - Great work moving the EIDES portables.

New school draft concept for the new middle school.

Regarding many Covid-19 protocols and clinics - IH and the Ministry of Ed communicate the information and the schools distribute it. The Ministry of Health organized the vax clinics and held them in schools.

Enrollment is up which will lead to an increase in the Gaming grant for PAC.

SD5 Hired a consultant to develop a long range facility plan for every facility in the district.

SD5 advocating for an Increase in trades. Senior Elk Valley schools to request trades in Heavy Duty Mechanics,Electrical and Welding. Work integrated learning opportunities for a Work in trades and learn in trades approach.

**Next FSS PAC Meeting October 27, 2021** - Always the last Wednesday do the month

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

**FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PAC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020/2021**

(unaudited)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

For the year ended 31st August	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Gaming bank account balance at beginning of year	2,474.04	859.64	268.11	187.77	166.23	77.98

**Revenues**

Gaming grant	7,740.00	7,440.00	8,448.00	6,780.00	6,440.00	6,618.00
Raffle proceeds	0.00	0.00	7,210.90	15,428.07	2,956.00	2,925.00
Reimbursement for overpayment of gaming licence purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Bank account interest	2.17	0.13	0.70	0.34	0.23	0.25
RDEK grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,742.17</b>	<b>7,440.13</b>	<b>15,659.60</b>	<b>22,208.41</b>	<b>9,396.23</b>	<b>10,618.25</b>

**Expenditures**

Provincial championships sports travel	0.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,600.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Scholarships/bursaries	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fly fishing club	0.00	250.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Science Fair	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
White Hatter presentation	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
Bat houses project	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Recycling/composting project	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Field trips (buses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	800.00
Field trips (swimming)	0.00	0.00	555.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Junior golf program	0.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Cheque book order	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.69	0.00
Rainbow crosswalk project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Grad donation	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Leadership program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Band trip	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Percussion workshop	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Band - new guitar	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sports equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	1,150.00
Gardening supplies for Special Ed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Reading Across Cananda	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Art pens	0.00	0.00	421.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rainbow group	0.00	0.00	810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outdoor Ed space equipment	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Garden project	0.00	0.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
End of year celebration lunch	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Celebration breakfast	0.00	598.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library magazines	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Environmental education programs	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Knitting club	0.00	52.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other extra curricular activities at FSS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	400.00
Raffle licence application	0.00	25.00	85.00	85.00	25.00	50.00
Other raffle costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,766.07	0.00	562.21

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Raffle proceeds disbursed	0.00	0.00	7,125.90	9,577.00	2,956.00	2,367.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>5,825.73</b>	<b>15,068.07</b>	<b>22,128.07</b>	<b>9,374.69</b>	<b>10,530.00</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for year</b>	<b>6,742.17</b>	<b>1,614.40</b>	<b>591.53</b>	<b>80.34</b>	<b>21.54</b>	<b>88.25</b>
<b>Gaming bank account balance at end of year</b>	<b>9,216.21</b>	<b>2,474.04</b>	<b>859.64</b>	<b>268.11</b>	<b>187.77</b>	<b>166.23</b>

*NB Prepared by Anna Piney  
2.9.21*

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(unaudited)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

For the year ended 31st August	2021 (\$)
Non gaming bank account balance at beginning of year	
<b>Revenues</b>	
Purdys chocolate fundraiser	475.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>475.91</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Bank fees	15.61
Staff appreciation lunch (Big Bang Bagels)	440.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>455.61</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for year</b>	<b>20.30</b>
<b>Non gaming bank account balance at end of year</b>	<b>20.30</b>

NB Prepared by Anna Piney

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## FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PAC BUDGET 2021/2022

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2022

### Projected Revenue \$

Gaming grant	7,500.00
Bank balance remaining from 2020/2021	9,216.21
Raffle proceeds	5,000.00

**Total** **21,716.21**

***Total (ex raffles)*** ***16,716.21***

### Projected Expenditures

Provincial sports travel	3,000.00
Scholarships/bursaries	1,000.00
Junior golf program	600.00
Field trips (buses)	1,500.00
Graduation	1,000.00
Maker club	1,500.00
School celebrations	1,000.00
Other extracurricular activities	5,000.00
Raffle proceeds disbursed	5,000.00

**Total** **19,600.00**

***Total (ex raffles)*** ***14,600.00***

***Projected bank balance remaining at end 2021/2022*** ***2,116.21***