

Mount Baker Secondary School



MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 3 Feb 26 7:00 pm

Attendees : Jen Morrison (Chair), , Michelle Warrenchuk (Secretary), Aaron Thorn (Principal), Chris Johns (Trustee), Natalie Brons (MBSS Parent)

1. **Welcome & Introductions** Start time 7:01 pm
2. **Minutes posted on the MBSS website** - No. Both November and December minutes need to be posted on the MBSS website
3. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes** - Natalie Brons motions to approve and Michelle Warrenchuk seconds the motion
4. **Additions to the agenda** - None! Natalie Brons motions to approve and Michelle Warrenchuk seconds the motion
5. **School Board Trustee Report Chris** - The next meeting will be Tuesday, February, 10th, Kindergarten registration started Monday, Feb 2, Steeples childcare is open and operational, Future planning is scheduled for the Fernie Elementary Child Care Facility, The final touches are underway for the Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary Child Care facility. Framework for Student enhanced learning came out in January, upcoming events Feb 19th budget meetings working session "belt tightening", 2026/2027 school calendar has not been approved yet but a draft is circulating the board and schools, no updates on Amy Woodland fire damage improvements, Attached are the detailed Summary of Board Motions from January 13, 2026
6. **Principal's Report Aaron** - two block english and phycology applicants expecting to get list of applicants tomorrow, counseling across the district is good for the next 10 years, student services teachers are good (IEP), Feb 17th MBSS scholarships goes live seniors can apply (one application for all 80+ scholarships) timetable and schedules for parents to be released Feb 25th, Laurie Middle School and Feb 26 Parkland Middle School, MBSS goal is to have a 27:1 ratio for class offerings opportunities for diverse curriculum, On March 10th MBSS students can login and start selecting course schedules, Hold and secure- construction noise down the street, ideas for more communication in the school live calendar online,
7. **DPAC Report** - Jan 14th meeting, resignation of treasure, monthly bank fees, BCPAC fee, youth development index, community engagements, BC Federation report, Red for BC Ed on Mondays because they are in contract, Prom after grad ?????
8. **Treasurer's Report - None**
 - a. **Gaming funds status and account balance, outstanding invoices** - no teacher requests, Aaron to bring it up
 - b. **Update on Gaming Fund Signatories @ BMO**
9. **Old Business**

- a. **Solicitation for Vice Chair, DPAC** - no one stepped up or was nominated
- b. **Funding Request Form** - Jen sent to Aaron,
- c. **MBSS Official Facebook Page** - Mount Baker Secondary PAC Page, this should be posted on our MBSS PAC Page
- d. **School Sports Conduct and all inclusiveness -Natalie - Letter** - and notes from the meeting, communicate with team members, what the costs are out front, athletic directors communication, community coaches also get some costs covered, MBSS is a 3A school, based on population of school, cost coverage for 20 teams is estimated about 250K, formation alumni sports society to run a big ticket event silent auction, there are intramurals in the morning and after school, overall big sports for all kids, a balance of competitive programs and having the maximum amount of kids participate, philosophy is that if you can't participate, renting the gym with PAC funds for renting, BC Sports rule, Natalie will send

10. New Business

a. **Prom SD5 Employee Volunteer policy** - after grad prom party liability issues, putting teachers in a bad position if they are at the Prom and something happens, the prom committee is looking into it DPAC - ACTION: Michelle will reach out to the Prom Committee to see if they can help with recruiting for night of prom volunteers

- a. **Parent Communication** - Calendars are expensive and seem to not be used for the cost, school calendar magnets are popular but maybe only print for those who want it

11. Adjournment 8:21 Pm

12. Next Meeting: Tue 3 Mar 26 @ 7:00 PM

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS CARRIED January 13, 2026

Motions Carried

No motions were discussed, or carried at the January, 2026 SD5 Public Board Meeting

Chairperson's Report

From the Province:

New Daycare Guidelines, effective April 1st, 2026, set minimum 9.5 hours of care before extended-hour fees apply, "Summary:

- o Effective April 1, 2026, child care providers participating in the *Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative* must offer at least 9.5 hours of care, per day, before charging for extended hours.
- o Ensures families are not charged extra fees for hours that should reasonably be expected to be included in their base fee.
- o Creates a level playing field to ensure fairness, consistency for child care providers"

-- Ministry of Education and Child Care <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025ECC0051-001248>

From the District

Welcome Back!

It is our hope that you and your family have had a safe and restful conclusion to 2025. As January 2026 unfolds, much needs to be done to prepare the budget for 2026-27.

The initial step in that 6 month deliberation is to welcome the new kindergarten students and their families to one of our neighborhood schools. The formal kindergarten registration starts on February 2nd.

In the background of this registration, students are moved forward in grade placement in anticipation of September 2026. In some communities of SD5, the future grade 7 students are transferred to the community secondary school. Cranbrook, having two middle schools, students are initially placed in either Laurie or Parkland Middle School. Students currently attending school in Jaffray usually wait until the end of the grade 10 year before considering either Fernie or Cranbrook for grade 11.

The following discussions, with each school, are focused on the anticipated enrollment and how that ideally would be matched with adequate staffing to address the equitable learning needs of all students across the district.

Work of the Board of Education – Public Meeting January 13, 2026

Child Care Updates:

- o Steeple Elementary: Just prior to the break, the board had an opportunity to view the completed child care facility. The district has received formal occupancy and we are pleased that chairs, tables and little ones are in attendance. The next planning stages

will include repair to the grounds around that site and holding an official opening later in January.

- o Fernie Elementary: It was reported earlier that SD5 had received funding from the Ministry to include a Child Care facility in the design aspects for the new school. There will be a meeting scheduled shortly to bring the community consultation group back together and discuss the seamless incorporation of this opportunity into future planning.
- o Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary Child Care: The final touches are being added to the child care facility in Jaffray. We look forward to a tour of that facility in the near future.

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, Learning Together No. 19:

Every month during the regular school year, the District generates a celebration of some of the learning opportunities which have been provided during the month. December has been a very exciting month with seasonal activities in all schools.

This edition, which can be accessed in a full colour version on the SD5 website, <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/learning-together-monthly-reports>, includes articles on:

- o Early Learning and Child Care,
- o Indigenous Education,
- o District Numeracy, Nicole Fulton,
- o Transformative Learning, Ryan McKenzie and Kim Froehler
- o Outdoor Education, Michael Kelly
- o Candid Photos from School Events
- o Always great – comments from Viveka Johnson, Superintendent of Schools

Additional Items:

Doug McPhee had the opportunity to attend the meeting of the Heritage Fair Committee. It was reported that 14 classes have been registered to take advantage of this learning opportunity. Registration closes at the end January and the event is held at the *Royal Alexander Hall* in the first week of May.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 16 Yellow Day
Jan 24 Motion building Session for Trustees
Jan 26 Committee Day
Jan 27 Semester Change
Feb 2 Kindergarten Registration Opens
Feb 12 Board Meeting
Feb 19 First Budget Working Session for the Board

If you require a comment on any of the above motions, please feel free to contact the person listed below the motion. For comment on the Chair's report, please contact Chairperson McPhee @ 250-489-9622

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Cheers,
Trina Ayling
250-421-3863

Southeast Kootenay School District 5
District Parent Advisory
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 6:30pm

- General Meeting call to order
- Introductions and regrets
- Additions or revisions and approval of today's agenda
- Revisions and approval of Minutes
- Correspondence
 - Resignation of Chris David as DPAC Treasurer
- Treasurer's report
 - Gaming report submitted
- Superintendent's report- Learn about what is happening in our district, schools, upcoming events, and the work of our district administrators
- Trustee's report- Learn about the policies, decisions, and advocacy that may affect our schools and children's education.
- BC Teacher's Federation Report
- PAC discussion- Opportunity for attendees from individual schools to share
- Business from previous minutes
 - Spending DPAC gaming grant funds
 - 13. Proposed speaker topics
 - 14. Zoom licenses for PACs
 - a. Apologies to those who have not received their sign in information
- New Business
 - New DPAC Executive volunteers
 - 15. Can be from any school in the district
 - Revision of DPAC Constitution and Bylaws
 - SD5 Staff unable to volunteer for prom events as parents
 - SD5 AD375 updated in December
- Questions
- Next meeting: February 11, 2026.
- Adjournment

We are privileged and thankful to be able to learn, laugh and live within

the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa people.