

Mount Baker Secondary School



MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 5 May 26 7:00 pm

- 1. Welcome & Introduction:** Meeting Opened at 7:03 pm Guest tonight, Rudy Kozicky - Parent, Ian Kozicky - Prom Fund Raising, Tina Ayling - SD5,
- 2. Minutes posted on the MBSS website** - Still waiting on Office to post Aaron to follow up on that.
- 3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes** - Tabled till we had more voting members
- 4. Additions to the agenda** - None, Motion to approve by Rudy, Ian seconded the motion
- 5. School Board Trustee Report** - Fill-in Tina Ayling - Discussion on Capital Plan for SD5 budget looks good, Amy Woodland still waiting for report on steps moving forward after fire, a Native Child Care Facility is going to be built on the MW property, hope to co-exist with school when it reopens or is rebuilt, see detailed notes in the attached Trustees Report
- 6. Principal's Report - Aaron Thorn** - Working on End of the year stuff, Staff tables for 2026/2027 school year, KDS online courses available, Room 112 will get remodeled to be a lunch room to serve hot lunches next school year, looking at community open house for June 23 or 24th for the 75 year celebration,
- 7. DPAC Report** - None
- 8. Treasurer's Report - Christina Hall** - out
 - a. Gaming funds status and account balance** - Tabled for next PAC Meeting
 - b. Transition for Treasure next year?**
 - C. Gaming Grant Application** - Closes the end of June 2026 need to apply for \$10K - Jen was going to get the application going for it
- 9. Old Business**
 - a. 10th Grade orientation/open house PAC Hosts with 11th & 12th Graders doing tours for potential students and parents, have grilled hot dogs, chips, pop,** - Do a different event for each
 - b. Student Council/Leadership presence at PAC Meeting** - Yes Aaron is going to reach out to teachers about his.
 - C. MBSS Open House** - Monday September 21st, **Gr 11/12 Host** (leadership class help Mrs. Cormier class, Warriors??), Food? Info booths e.g. Public Health, PAC...
- 10. New Business**
 - a. Prom Committee Guest Q &A** - Ian Kozicky- Fund Raising Committee Chair- Lots of community support and donations, 50/50 Draw need help from PAC, Thanked PAC for the \$4000 check to PAC

- b. Gaming license for Prom fundraiser**
- c. PHN at PAC, fb share, open house**
- d. Funding Request: (Merkel, Librarian) \$612.78 Cricut Explore, Heat Press and Software Subscription**
- e. Funding Request: \$1500 for guitar strings and parts (James L.) , \$1200 (Pear Singer) for Prom altering, and up to \$700 for (Merkel) Cricut Explore, heat press m and Software. Jen**
Motions to approve, Michelle Seconds

11. Adjournment 8:00 pm SHARP

12. Next Meeting: Tue 2 June @ 7:00pm.

Subject: Trustee Report April 2026

From the Province:

The Board and District Management have just returned from the BCSTA AGM—a lovely string of letters that fully demonstrates our collective avoidance of the written word. The BCSTA AGM is the annual general meeting of all 60 school boards across the province. As an organization, its purpose is to advocate for provincial changes that better support education, students, and staff.

This year, there were 31 motions brought forward requesting action of this nature. Two of these motions originated from our district and supported by the collective school districts within our region and boundary.

The first motion supported the intention to provide education that would further define and address unacceptable patterns of gender-based violence. Although the motion faced challenges due to previous requests on the same topic, we were given assurances that our presentation successfully advanced the intended purpose and direction.

The second motion focused on the replacement of aging school facilities and proposed changes to the criteria used for replacement. Specifically, it called for the inclusion of a broader range of factors essential to the safety and well-being of students and staff, particularly in the interior regions of British Columbia.

From the District – Regular Board Meeting held on April 14th, 2026

Fernie Elementary School and Childcare planning is back underway. There were some delays associated with environmental studies that needed to be concluded. The Planning Committee met recently and reviewed the changes to the design associated with the inclusion of the daycare facility. There were questions forwarded from community contacts as to the name of the school, the grade ranges, staffing and program collaboration between the two elementary buildings. It was suggested that further community consultation would be arranged as formal construction starts in the new school year.

Mountain View Elementary has been a topic of discussion recently. A portion of the building has been leased for office space and the remainder provided a home for the Treehouse Daycare. As the lease used for office space expired, work is required to convert, the gym in particular, back to the original intended design. Renovations will start shortly and as the Elk Valley has an increased need for recreation space, bringing the gym back into use will be of great benefit.

A new daycare facility will be added to the Amy Woodland Elementary site. An agreement has been reached with the Métis Nation of British Columbia, with additional support from the Ktunaxa Nation, allowing the daycare to proceed. Amy Woodland Elementary was recently destroyed by fire, and the school district is diligently working with the Ministry of Infrastructure to secure funding for a replacement facility and to address the educational opportunities lost as a result of the fire. The daycare will be located on the lower portion of the property, separate from the existing building footprint.

A recent meeting with the City of Cranbrook further strengthened the potential for positive collaboration. Members of both boards had the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual interest. As

the City experiences significant growth in housing, gaining a clearer understanding of where future families may settle—and which schools their children are likely to attend—is an important consideration for the School Board.

Today marked the official opening of the Jaffray Daycare facility, offering a welcome opportunity to celebrate this valuable addition to community services. The entire school participated in a walkthrough of the new facility, with refreshments along the way contributing to the sense of occasion. We extend our thanks to the school staff and community for their warm reception and patience throughout the construction process.

The Capital Plan was successfully approved at our recent board meeting. A significant amount of work is invested in the development of the Capital Plan, particularly this year as the process unfolded under very tight timelines. It requires careful identification of the type and location of repair and renewal projects across the district. As is always the case, the need for improvements exceeds available funding, which underscores the importance of the motion discussed earlier in this report to advocate for safe, supportive, and well-maintained school facilities.

Yours truly,

Doug McPhee, (he, him)
Trustee, School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Board Chair, School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay)