

**Mount Baker
Secondary
School**



MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 7 April 26 7:00 pm

1. Welcome & Introduction: Meeting Opened at 7:06 Pm
2. Nov, Dec, Feb minutes and other are all still pending to be posted to the website
3. Approval of March 3rd meeting's minutes - Michelle Votes to approve and Jen Seconded
4. Additions to the agenda- no additions
5. School Board Trustee Report - Chris Johns
 - e-Know is posting school district information, Elk spring rafting trip, Wed April 15th ribbon cutting for Jaffray Elementary Secondary School Day Care, see the attached notes for other highlights,
6. Principal's Report - Aaron Thorn - Not in attendance
7. DPAC Report - Nothing to update
8. Treasurer's Report - Christina Hall
 - a. Gaming funds status and account balance
 - b. PST Refund Claim form
 - C. We had a bank fee at the time of a deposit (why?)
 - D. Grad cheque question on whether it has been cashed or not
9. Old Business
 - a. Funding Request Form- review the form and leave some at the office
 - b. CBT Grant - Next year, Jen has an idea for these funds through alumni sports
 - c. 10th Grade orientation/open house (May or Sept?) PAC hosts with 11th & 12th grader school tours - September 3rd week, create community, BBQ hot dogs, chips, pop, Monday, Sept 21st,
10. New Business
 - a. MBSS 75th Birthday (April 6th)- Came and went
 - b. Student Council/Leadership presents at PAC meeting

C. Create a 26/27 PAC Meeting poster info sheet to hand out at the beginning of the year and at the open house,

11. Adjournment 7:39 pm

12. Next Meeting: Tue 5 May 26 @ 7:00pm

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS CARRIED

March 10, 2026

Motions Carried

THAT the Transportation Accountability Report be approved and posted on the District website.

Contact: Board Chair Doug McPhee, 250-489-9622

THAT the spring of 2026 Fernie Secondary rafting trip be approved with the understanding that the river will be run two days prior to the students taking the trip. Furthermore, this trip is only approved if there is guaranteed and adequate, emergency services available and the most experienced river rafting guides are used.

Contact: Board Chair Doug McPhee, 250-489-9622

THAT the revised 2026/27 Annual School Calendar be approved and submitted to the Ministry for review.

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THAT the 2026/27 Regular Public, Regular In-Camera and All Committees Meetings schedule be accepted, with the understanding that the schedule and locations may be reviewed as required.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

From the Province

Safe Access to Schools Act Extended to July 1, 2028

Rationale

The Province reports more than 40 protest disruptions outside K–12 schools since 2023, including those related to SOGI and vaccines, which helped justify extending the safeaccess legislation. It also cites a rise in vandalism and intimidating behaviour at churches and other religious sites that has affected people's ability to attend worship safely.

20 m Zones

The Safe Access to Schools Act establishes a protected zone around schools that includes the property and a 20metre buffer where disruptive or intimidating behaviour is prohibited. Originally set to expire in 2026, the provincial

government has proposed extending these protections to July 1, 2028. The new legislation would also allow eligible places of worship to create similar 20metre safeaccess zones around their buildings and property. These zones would only

take effect when a site opts in by posting governmentapproved signage. Once activated, police would be able to intervene, ticket, or arrest individuals who impede access or intimidate people within the designated area.

From the District

Highlights of the Public Meeting of the Board - March 10, 2026 Fernie, BC
Presentation from CDTA and FDTA

The CDTA and FDTA presidents presented their perspectives to support the District Budget 2026–27 consultation process, highlighting current and future practices they believe enhance educational quality. The budget work will continue in the coming months, with the goal of meeting student needs within limited financial resources.

Motions:

- o The Board approved the Transportation Accountability Report.
- o Fernie Secondary School prepared a request to have students involved in a rafting trip. The application addressed the required safety considerations all questions from the board.
- o The revised 2026/27 Annual School Calendar was presented and passed. Thanks again to everyone who had the opportunity to provide input into the calendar.
- o Knowing "Where", "When" and "Why' are important considerations for board meetings. The 2026/27 schedule for Board Meetings was presented and passed.

Ongoing Work:

A meeting of the consultation group for the Fernie Elementary School development project was held on the morning of March 10, 2026. The group received an update on the previously reviewed design elements, along with clarification on the next steps required as the project advances toward the tendering and construction phases.

Additional work was also identified for the Amy Woodland Elementary business plan, as required by the Ministry of Infrastructure. It was noted that the remaining reports are expected to be completed and submitted by midMarch 2026.

Learning Together NO.21 February 2026

In this addition:

Superintendent Johnson's insights into the steps taken to address the traumatic events of Tumbler Ridge using both school-based, community-based and provincial resources.

The Learning Together publications are a wealth of information and pictures celebrating the educational activities and opportunities in SD5. The full report can be accessed on the SD5 website.

Ministry of Education and Childcare – Annual Review Feedback

The Ministry of Education and Childcare recognized in its feedback report that “SD5 is building strong foundations in engagement, equity, and strategic alignment.”

The Ministry highlighted several key areas of strength, including:

- o Robust engagement and development of the new Strategic Plan, demonstrating strong collaboration and broad stakeholder involvement.

- o Clear alignment between district operational plans, strategic priorities, and individual school plans, ensuring cohesive direction across the system.

- o Ongoing engagement with the IEC and Indigenous students and communities, reflecting a sustained commitment to respectful collaboration and cultural responsiveness.

- o Inclusion of required provincial data and local supplemental data, strengthening evidenceinformed decision-making.

- o Continued focus and support for Indigenous Students, Students in Care, and Students with Disabilities or Diverse Needs, reinforcing SD5's commitment to equity and improved outcomes for all learners.

Child Care

This month's report included an invitation to the official opening of the Strong Start Center at Jaffray Elementary/Middle School. In support of helping children enter the primary program with confidence, each elementary school is hosting activities designed to support that important first step into kindergarten.

If you have a child entering kindergarten, please contact your registering school to find out the scheduled date and time for these activities.