

**Mount Baker
Secondary
School**



MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 3 March 3 7:00 pm

1. Welcome & Introduction: Meeting Opened - Jen Morrison,
Chris Johns, Michelle Warrenchuk, Christina Hall
2. November and December Minutes still not posted on the MBSS website
3. Approval of February 3rd meeting's minutes Michelle Motioned to approve, Jen seconds the motion
4. Additions to the agenda- None
5. School Board Trustee Report - Chris Johns, next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th, Approved travel to Oregon for MBSS, strength training course, Teen Development and Caregiving approved, amended annual budget, 2026/2027 school district calendars are pending review, started working on 26/27 budget looks like enrollment at the Kindergarten level is down 200 kids, other reports and meeting details are attached
6. Principal's Report - Aaron Thorn - None
7. DPAC Report - suggestions for calendar, placement of moving a development day from one month to another
8. Treasurer's Report - Christina Hall
 - a. Gaming funds status and account balance - No changes same as Feb balances
 - B. Gaming Fund Funding Request Form Review - Action Jen to get - Funding request form for next year, Lori created a form to fill out online and send in the request
 - C. Draw for the Raffle for Aboriginal Education - Meat Raffle
9. Old Business
 - a. Solicitation for Vice Chair, DPAC - Drop this not needed at this point in time, Jen motions to drop the solicitation, Christina approves

b. Dominos Pizza Fundraiser update - CPF Canadian Parents for French was challenging with conflict of other fund raising event, Children's Hospital at the same time

10. New Business

a. 9th Grade Orientation - PAC host 2 nights with help from 11th & 12th graders with school tours for students and parents. PAC has the opportunity to meet incoming parents and recruit for executive positions- suggestion to have it like a super with a club sponsor, use some gaming funds, March 10th is the 9th graders, Idea for more of September open house - Discuss with Aaron, second or third week after classes start

b. Prom Volunteer update - Roaring 20's speak easy, art deco,

c. CBT - Sports Grants for next year - Jen - we should apply next year for raising money to make sports more affordable for everyone, share with Arron next month, MBSS alumni sports parent fund raiser - **ACTION** - Jen to send out original email about the grant information

d. Graduation - Student participation through Student Council /Leadership Class - Ms. Marschner, DSAC district talk to all parts of the high school (4 in district) **ACTION**- Michelle to reach out to Ms. Marchner to ask about Leadership class participation
D. Beautification of school or classroom, graduating class does a community art or project to leave a class project behind (like the peace treat at Idlewild Park from previous grad class)

E. **MBSS 75th birthday April 6, 1951** - Legacy of Learning - pull out historical stuff from basement **ACTION** - Jen to check in with Aaron about this

11. Adjournment 7:51 pm

12. Next Meeting: **Tue 7th of April 2026 @ 7:00pm** - MBSS Library

SUMMARY OF BOARD MOTIONS CARRIED
February 10, 2026

Motions Carried

THAT the Board of Education authorize travel of a Mount Baker Secondary student to Oregon. This trip is not a school-sponsored event.

Contact: [Board Chair Doug McPhee, 250-489-9622](#)

THAT the Board Authority/Authorized Course - Strength, Conditioning, Leadership & Performance 10 be approved.

Contact: [Board Chair Doug McPhee, 250-489-9622](#)

THAT the Board Authority/Authorized Course - Teen Development and Caregiving 12 be approved.

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THAT a letter of support be written to School District 60 regarding the request to include educational assistants in the Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

Contact: [Board Chair Doug McPhee, 250-489-9622](#)

THAT the Draft 2026-2027 School District Calendar be submitted for public consultation.

Contact: [Board Chair Doug McPhee, 250-489-9622](#)

THAT permission be granted for all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw to be passed at the February 10, 2026, public meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Nick Taylor, 250-417-2054

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) adopt the amended annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

The Bylaw read a first, second and third time the 10th day of February, 2026.

Contact: Secretary-Treasurer Nick Taylor, 250-417-2054

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Board of Education for Southeast Kootenay wishes to extend our support and condolences for the tragic loss experienced by the community of Tumbler Ridge. We have experienced the loss of loved ones in our communities, and the impact has always been deeply felt. A tragedy of the nature experienced in Tumbler Ridge has impacted everybody in that community and we wish them well as they move forward during this difficult time. Our hearts are with you.

The school district has circulated information to schools and parents which may help with the questions being asked about support services and information which may help with the questions students may have.

FROM THE DISTRICT

New Child Care Center Coming for Fernie Families

The Ministry of Education and Child Care announced in November 2025 that 37 new

licensed child care spaces will be provided with the new elementary school in Fernie. Work is ongoing on this project and with the announcement coming before the design phase has been completed, the addition of the child care will be seamlessly integrated into the overall build.

Steeple's Strong Start and Child Care Center Grand Opening, February 3rd, 2026

A Grand Opening Celebration was held for the new facility at Steeple's Elementary School. Community child care providers and support organizations were in attendance and displayed information on the community's support for day care. The celebration was also attended by trustees, district staff, Cranbrook City counsellors and media.

In addition to the facility at Steeple's, the final work on the day care for Jaffray Elementary/Jr Secondary is nearing completion. Providing affordable day care in all of the communities of the school district is our goal. We hope to gather once again and celebrate the opening of this opportunity for the community of Jaffray and South Country.

Public Board Meeting February 10th, 2026

The Board authorized the travel for one student who hopes to compete in a track and field competition in Oregon. Due to the difficult political circumstances in the US, student travel for groups has been restricted to Canada. The student in this request will be travelling with a parent.

Two BA (Board Approved) courses have been approved for secondary schools in the district: Strength and Conditioning, Leadership and Performance 10 and Teen Development and Caregiving 12.

The Board approved the Amended Annual Budget for 2025/26. The budget is largely determined by student enrollment. The best estimate for the 2026/27 year is being conducted now, fueled largely by the registration of new kindergarten students. The work of the next few months will be to ensure that the educational needs of all students will be addressed for the next cycle.

An official count of enrollment occurs at the end of September. The budget for that year is adjusted accordingly – the amended budget.

The Draft Annual School Calendar for 2026-2027 has been posted on the website for input. Suggestions or comments can be submitted to Jane Nixon on or before **March 3rd, 2026**.

Learning Together No. 20 January 2026

Great read again this month and can be accessed online sd5.bc.ca.

- Superintendent Johnson on: FESL, Development Instruments and Strategic Planning.
- Warriors Leadership at Mount Baker Secondary
- Early Learning and Child Care
- News for District Teachers
- The Food Guide
- Transformative Learning and the Design Labs
- Outdoor Education

--Doug McPhee, Board Chair