



MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 6 May 25 7:00 pm

Present: Lori Nicli (Chair), Lies Salvador (DPAC), Patricia Whalen (Vice Chair), Chris Johns (Trustee), Dave Hill (Principal), Michelle Warrenchuk, John McDonaugh

- **Welcome & Introductions** at 7:00pm
- **Approval of Feb 2025 minutes:**
 - Motion moved and seconded by Lies and John to approve April minutes. Motion carried.
- **Additions to the agenda:**
 - No additions to the agenda were proposed.
- **School Board Trustee Report:**
 - Budget Update:
 - i. Preparing the 2025–2026 budget, required by law to be approved by June; total budget approximately \$100 million.
 - ii. Provincial funding increased by only 1%, which does not meet cost-of-living increases.
 - Capital Projects:
 - i. Amy Woodland Elementary: Replacement or renovation plans pending—options A/B/C under review, awaiting ministry funding details.
 - ii. Fernie Elementary: Experiencing delays and cost overruns.
 - iii. Mount Baker Secondary: Continued advocacy for facade upgrades and window replacements for energy efficiency; potential work planned for summer.
 - Community Engagement:
 - i. Public Input Night: May 28 at 6 PM (Mount Baker Gym/Library) for “Enhancing Student Learning Framework.”
 - ii. April 29 Meeting with Minister: Focused again on advocating for Mount Baker replacement; further discussion expected at June’s Select Standing Committee.
 - Additional Notes:
 - i. Ongoing “Beautification Project” with student grad boards and artwork in stairways.
 - ii. Kitchen and equipment upgrade underway at various schools, including Isabella Dicken.
 - iii. Upcoming Regional Specialist Association keynote was positively received, focusing on AI in education.
 - iv. Continued lobbying for maintenance of Baker Street facade and energy upgrades.

- **Principal's Report:**
 - Discussed Community Engagement Night (May 28).
 - Rugby fields and infrastructure: City working on dandelion control and field improvements.
 - Rugby goalposts and dirt work near tennis courts part of city infrastructure project.
 - Next School Year: Timetable planning underway.
 - Scholarship Night: Confirmed for May 27 at 7 PM in the gym.
- **DPAC Report:**
 - Gary Anaka Presentation: Cancelled last minute due to low attendance (6 attendees, 4 from DPAC). Will re-evaluate advertising strategies for future events.
 - Upcoming DPAC Meetings: May and June sessions scheduled; Jason to present on bullying prevention and district policy following concerns from Jaffray and Fernie.
 - DPAC Elections: Call for nominations in June; elections in October.
 - Lori and others noted this would be their final DPAC meeting participation due to no children remaining in school.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Prom fundraising account balance at approximately \$1,150; goal met or slightly exceeded.
 - Picture of payment taken and shared with Treasurer for official recording.
- **Prom Update:**
 - Fundraising:
 - i. Successful collection of donations meeting targets; still open to additional contributions.
 - ii. Upcoming event: Burger fundraiser at Rugby Tournament (May 14, 11 AM–4 PM) with Mr. Mikes restaurant, pop and Gatorade sales, and bake sale by students and parents.
 - Decorations:
 - i. Theme: Disney's "Tangled."
 - ii. Lanterns, fairy lights, and decor in progress; volunteer schedule in 4-hour decorating shifts.
 - Prizes and Gifts:
 - i. Major prizes include paddleboards, tent, sleeping bags, Apple Watch, laptop, etc.
 - ii. Every grad to receive a grab bag (~\$25 value) with items like car kits, gift cards, or dorm supplies.
 - Tickets:
 - i. Grad ticket price: \$40 (includes cap and gown fee).
 - Other Notes:
 - i. Aim to leave a financial cushion for next year's committee.
 - ii. Commencements hosted at the RecPlex; ongoing discussion about facility costs and joint-use agreements.
- **Old Business:**
 - a. Status of Scoreboard Purchase:

i. Briefly mentioned—no new updates or changes reported.

- **New Business**

- a. Funding Requests:

- i. No new funding requests: Christina absent.

- b. October Executive Elections:

- i. Confirmed that next PAC meeting (AGM) will include voting for new executive.

- **Adjournment at 7:45 pm**

- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 7:00 PM (AGM)