

## 2025/26 PAC Meeting Minutes

*Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Monthly Meeting All Parents with Children in Begbie View are members and encouraged to attend any/all PAC meetings SD19-Revelstoke-Begbie View Elementary (BVE)*

### Agenda BVE PAC Meeting May 4th 2026

- Meeting called to order @ \_6:31pm\_\_

One Indigenous teaching that feels especially relevant to our work with children is the idea that children are not just being prepared for the future—they are already valued members of the community. In many Indigenous worldviews, children are seen as gifts with their own voices, strengths, and roles, and it's our responsibility as adults to guide and support them while also listening and learning from them.

As we move through today's meeting, let's carry that perspective with us—honouring each child as capable, important, and deserving of respect.

Attendance: Jo Gawler, Michelle Ross, Kim Hayes, Austin Luciw, Emily Grady, Eleanor Wilson, Jen Wedel, Ashley Reed, Jana, Chelsea

Additions to Agenda: Bike racks & Bike lane coming into school / parking lot

Approval of April minutes: Jo    Motion: Jo            Second: Austin

### Agenda Items:

1. Treasurer Update: Chq \$6609.65    Gaming \$ 2,160.66            Yearbook: \$4,103.47  
- Jo will sit with Brodie first week of July and will do the year end and will ensure that the it is well documented so it is easy for next years board.
2. DPAC Committee Updates:
  - a. No meeting since the last one - next meeting is in 2 days
3. FUNDRAISING :
  - Family Photos - do we know how much we made: find out next week. It was a lot of work for the 2 volunteers that were there (thank you Rachel & Ariel!)
  - RASS received \$9,000 from the Redi Grant (from the \$18,000 original ask)
    - Going towards the front playground

- Will include a small strip of shade with a bench &
- Jo was given a \$50,000 donation of a Shade Sail.
  - Will cover whole playground
  - Done in next 2 weeks
  - Is not rain / snow proof

4. Hot lunches:

- May 6: Shepherds pie
- May 20: Chicken Teriyaki stirfry
- June 3: Lasagna (LAST hot lunch of the year)
- Cooking classes with Austin: May 25, June 1, June 8, Mondays after school. There are still some space if there are interested students from grade 6 & 7.

5. Staff requests:

- a. Eleanor Wilson (librarian & Grd. 3/4) is asking for funding to purchase 6 (or more) portable book players (audio book player with access to all types) for our school. This would be an option to support children with physical and learning disability that makes reading conventional print books difficult.
  - The device is screen-free, and have a huge selection of books. This is a great and more cost effective option opposed to ipads.
  - No on-going fees (not subscription based) because Eleanor is a registered educator.
  - Is there a limit to how many devices you can have on your profile? Not sure - but making a profile is free, so any teacher can make it.
  - Cost is \$155 ea.
  - Austin motions for \$2400 to cover 14 portable book players. Second: Chelsea, Third: Jo.
- b. There is a request for volleyball & smashball poles. They are adjustable, and would eliminate the current poles & chance of

"I am writing to ask for \$929.70 (+ shipping) to purchase 6 portable book players (audio book player with access to all types of for our school. These devices will help students who have a learning or physical disability that makes reading conventional print books difficult. We have 14 students who meet this criteria. "

6. Staff Report & Principal Comments:

- Volunteers needed for sports day: reply to Ariel

- Volunteers needed for subway lunch pick-ups & distribution at the school: Jo & Ashley to help at school at 12:15pm
  - Fruit pick-up & chopping
7. Any new business to carry forward to the next meeting?
- Paying for last lunch for the staff. Food truck usually comes
  - Tamariba on the last day the students are here - Jo will look into it.
  - Bike racks & Bike lanes:
    - Jo Ask RAS if there's funds in the
    - Potential options for bike lanes in discussion with city (Austin)
    - bike lane along road between soccer field & roadway, with cement barriers
    - Potential danger zone at the turn out of the school parking lot onto 9th ave if the bike lane crosses this road.
    - Side-walk-side for bike path could be a good option for people coming from the north-ish side of town (CP hills / farwell, etc). Which could reduce the danger zone of crossing from the Mackenzie direction.
    - What about a 3-way stop? Or a round-about? Or one-way only traffic direction on 9th.
    - Ideally 2 bike paths completed: one going into BVE & one going to the highschool
  - Full school photo - Ariel is working on this, and PAC will pay for it.

Next and Meeting June \_8th, 6:30pm\_\_\_

Adjournment: 7:14pm