



Trustee Report

FROM: Rhonda Farrell
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Trustee Report, to SD10 Board, for Eastern Zone

For Information

PAC Meeting – January 13/26

Meeting minutes attached.

Meeting highlights:

- Reports presented - principal, financial, district
- Request for donation to Battle of the Books
- Parents inquiring about applying for grant opportunities
- Discussion regarding Chamber of Commerce membership

Respectfully,

Rhonda Farrell
Trustee, Eastern Zone

Lucerne School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
MINUTES
6:00 p.m. January 13, 2026
Lucerne School Library

Present: LESS Principal Mitchell Hemphill, Vice Principal Justin Bisson, SD #10
Trustee Rhonda, Robert, Sandra, Eva, Jana

Chair Eva called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED by Robert and seconded by Sandra that the agenda for the January 13, 2026 LESS PAC meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOVED by Eva and seconded by Robert that the minutes of the December 9, 2025 LESS PAC meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED

3. Reports

- Principal's Report: Upcoming Events: January 13th 'Battle of the Books' runs until the first week of March. January 23rd Pro D Day. January 30th HS students have Avalanche Safety Training scheduled. Students will be participating in an assessment tool for well-being between Jan-March. February dates for skiing have been confirmed, \$10/per student/ per trip (same as last year), \$30/per student/ per trip to Red (same as last year). Shakefest Jan 27. Charlotte Farrell has started Jan 5. LESS is back up to 97 students enrolled. Thanks to Wes for the winter variety show. Need to work on the sound system/equipment for Lucerne - if anyone hears anything, please look out for grants that could be used for this purpose.
- Financial Report: *Attached*. Sitting higher than we often have, but there is also more need for financial assistance so that money can go very fast.
- School District Report: *Attached*. The policy committee is meeting this Thursday to continue work on updating the District policy manual. Check out the school district website and see if there are things to sign up for or that might peak parents' interest. For example, links to free, on-line safety sessions for families [are available here](#).
- DPAC Report: Nothing to report

4. Old Business

- Nothing

5. New Business

- Donation for Battle of the Books: Have yet to connect with Rachel about donating some prizes for Battle of the Books. If PAC donates an amount to be used for prizes, we should give clear guidelines as to how students can win the prizes/ what the criteria are for winning a certain prize. Eva will have Rachel fill out a request for funds form.
- Application for donation to library: A parent had reached out and asked if they could apply for a grant through Slocan Solutions, for upgrades to the library specifically, such as new couches, new artwork. “YES” was the answer.
- Email from chamber of commerce: Eva received an email (forwarded from Kate), soliciting PAC to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Under the school act, PAC’s are not allowed a formal partnership with chambers.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

LESS PAC
Financial Report
January 2026

Gaming Account

Date	Notes	Amount	Running Total
01-Jan-26	Balance from previous month	4613.60	
01-Jan-26	Place holder for Mural Project (United Church Grant)	-1000.00	3613.60

General Operating Account

Date	Notes	Amount	Running Total
01-Jan-26	Balance from previous month	3882.83	
18-Dec-25	Rancho Fund Raiser	280.00	4162.83



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For Information

The last regular meeting of the Board of Education was December 2/25. We've had a nice winter break and are back to our regular schedule.

Policy: The Policy Committee is meeting this Thursday, January 15/26, to continue our work to update the District's policy manual.

At the last regular meeting, notice of motion was announced, as recommended by the Policy Committee, to amend the following policies, after review and updating as necessary, at the February 24/26, regular Board meeting:

- Policy 301 – SOGI
- Policy 320 – Participation in Graduation Ceremonies
- Policy 330 – Child & Youth Protection
- Policy 332 – Physical Restraint & Seclusion in Schools
- Policy 510 – Recruitment & Selection of Exempt Staff

These policies are all available for review on the District's website, and we welcome your comments and feedback. Please feel free to reach out to either me or Amanda Murphy, or email the Board office.

SD10 Website Information: The District's website is very well maintained and updated frequently with current District news and useful information including links to free, on-line safety sessions for families - "Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities"; and, "Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Extortion" with several date offerings listed. Hopefully parents have an opportunity to take a look and participate in these important discussions.

Regular Board Meeting: The next regular meeting of the board is in Nakusp, at NSS, January 20/26, 6pm. There are Zoom links on the District website for alternate attendance options.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Farrell
SD10 Trustee, Eastern Zone