

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Sept 12th 2018 @ 6:30pm



6:37pm

1. Call to Order

- a) Welcome / Introductions
IN ATTENDANCE: John H., Jonathon W., Kristi B., Amy A., Wendy W., Sam J., Lisa K., Jackie F., Serena S., Andrew B., Shannon M., Emma M., Cindy S., Jennifer P.
- b) Approval of agenda: September 2018 meeting
M: JH, S: SJ - Approved
- c) Approval of minutes: June 2018 meeting
M: WW, S: AB - Approved
- d) Correspondence/Feedback

2. Guest Spotlight

Open to suggestions of information to bring to the PAC's attention

3. Teacher's Spotlight

Jennifer Parlee

- Nature Pathway – more steps to come to keep completing the sections.
- The goal is to give families info about the pathway, why do we have it and what's next.
- Trying to bring a teacher to each PAC meeting to keep conversations going and building momentum.
- Historically the District was strict with building requirements and the pathway was stalled. It's more relaxed now and we can have volunteer help.

4. Admin Report

Cindy

- Deckadence part of Pathway – Wow! Kids love it. Natural Play area, teachers are using it for lessons and performances there. It's the most used part of the pathway and wonderful to see.
- Classes are underway. There are 275 kids in 13 divisions. Kids are settled, routines starting and making connections. We've had 2 fire drills, 1 more to come. PRO-D day is Monday Sept 17th and will be a focus for staff of gender diversity in the morning, First peoples in the afternoon. Craig Shelburg is a district admin to lead it.

Sam: His child reported changing shoes before the drill, is this usual?

Cindy: These first drills are to prepare the kids and keep the stress low for them to learn but no it's not usual

Shannon: Is gender diversity a discussion teachers pass down to students?

Cindy: Yes, it's part of curriculum to teach, weave into everyday and add to teachers skills.

Emma

- On Sept 24 there's a Brazil cultural dance and music assembly in the gym for 45 mins.
- Sept 28 is Orange Shirt Day to raise awareness of residential schools. In classrooms only so teachers can personalize the lessons. Pod A will have James Taylor and Bertha as guests.
- Earthquake drill will be in October.
- Re-unification drill will happen in May, parents will have to pick up students to practise the drill. New forms will be sent out.
- Lock down drill to come, there will be no use of cell phones - will be very strict.
- Hold and Secure is a different drill as students are allowed to move freely inside the school but stay in the building. Eg Cougar spotted in the neighbourhood.

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Shannon: Is the Earthquake container up to date?

Emma: Yes, it's all good and set up, just renewing some water this year.

5. Executive Update

Jonathan

- Still looking for a Secretary to update the Agenda and take meeting notes

6. Treasurer's Report

John

- Year To Date financial overview:

June, July Monthly Review, opening and closing bank balances

August – outstanding commitments are negative because there's no revenue to add until the budget is approved.

- 2018/2019 Proposed Budget was presented. Tennis was not funded or we'll run into deficit. This was one large single expenditure rather than losing a few small ones. If by Spring things change we can look at it again.

- These are only the expenditures we know of, there's room for other requests and more fundraisers if parents want to step up.

Shannon: How do we go about Terry Fox fundraising awareness? JH: Talk to Cindy and PAC to discuss ideas and what you'd like to do.

Jonathan: Walk A Thon estimates are \$20 revenue per student less \$5 t-shirts = \$15 possible profit

John: Spring Fair has a big profit that is weather dependent and we are being cautious about the contingency fund in the bank.

Jennifer: Maker Space has been great. Shared between all grades and buddies have used it together, very well received.

Emma: Thank you for considering all the requests, field trips and classroom funds, it's much appreciated.

- SJ made a motion to approve the proposed budget and to present it to the membership for approval at the October PAC meeting. All in favour - unanimously approved.

7. PAC Event Reports (Updates/Feedback/Action Items)

John: PAC google drive is full of info and files from previous.

7.1. Welcome back BBQ

Thursday **September 13th**

- More volunteers have come forward so we should be good to go ahead.
- Set up a PAC info table with sign up sheets for future events, social area to connect with new parents
- Nature Pathway info area also for parents to discover.

7.2. Walk-a-thon

Friday Oct 12th – **date changed to Oct 18th**

- Committee is Leanne, Serena, Wendy, Emma and Bev
- Date changed to October 18 from 1pm-2pm
- Discussion regarding ordering t-shirts for the whole school. Teachers would use the shirts as class building, school pride, spirit day wear, events like track and swimming too. Every student would get one regardless of fundraising. Logo was commissioned aboriginal art and kids love it. Against was the spending while not knowing how much funds the event will bring in being first time event.
- JW motioned to approve spending approx \$1538.25 on shirts, SJ seconded and all agreed except SS.

7.3. Monster Ball

Friday **October 26th**

- Need a lead and volunteers to help get it going. AB agreed to help planning.

7.4. Family Movie Night

Thursday **November 22nd**

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| 7.5. Tree Chipping/Bottle Drive/Electronics Recycling | Sunday January 6th |
| 7.6. Family Movie Night | Friday February 22nd |
| 7.7. PAC AGM | Wednesday May 8th |
| 7.8. Kindie Orientation | Thursday May 16th |
| 7.9. Spring Fair | Friday June 7th |
| 7.10. Teacher Lunch | June TBA |
| 7.11. Final Assembly | Thursday June 27th |
| 7.12. Other: | |

- 7.12.1. iRide Cindy
- Gr 4 & 5 program that brings bikes and instructors to the school to teach kids how to ride a bike. Gives 3 sessions for students to learn or hone their skills.
Emma: There's an obstacle course, tag games on bikes. Some kids learned to ride and it was great to see that they kept doing it afterwards.
Cindy: Thanks for sponsoring it.

8. Program Reports

8.1. Fun Lunch: Leanne

- 8.1.1. November 16th
- 8.1.2. January 25th
- 8.1.3. March 1st

8.2. Class Reps: Kindrée

Can we ask teachers to collect forms? Memo in e-bulletin on Friday, PAC needs emails to contact with parents. Sign up form to be left with teachers and job role for BBQ Meet and Greet evening.

8.3. Child Alert: Bev

8.4. Lice Check: Vacant – needs a co-ordinator. Shannon to talk to Cindy about the task.

8.5. Fruit & Veggie program: Marni? Cindy will check with her about keeping the co-ordinator position.

8.6. FaceBook: Jasmine – Members can post to group and admin can approve the post and go live with it.

8.7. Thrifty Smile Card: John – 5% of purchases using the card at Thrifty's come back to the school, ear marked for iPads. Max \$2000 per year.

8.8. Entertainment Books: Wendy

- 8.8.1. September 18th - October 2nd – Goal is 150 Books to make \$12 per book or it's \$6 each for less. Books will not go home this year, only an order form and information letter. When orders come in with payment the books will go out to the student.

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8.9. Parent Education: Vacant

8.9.1. Julie-Anne Richards is coming to the school on Oct 17 from 6-8pm in the gym. Register but it's free to attend. An info session on how to support children aged 5-11 experiencing stress & anxiety.

Shannon suggested another event with Alison Reese would be of high value.

8.10. Mabel's Labels: Angie

8.11. Book Fair: Travis, Laura, Lisa

8.11.1. **November 1st – 6th**

8.11.2. Possibly make the event shorter, seems to be the same sales even if it was 2 days shorter.

9. Funding Requests

9.1. Open to ideas

10. Old / New Business

10.1. What is the PAC's role?

10.1.1. Fund Raising

10.1.2. Fun

10.1.3. Communication

10.1.4. Other

10.2. Other business/announcements/questions

John: Keep conversations going with parents; work on ways for PAC to communicate with parents.

Shannon/Andrew – Safe Streets and plan for crossing guards at Wilkinson and South Valley where there is very high traffic and no supervision.

Emma – This area wasn't brought up to CRD. Other suggestions were: better signs, extra crosswalk up Wilkinson Road, bike lanes, and move Bus stop away from crosswalk. Timeline for action items was given.

Shannon – Encourage letters to Saanich PD and District of Saanich to look at ideas of safer crossing. Ave an adult crossing guard on site??

11. Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday October 10th at 6:30pm

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

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