

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 @ 6:30pm



1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Territorial Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Welcome / Introductions
 - Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm
 - Attendees: Scott Thomas, Carey Nickerson, Sam Jassal, Andrew Balo, Melanie Styles, Chantelle Bowden, Danielle Grbavac, Garnett Humenick, Jack Buchanan
- 1.3. Approval of minutes: November 2024
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Garnet
- 1.4. Approval of agenda: January 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Danielle

2. Guest Spotlight

N/A

3. Teacher's Spotlight

N/A

4. Admin Report

Scott Thomas / Carey Nickerson

- Gearing up for kindergarten registration for the 2025/2026 school year. Admin is planning for 2 classes for a total of 40 students. The next school year will look similar to this year with 13 divisions.
- Student activities are in full force and include:
 - Rainbow Club (40-50 students) on Fridays
 - Choir (grades 3,4,5) on Wednesdays
 - Dance Club (grade 4 and 5's) on Tuesdays
 - Floor Hockey (grade 4 and 5's) on Mondays and Thursdays
 - Basketball starting soon
 - Drop in Floor Hockey (grade 2 and 3's) on Fridays
 - Finger Knitting Club for grade 2's starting in late January (Tuesdays)
- The choir is gearing up to perform at Victoria Sings at UVic on Monday, March 3rd.
- The new finger knitting club will be putting a request out to families for wool donations.
- Pickleball Association will be presenting to staff at the February Pro D Day.
- Strawberry Vale Fastball League has also reached out to SV and there may be an opportunity to incorporate fastball into PE classes.
- Skating for all divisions will be starting next week.
- Question around why the school is not putting on a 'Winter Festival'. Due to staffing commitments, the logistics for putting this show on and rehearsal time didn't align.

5. Executive Update

Sam Jassal / Chantelle Bowden

- None at this time.

6. Treasurer's Report

Andrew Balo

- 6.1. Financial Overview Update
 - Currently, there is \$29,374 between the PAC's three accounts.
 - PAC reimbursed the school for the dock upgrade at the pond.
- 6.2. Fundraiser Revenue Update: November & December fun lunches, Movie Night, Purdy's, Art Cards, Toy Shop & Swap
 - November Fun Lunch profit: \$467
 - December Fun Lunch profit: \$200
 - Movie Night profit: \$112
 - Purdy's: SV will be receiving a cheque for ~\$950
 - Art Cards & Toy Shop & Swap will be discussed in *Section 8.4* and *8.7*.

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7. Funding Requests

7.1 Seaquarium

- There is a different format this year for maintaining aspects of the seaquarium such as motor function, cleaning, maintaining the creatures, etc. This year it will be maintained by an outside company. Currently, students from Mrs. Brooke's class are helping to take care of the tank and life inside. Mrs. Brookes is also using it as a tool for her Environmental Ed classes.
- SV is requesting up to \$900 from the PAC to help cover costs for this company to maintain the seaquarium.
- Motion to Approve up to \$900: Garnet; Seconded: Danielle. Unanimous yes by the group.

8. PAC Programs, Events, Fundraisers (updates / feedback / action items)

8.1. FaceBook	Jasmine Jassal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posts can be made on Facebook and will either be approved or denied by Jasmine Jassal. Please email Jasmine directly for anything related to Facebook (<i>her email can be given by emailing the PAC</i>).
8.2. Parent Education	Lauren Lemieux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SV is cost-sharing with McKenzie Elementary to host Shannon Husk who will be presenting <i>Finding a Balance with Digital Technology</i> on Thursday, January 30th from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is still TBD but will be somewhere between \$48 to \$60. This presentation can be attended in person at McKenzie Elementary or online. Melanie to start advertising for this in this week's email. • The presentation with Allison Rees on <i>How to Have Difficult Conversations with your Kids</i>, will need to be Monday-Wednesday in April. Lauren to connect with Allison Rees on timing and whether this will be in person, online, or both. Andrew suggested contacting SV preschool to see if they would like to join.
8.3. Fun Lunches	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next two fun lunches are scheduled for Friday, February 21st and Friday, May 2nd. Both will be pizza from Pizzaz Pizza. • <u>February 21st fun lunch</u>: online ordering will go live on January 31st and close February 13th. • The May 30th fun lunch, we will try something different. Suggestions of Il Greco or the Hot Dog truck out of Tilicum Mall were given. Melanie to look into different options and report back at the February meeting.
8.4 Art Cards	Danielle Grbavac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit of \$1,281. • Feedback from staff was that this was a worthwhile project; however, for next year, having another 2 weeks to work this into lesson planning would be beneficial. • Feedback from the office was that it was a bit of work to organise everything. • The PAC and admin were agreeable to do this project in the next school year. • A suggestion of looking into using The Card Project instead was given. This company and Art Cards are comparable in terms of artwork produced, themes, cost, shipping, and profits. The only difference is that

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		with The Card Project, every student will get their artwork without the 'sample' written on it in case there are families who can't order or for families who don't need multiple copies.
8.5 Book Fair	Chantelle Bowden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russell's book fair is scheduled for February 11-13th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 11th - set up; February 12th - all day until 3:30pm February 13th - 11am-6pm (open for student - led conferences)
8.6 Movie Night	Raven Yager / Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movie night for grade 3-5 students is scheduled for Friday, March 7th. Raven to connect with Scott around movie selection.
8.7 Toy Shop & Swap	Chantelle Bowden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profit of \$230. Leftover toys were donated to the Out of School Care program. There was a lengthy discussion around where the PAC should donate the \$230. Suggestions of Saanich Neighbourhood Place or the Breakfast program were given. The group to decide on where to donate at the February meeting. <u>Feedback</u>: Overall, the students had fun. For next year, it would be beneficial to have items geared towards the older students in grades 4 and 5 as some of them have outgrown toys by this point. Discussion around having the grade 4 and 5's be more involved in running this event instead of "shopping". Discussion around advertising for donations in September and also tidying up the wording around this event.
8.8 Walk-a-thon	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled for Friday, April 25th. Need to start thinking about prizes. Details will be finalized at the February meeting.
8.9 Yearbooks	Chantelle Bowden / Sam Jassal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chantelle to email Scott communication to teachers about where to upload photos.

9. Old / New Business

9.1 School Sign	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott confirmed that the ground is too uneven to use a ladder to change the letters. We will need to purchase a pole. Chantelle to revisit this and report back at the February meeting.
9.2 Swimming Lessons	Astrid Loucks / Scott Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biggest issue with this is transportation to and from the pool. It was decided this would be offered to the grade 3's only and would take the place of skating.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was decided to work on details around this between now and the June meeting. At the June meeting, have all details finalized including booking buses in the fall for a January 2026 timeline.
9.3 Island Sexual Health Sessions/ Home Alone Program	Jack Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Island Sexual Health should be contacting SV in February.Jack to connect with Dirk Poppen around the Home Alone Program and reconfirm timing.
9.4 Finnex Reflectors Fundraiser	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Melanie to give more detail at the February meeting.There was a suggestion of asking Finnex if they can do logos. Thinking these could be a prize item for the walk-a-thon.
9.5 Indigenous Drums	Scott Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PAC has been invited to help build 25 drums. Building would take place all day during the February 14th Pro D day. Staff who will be helping will be confirmed next week. Admin to send an email to the PAC around who is available and interested in coming to help.

10. Next PAC Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm
- Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30pm