

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 @ 6:30pm



1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Territorial Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Welcome / Introductions
 - Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
 - Attendees: Scott Thomas, Carey Nickerson, Andrew Balo, Melanie Styles, Chantelle Bowden, Danielle Grbavac, Lauren Lemieux, Raven Yager
- 1.3. Approval of minutes: January 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Andrew
- 1.4. Approval of agenda: February 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Danielle

2. Guest Spotlight

N/A

3. Teacher's Spotlight

N/A

4. Admin Report

Scott Thomas / Carey Nickerson

- Mrs. Brookes took five students to a day-long climate change program where they received \$500. This money will be used for the SV garden.
- Floor hockey has wrapped up.
- Basketball for the grade 4's and 5's has started.
- Dance Club has been registered to take part in the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival.
- Choir is gearing up to perform at the Victoria Sings concert on March 3rd at UVic.
- Finger knitting club for the grade 2's has begun and has been very well received.
- Rainbow Club:
 - Plans for Pink Shirt Day include a school-wide collaborative bulletin board. Each division will be split into groups and each group will be making a flower petal. At the end, each division will have a flower to put on the bulletin board.
 - The mantra for Pink Shirt Day is "Let Kindness Grow".
 - The Rainbow Club has applied for a grant whereby they can receive money to help fund initiatives.
- Victoria Pickleball Association is coming to the school next week to introduce students to pickleball.
- The SV Fastball Association is coming to SV on February 21st and 28th to introduce students to softball. Each class will receive a 40-minute session.
- Spectrum High School Leadership students are coming and helping at SV every Wednesday.
- SV is also working with Saanich Parks to set up equipment at Rosedale Park.
- The grade 4's and 5's will be having a session with BC transit to see how buses operate and get them used to public transit in preparation for potentially having to take the bus in middle and high school.
- "Learn Not to Burn" facilitated by the Saanich Fire Department will be given to the grade 2's next week.
- Metis Dance Group coming to perform this month.
- Kindergarten registration has seen 30 students registered for September. This is a bit lower than what was anticipated but admin is expecting a few more registrations between now and September.
- Student-led conferences happening tomorrow, February 13th.

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 \$32,100 between the PAC's three accounts.
 - PAC reimbursed the school for the skating field trips, seaquarium, and butterfly kits.

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7. Funding Requests

- None at this time.

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 will be hosting Allison Rees on Monday, April 14th at 6:30pm in the music room. It will be both in-person and virtual.
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 ended today. • The May 30th fun lunch, we will try something different. Melanie to look into Machi Sushi as a potential option.
8.4 Book Fair	Chantelle Bowden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book fair is underway. • Discussion around having the scholastic book fair earlier in the year and the Russell's later in the year.
8.5 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. • Movie that students voted on will be Wild Robot. • Pizza from Pizzaz has been ordered. • Signup Genius has been created. • Discussion around the need to expand PAC participation at the school. Volunteers are needed if we are to continue having these events.
8.6 Walk-a-thon	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for Friday, April 25th. • The group decided to try reflectors from Finnex as prizes. We will use the SVE logo with 'Walk-a-Thon 2025' wrapped around the bottom. We will order 300. Turnaround time from the company is 4-6 weeks. A separate quote will be provided. Melanie to order these this week. • Chantelle and Sam will be sourcing companies to donate either a scooter or bike for the grand prize draw. • For every \$10 raised, 1 entry into the raffle. • Raffle prizes needed. • Pizza lunch will be provided to divisions who raise \$500 or more.
8.7 Yearbooks	Chantelle Bowden / Sam Jassal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to teachers with the link to where to upload photos of their divisions has been sent.

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9. Old / New Business

9.1 School Sign	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters for the sign will be purchased by June. Item closed.
9.2 Swimming Lessons	Astrid Loucks / Scott Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided at the January PAC meeting to have details around this finalized by the June PAC meeting. No updates for February.
9.3 Island Sexual Health Sessions/ Home Alone Program	Jack Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Island Sexual Health has not been in touch as of yet. Carey and Jack to connect with them next week. Home Alone program is confirmed.
9.4 Finnex Reflectors Fundraiser	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie gave an overview of how ordering reflectors works including cost, shipping, designs, ordering details, etc. The group decided to see if the reflectors are well received after the walk-a-thon (will be given as prizes to each student) before moving forward with doing a year-long fundraiser of these reflectors. Lengthy discussion around the logistics of running this fundraiser, especially around order forms, would work.
9.5 Indigenous Drums	Scott Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event still needs 6-8 more people to come and help.
9.6 Toy Shop & Swap	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group decided to donate the money raised to the Saanich Neighbourhood Place. Item closed.

10. Next PAC Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm
- Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30pm