

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 @ 6:30pm



1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Territorial Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Welcome / Introductions
 - Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm
 - Attendees: Scott Thomas, Carey Nickerson, Sam Jassal, Andrew Balo, Melanie Styles, Chantelle Bowden, Danielle Grbavac, Lauren Lemieux, Jack Buchanan, James Chaney (guest)
- 1.3. Approval of minutes: February 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Lauren
- 1.4. Approval of agenda: April 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Jack

2. Guest Spotlight

James Cheney (Oak Bay High PAC)

- James gave a presentation around the revamping of the VCPAC that he and other members of the Oak Bay High PAC are interested in pursuing. As background, the VCPAC is the link between all the PACs in our district, the school board, and the Ministry of Education. They bring to the table any issues brought up by the PACs. Since the last election, communications have fallen by the wayside with many issues left unresolved such as Police liaisons at the middle and highschool levels. The Oak Bay PAC is leading the charge with reestablishing communication between VCPAC, the board, and the Ministry. Proper elections will be happening within the next month and emails around this will be coming out shortly. James is running for Vice President of the VCPAC.

3. Teacher's Spotlight

Carey Nickerson

- Carey talked about the salmon that her students have been raising over the last few weeks. They will be released at the end of April into the Colquitz Creek. Her students also visited a lamb farm. Both these experiences helped the students gain a more hands on approach to learning about ecosystems and life cycles. They will also be visiting Goldstream for another field trip. She expressed gratitude to the PAC for funding these educational and fun experiences for the students.

4. Admin Report

Scott Thomas / Carey Nickerson

- During the February Pro D day, staff, members of the PAC, and the Indigenous liaisons within our district successfully built 24 drums that were gifted to our school. It was a meaningful experience for all who attended.
- On March 3, the choir performed at *Victoria Sings* and did a wonderful job.
- VIHA approached SVE to see if they could run their first ever in-person immunization clinic for the kindergarten students at the school. The goal was to update students who may not have had a chance to receive their vaccinations due to the pandemic. It was very well received. Discussion around could this be extended to include the grade 1 and 2 students.
- Spring X-Country running has started with 32 students participating.
- Dance Club will be performing at the *Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival* on Tuesday, April 29th. They will be adjudicated.
- Rugby has started.
- 3x3 basketball league has started.
- Rainbow Club: The club applied for a grant to help with mental health initiatives. The grant was approved.
- Finger knitting club is well underway and is running smoothly.
- Pickleball: Grade 5's are participating in a pickleball club and will be playing in the Slamboury in June. The Pickleball Association donated nets, 30 racquets and balls.
- SVE is working with Saanich for *Biodiversity Day* happening in May. Stations will be set up outside and students can rotate between stations and learn about different topics related to biodiversity.
- Staffing for the next school year is underway.
- The 2025/2026 school year will see 280 students.
- There have been a few more kindergarten registrations that have come in over the last while which has brought our total number of kindergarten students to 30. They will be split into two classes.
- Students have been working hard in the school garden and have planted things like peas, kale, and strawberries.

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- Track and Field starts up later this month.
- Grade 4 students will be receiving the *Home Alone* course on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.
- Spectrum Athletic Leadership students helping at SVE on Wednesdays.
- Student teachers will be starting at SVE next week.

5. Executive Update

Sam Jassal / Chantelle Bowden

- Melanie to update the April agenda to include the guest spotlight, teacher spotlight, and the rescheduling of the next PAC meeting from May 14th to the 7th.

6. Treasurer's Report

Andrew Balo

6.1. Financial Overview Update

- Currently, there is \$~31,000 between the PAC's three accounts.
- PAC reimbursed the school for the skating field trips and the Indigenous drum building.
- Expenses yet to be paid include \$395 to Dr. Allison Rees and \$1800 for the reflectors.
- February pizza fun lunch: Profit of \$231
- March movie night: Profit of \$278

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">• SVE hosting Dr. Allison Rees on Monday, April 14th.• Lauren to meet Allison at 6pm on Monday to help with set up.• Presentation will be 90 minutes long in the music room.• In terms of other PE opportunities for the remainder of this school year, communication has slowed somewhat given time of year.
8.3. Fun Lunches	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next fun lunch is Friday, May 2nd and will be Subway.• Online ordering will go live on Monday, April 14th and close on April 24th.• The last fun lunch of this school year will be Friday, May 30th and will be pizza from Pizzaz.• During the summer, Melanie to contact a few new vendors to expand fun lunch ideas for the upcoming school year.
8.4 Walk-a-thon	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheduled for Friday, April 25th.• \$500 raised so far.• Chantelle is waiting on bike and scooter donations for the raffle prize.• Raffle prize winner will be drawn in late May/ early June.• Divisions who raise \$500 or more will receive a free pizza lunch.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers are needed. Melanie to include a call for volunteers in the weekly updates.
8.5 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. Discussion at the staff meeting included questions around how many photos in total are needed and does there need to be a photo of each student. Chantelle to confirm when pictures need to be uploaded by and when they need to be submitted. Layout of the yearbook needs to be finalized.
8.6 School-wide Beach Day	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled for Friday, June 13th. \$3,000 budgeted by the PAC to help with bus costs.

9. Old / New Business

9.1 Swimming Lessons	Astrid Loucks / Scott Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates for April.
9.2 Island Sexual Health Sessions/ Home Alone Program	Jack Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Alone program scheduled for April 15th and 16th. <u>Island Sexual Health Sessions:</u> Correspondence with ISH has been challenging. Jack and Carey to try and connect with them again. Lauren to see if there are any contacts with ISH through her parent education group.
9.3 Finnex Reflectors Fundraiser	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been a lot of back and forth regarding the design of the reflectors. The logo sent to Finnex could not be converted to the file they needed. As a result, the reflectors will not have the school logo. Instead, the reflectors will be a basic round shape with 'Strawberry Vale Walk-a-Thon 2025'. The insert card, however, will have the school logo. As of April 9th, the insert cards are being printed and the reflectors are getting ready to be shipped. Payment is due upon delivery.

10. Next PAC Meeting

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