

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 7th, 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, Sarah Winkler, Sam Jassal, Andrew Balo, Melanie Styles, Chantelle Bowden, Danielle Grbavac
- 1.3. Approval of minutes: April 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Andrew
- 1.4. Approval of agenda: May 2025
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Danielle

2. Guest Spotlight

Sarah Winkler (Incoming Principal)

- Strawberry Vale Elementary will be welcoming Sarah Winkler as our new Principal starting in September. The PAC gave introductions and Sarah also introduced herself.

3. Teacher's Spotlight

N/A

4. Admin Report

Scott Thomas / Carey Nickerson

- Admin and staff are in the midst of wrapping up staffing needs for the upcoming school year.
- There will be 13 divisions for the 2025/2026 school year.
- There has been a lot of student movement over the last little while with new families entering the catchment and moving out.
- Next week, an email will be coming out with class placement requests based on educational, social, and emotional needs of the children.
- Departing staff thus far include:
 - Mr. Thomas;
 - Ms. Foerster;
 - Mrs. Antl-Shrieves;
 - J. Kentel
 - F. Rumble (EA); and,
 - A. Crane (EA).
- No staff retirements announced at this time.
- Dance Club is performing at the Highlights Show at UVic on Monday, May 12th at 7pm.
- Cross Country has wrapped up.
- Track time trials will be starting next week with our track meet happening on Wednesday, May 28th.
- Week of May 12th is Rainbow Week. This week will include different stations for the K-grade 3 students to cycle through. Each station will be a different activity or craft. There will also be a Pride parade and students are encouraged to wear the designated colours for each day of the week.
- Pickleball: Slamboree happening in June.
- Rugby: Gymboree happening in June.
- May 23rd: Welcome to Kindergarten Open House
- June 13th: School-wide Beach Day at Island View Beach. Buses from Wilson have been booked.
- June 24th: Grade 5 farewell assembly in the morning.
- June 26th: Last day for students.
- Scott passed around the draft *Elementary Code of Conduct* which the district would like to have implemented come September. The PAC had a chance to read the document and share their feedback. Any feedback will be filtered back to the district. Discussion around how this code of conduct will translate to the school level and when dealing with children who may not understand what this means.
- Question for Scott around the district changing suppliers to Canadian companies given our current political climate.

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5. Executive Update

Sam Jassal / Chantelle Bowden

5.1 Executive Elections for the 2025/2026 Year

- At the June meeting, the current PAC executive will be dissolved. Any nominations from the school community will be given and elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2025/2026 school year will occur.

6. Treasurer's Report

Andrew Balo

6.1. Financial Overview Update

- Currently, there is \$28,690.01 between the PAC's three accounts.
- April was busy with providing payment for the Allison Rees Parent Education Presentation, the Walk-a-thon reflectors, Art Cards, the Monster Ball, the May 2nd fun lunch, the school wide beach day, and the Home Alone course.
- Walk-A-Thon brought in a net of about \$9,000.

6.2. Discuss the budget for gifts for any departing teachers this year

- Each departing staff member will be given a gift card to Parachute Icecream.

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">• There was a low turnout for the Allison Rees presentation on April 14th. Lengthy discussion around how to entice parents to come to these presentations. Suggestions included increasing the advertising, creating posters, offering child care, and providing snacks. SVE to contact the SVE preschool in September about running these presentations together to also increase parent knowledge and attendance.• Melanie to connect with Lauren about providing the link to the presentation made on April 14th to distribute to families.
8.3. Fun Lunches	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The last fun lunch of this school year is happening on Friday, May 30th and will be from Pizzaz Pizza.• Anyone who has suggestions on new vendors to try for the next year to email Melanie via the PAC email.• Melanie to research new vendors for the new school year to freshen the program up.
8.4 Walk-a-thon	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school raised \$12,755.65 (gross) so well done to our students for this!• All 13 divisions qualified for the free pizza lunch in June.• Reflectors to be handed out.• Raffle draw to occur in late May/ early June.

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8.5 Yearbooks	Chantelle Bowden / Sam Jassal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yearbooks will be through Edge Imaging.• No other updates since last meeting.
8.6 School-wide Beach Day	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheduled for Friday, June 13th.• Buses have been secured.• It will be the same layout as last year: leave the school by 9am and return by 1:30.

9. Old / New Business

9.1 Island Sexual Health Sessions	Jack Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sessions for the grade 4 and 5 students happening on Thursday, June 12th.• Island Sexual Health to confirm the parent session two weeks before the student session.• Melanie to connect with Jack around timing for the parent session.
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10. Next PAC Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm
- Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30pm