

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9th, 2026 @ 6:30pm



1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Territorial Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Welcome / Introductions
 - Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm
 - Attendees: Sarah Winkler, Matthew Martin, Chantelle Bowden, Andrew Balo, Melanie Styles, Jack Buchanan, Alex Eberle, Raven Yager, Astrid Loucks, Lauren Lemieux, Garnett Humenick
- 1.3. Approval of minutes: January 2026
 - MA: Chantelle; Seconded: Garnett
- 1.4. Approval of agenda: February 2026
 - MA: Raven; Seconded: Chantelle
 - *Agenda was amended to include the grade 5 celebration (Section 8), grade 5 leadership opportunities and Black History Month (Section 9).*

2. Guest Spotlight **N/A**

3. Teacher’s Spotlight **N/A**

4. Admin Report **Sarah Winkler / Matthew Martin**

- February 9-12th: transfer applications accepted for families wishing to attend schools outside their catchment.
- After reviewing the kindergarten registrations entries, SVE will have 32 new kindy’s joining for the 2026/2027 school year. This is 1 less than the target but we may get a few more before September.
- Saanich Police conducted a walk-through of SV to help improve our lockdown areas. Due to the unique design of our school, there are some shortcomings from a lockdown safety perspective.
- Staff are busy with reporting for term 2.
- April 38-30: City Bus tour for all students across all grades.

5. Executive Update **Sam Jassal / Chantelle Bowden**

- None at this time.

6. Treasurer’s Report **Andrew Balo**

- 6.1. Financial Overview Update
 - Two expenses paid including skating field trips and the seaquarium.

7. Funding Requests

- None at the time.

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

8.1. Parent Education	Lauren Lemieux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Rees scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 7pm. Lakehill Elementary will be joining. Tillicum is a maybe. A flyer with more details will be included in next week’s email. • Tillicum elementary is proposing to have a presentation by Katie Jameson. • Lauren reached out to Monique Moore who is the GVSD61 District Counsellor and a Registered Clinical Counsellor to see if she does presentations to
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		<p>elementaries. She will be at Colquitz this month to talk about mental health and wellness in the middle school years.</p>
8.2. Fun Lunches	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online ordering for this month’s fun lunch is live now and will close at the end of day on Wednesday, February 11th. • Next fun lunch scheduled for Friday, May 1st. • Melanie proposed having Sunway for the next fun lunch but this will be confirmed at the April meeting.
8.3 Art Cards	Danielle Grbavac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates since last meeting.
8.4 Russell’s Book Fair	Chantelle Bowden/ Lauren Lemieux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for February 18th and 19th with hours being extended until 6pm on Thursday to allow for everyone to have a chance to visit. • Set up will be Tuesday, February 17th. • Lauren and Amie (grade 5 parent) will be helping to cover the later shifts on Thursday. • Discussion around Lauren needing a co-lead for this event for next year.
8.5 Movie Night	Raven Yager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grade 3-5 movie night is scheduled for Friday, March 6th. • Movie suggestions include Zootopia 2, Dog Man, Bad Guys 2, and Smurfs. Voting will take place next week. • There will be a kernel count the week of March 2nd. • Domino’s will be used for the pizza. • There are a few prizes left over from the K-grade 2 movie night. Raven to let Melanie know if more prizes will be needed closer to the time. • Juice boxes and popcorn will be purchased. • SignUp Genius will be circulated in this week’s email.
8.6 Island Sexual Health Sessions/ Home Alone Program	Jack Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Island Sexual Health</u>: No updates regarding funding. According to their website, they are not offering sessions until further notice but are offering resources for teachers to help facilitate teaching this unit. Jack is going to reach out about providing resources to parents as well. • <u>Home Alone Program</u>: Discussion around needing to advertise this sooner since some students had already taken this course. Invoice was issued last week and payment to be mailed this week.
8.7 VCPAC	Melanie Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting took place on January 15th. • <u>Topics discussed were</u>: 1) The \$3K that the VCPAC has requested from the District to help fund parent education opportunities. Moving forward, schools will bring their proposed PE opportunities to the VCPAC and they will decide who receives the \$250. Priority will be given to schools who involve the greater community such as other schools. 2) the elevated temperatures that some schools experienced last year and how this is a violation of student safety. A letter was drafted to

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		<p>the District and a motion was approved to send and 3) the drug crisis information session for students and parents happening on February 18th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie discussed the need for a new lead next year. As per the VCPAC constitution, we are required to send a representative unless written notice is given indicating SV will not be sending a rep. Garnett volunteered for next year. • The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12th at 7pm (online and in person available).
8.8 Musical	Matthew Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After discussing this with the staff, it has been decided to do a concert-style musical instead of a full blown musical. This is due to factors such as work-life balance for the staff, the impending contract negotiations, and timing. • It was recognized that it does need to heavily involve the grade 5's and as such strings and the dance club will be involved. The grade 5's will be reading a script to tell a story and introduce each class who will then perform a song. • The theme will be Canadian and what makes Canada special from coast-to-coast. • The time frame is late May.
8.9 Wild & Free Organics	Chantelle Bowden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1st: Catalogues will be sent home with the oldest child of each family. • No further updates.
8.10 Walk-A-Thon	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for Friday, April 24th. • Pledge forms to be sent home with students on March 30th. • No updates on costs for T-shirts. This will be provided at the April meeting.
8.11 Yearbooks	Chantelle Bowden/ Sam Jassal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chantelle to email Sarah the link for teachers to drop pictures. • Discussion around privacy and that some families have not filled out the media consent form on the Parent Connect portal.
8.12 Photo Companies	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edge has been booked for next year. • Lengthy discussion around the pros and cons of using Lifetouch and Edge. • Sarah to find out where digital files are stored for each company.
8.13 Grade 5 Celebration	Sarah Winkler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd. • Morning assembly and then inflatable fun in the afternoon. • Bouncy castles have been booked. • The gym has been booked.

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9. Old / New Business

9.1 Grade 5 Leadership Opportunities	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around increasing leadership opportunities for the grade 5's such as helping to distribute fun lunches, helping to set up for fundraisers, help with the kindergarten orientation, etc. It is on the admin's radar to make sure they are being involved.
9.2 Black History Month	Sarah Winkler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question around if SV has recognized Black History Month.• Recognition and visibility around this has greatly improved from last year. There are 2 large boards showcasing Black Canadians and their stories. There is more of a positive spin on this and not a focus on the negatives.

10. Next PAC Meeting

- The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30pm