

Strawberry Vale Elementary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 @ 6:30pm



1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Territorial Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Welcome / Introductions
 - Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm
 - Attendees: Sarah Winkler, Christina Chase, Alberta Schulmeister, Samantha Toms, Erin Pierce, Kristen Grant, Julia Corby, Andrew Balo, Emily Cooper, Acacia Tooth, Alex Eberle, Jubin Easo Jose, Ashley David, Marina Liggayu, Jack Buchanan, Megan Lowry, Wichaya Charuchinda, Jeniffer Bonifacio Garnett Humerick
- 1.3. Approval of Minutes: June 2026:
 - MA: Sam; Seconded: Acacia
- 1.4. Approval of Agenda: September 2026
 - MA: Andrew; Seconded: Acacia

2. Guest Spotlight

N/A

3. Teacher's Spotlight

N/A

4. Admin Report: Sarah Winkler / Christina Chase

- Sarah shared she is happy to be back and welcomed Christina – they worked together previously at George Jay
- Both Sarah and Christina have District portfolios regarding inclusive education - rather than classrooms
- This year there are 245 students in 11 Divisions (which is down from last year)
- The new way of moving to classrooms, where parents receive emails the night before, was much more successful than previous years
- On September 29th, weather permitting, there will be an outside assembly and drumming circle and parents are encouraged to join – please remind kids to wear orange on this day
- Outdoor work on the school is almost complete (siding, painting, putting sign back up)
- Parents need to complete the Online Verification Form (different from previous years where it was a paper form)
- Parents need to complete the paper BLUE form which is part of the school's emergency preparedness plan – all of these forms are kept together and in the event of a disaster where there is no power/internet they would be used to contact parents and release students to parents

5. Executive Update: All Executive

- 2026 PAC Executive is:
 - President: Sam Jassal
 - Vice President: Samantha Toms / Acacia Tooth
 - Treasurer: Andrew Balo
 - Secretary: Alberta Schulmeister/ Jeniffer Bonifacio
- Agreed to keep meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month (except in November it will fall to the 18th) (no meetings in December or March)

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6. Treasurer's Report: Andrew Balo

- 6.1. Financial Overview Update: For the benefit of the new attendees, Andrew gave a detailed description of the PAC's financials including what accounts the PAC has, how movement of funds is transferred, how expenses are paid, transparency issues, and generally what the PAC does to support the school and teachers (buses for field trips, classroom funds, Home Alone, Grade 5 celebration, Welcome Back BBQ, etc).
- Currently \$20,894 between the PAC's three accounts.
- 6.2. Changes to the budget as follows:
- Sarah asked to increase the Circus funding from \$1000 to \$1700 – motion by Garnett, seconded by Sam
 - Line items for Butterfly Kits and Skating were grouped together and changed to "Classroom Funds" to allow teachers more flexibility
- 6.3. Gaming Grant Application Update - Still awaiting approval for 2026/2027

7. Funding Requests

- None at this time.

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

8.1 Parent Education	Kristie Hargreaves	• No update at this time
8.2 Fun Lunches	Alberta Schulmeister	• Fun Lunch dates for the 2026/2027 year: • Friday, November 13th • Friday, December 11th • Friday, February 5th • Friday, April 9th • Friday, May 7th • Friday, May 28th • Some vendors discussed are Panago, Subway, White Spot, no other suggestions • First Fun Lunch vendor still TBD • Grade 5's to help distribute if they are available • 2nd half of the year it was discussed if all the ordering could be batched together – this will be explored further
8.3 Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Teacher Night	Andrew Balo/Sam Jassal	• Scheduled for September 17th 5:00-6:30pm. • PAC will be serving hot dogs, chips, and juice. • Teachers will be in their classroom from 5-6pm. • Andrew will be bringing his BBQ. • The grade 5's will help with set up. • Discussion around who is available to help serve and/ or clean up. • A big thank you to Country Grocer for donating \$200 towards food and condiments. • Discussion around if PAC should purchase a grill/Blackstone or if for next year we should book the Lions to cook?

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8.4 Community Value Coupon Books	Alex Eberle	• Alex Eberle provided a brief overview of the coupon books for the benefit of new attendees • This year the cost has increased to \$40 (from \$35) • There are 24 new businesses this year • Dates approved of October 5th-16th for selling – coupon books will go home with the youngest student on October 5th
8.5 Art Cards/The Card Project	Danielle Grbavac	• No update at this time
8.6 Monster Ball	Nadia Hobbs	• Nadia was not present but Andrew gave a brief description of the Monster Ball for the benefit of new attendees • Scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th. • Spider guess will take place from Wednesday, October 21st to October 28th. • Volunteers are required for various roles • More details to be finalized at the October meeting
8.7 Book Fair	Meaghan Wilson	• The School House (based out of Tillicum Mall) will be running our book fairs for next year. They will be delivering the books, setting up, staffing the table to sell, and cleaning up. As a result, the PAC doesn't need a lead for this except for having someone who can be contacted if needed. • Dates for the book fairs will coincide with the parent/teacher and student-led conferences next year. • It was determined that this item can be closed
8.8 Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser	All	• It was decided that there will be no Purdy's Fundraiser this year as it has not been very successful the past few years and is very labour intensive • This item is closed
8.9 Movie Nights	Kristen Grant	• It was agreed to keep one movie night and then add a Board Game Café (for older grades) in lieu of a second movie night • Kristie Hargreaves to connect with Kristen Grant to become joint leads for these events • Sarah noted she needed 3 weeks notice to cancel any gym rentals • Dates for both movie night and Board Game Café TBD
8.10 Yearbooks	All	• After a discussion it was decided there will be no yearbook • This item is closed
8.11 Island Sexual Health & Home Alone Program	Jack Buchanan	• <u>Island Sexual Health</u>: Still not operating, now maturation talks are done in the classroom • <u>Home Alone Program</u>: run by Ready, Set, Kids and will be done in the Spring for every Grade 4 student over two 4 hour sessions; date still TBD
8.12 VCPAC	Garnett Humenick	• VCPAC is the PAC for the entire school district and the head of the VCPAC has a seat on the School Board – so this is a great opportunity to have parents voices heard • Garnett Humenick & Acacia Tooth will be the new representatives for the SVE PAC

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		The next VCPAC Meeting is on Thursday September 24th at 6:30 (Lansdowne North Campus Library)
8.13 Panago Pizza Fundraiser	Alberta Schulmeister	- The Panago at 1110A Mckenzie Ave is doing a fundraiser for SV February 21-27 and March 21-27 where a \$1 from every large pizza sold (regardless of who it is sold to) goes to the PAC - This item is closed until after Winter Break
8.14 SVE Swag	Alberta Schulmeister	Sarah has taken the reins on this and SVE Swag (t-shirts, hoodies, toques, etc.) will be available before Winter Break – more information still to come
8.15 Walk-a-Thon	All	- Andrew provided a brief overview of this event for the benefit of new attendees - Date to be picked at a later time
8.16 Staff Appreciation Lunch & Teacher Recognition	Meaghan Wilson	No update – a date to be picked at a future meeting
8.17 School Supplies Fundraiser	Samantha Toms	- This was run with Monk Office over the summer and made about \$500 - Kindergarten families used it the most and feedback from those present was overall positive - Sam had a few administrative items to touch base with Monk on - This item is closed until Spring

9. Old / New Business

9.1 Strawberry Vale Fastball	Garnett Humenick	SV Fastball would like to host a day to get kids into Fastball – Garnett to connect with Sarah
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10. Next PAC Meeting

- The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm in Room 105