

Strathcona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes (Final)
November 25th, 2025

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Allison Phelan, Ritu Mann, Korina Gratton, Scott Fiddes, Mike Kotanko, Tammy Chomiak, Maria Jenner, Barbara Dekkers

2. Approval of October 21st, 2025 General meeting minutes

- Motion to approve October 21st, 2025 General meeting minutes – Barbara Dekkers, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All approve

3. Reports

Treasurer

- General account: \$28,175.62 – after outstanding payments: \$13,314.45
- Gaming account: \$7,311.0 – after outstanding payments: \$136.00
- Technology fund: \$1,695.71
- Playground fund: \$13,244.50

Principal

- Christmas concert: afternoon shows on Dec 16th and 17th.
 - o Video on private YouTube channel will be available after the concert
- Hired a new continuing EA
- Emergency EA placed
- Part time P.E teacher **Mr. McGowen**
- Mrs. Halko – on leave 1 day a week (Tuesdays) – positing has been posted
- Waterslide money from last year used towards skating field trip
- Important dates:
 - o Dec 9th: Pancake breakfast
 - o Dec 10th: Christmas Sale
 - o Dec 15th: Rehearsal
 - o Dec 16th and 17th – Christmas Concert
 - o Dec 17th: Report cards sent home
- Boys change room renovations: turned into a meeting room and storage space

DPAC

- Feeding features
 - o Snacks/food- wanting to see how our program is going
- Conversations started regarding French Immersion possibly changing in middle school
 - o CMS -> Rosedale and VMS -> Mt. Slesse
- Grade 5 active pass – valid until Aug 31st 2026

4. Old and Ongoing

- Spring Market: Vendor applications are now open!
- Purdys online orders open until Nov 29th, Big Box open for paper orders until Nov 28th.
- Christmas Sale: Parent letter going out Monday Dec 1st.

5. New Business:

- Worlds Finest Chocolate: will be ordering 200 boxes. Selling will start after spring break

6. Funding Requests:

- Christopher Lister
 - o Asking for \$635+ tax for One School One Book initiative: Motion to approve up to \$635+ tax for One School One Book – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Maria Jenner, All Approve
- Thomas Neely
 - o Asking for \$2650 for Maker Space, Loose parts and STEM project supplies: Motion to approve up to \$2650 for Maker Space, Loose parts and STEM project supplies – Barbara Dekkers, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve

8. Next meeting is January 27th, 2026 @7pm in the MPR

Adjourned at 8:05pm

Minutes recorded by Allison Phelan