

Strathcona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes (Final)
October 21st, 2025

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Allison Phelan, Ritu Mann, Korina Gratton, Elizabeth Eberts, Scott Fiddes, Mike Kotanko, Tammy Chomiak

2. Approval of September 23rd, 2025 General meeting minutes

- Motion to approve September 23rd, 2025 General meeting minutes – Elizabeth Eberts, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All approve

3. Reports

Principal:

- Welcome Michael Newman - CYCW
- EA positions posted
 - o 9 permanent EA's
- Christmas Concert: Dec 16th and 17th – 1pm
- Boys change room to be split to 2 rooms for storage and learning area
- School Growth Plan + action plan to be posted by or around October 31st.
- Remembrance Day assembly: Nov. 7th
- Inline skating for grades 1-5
- FSA's for grade 4 (foundation skills assessment)
- Pumpkin patch at the school Oct. 27th – High school WEX volunteers
 - o Carved/decorated pumpkins on display until Oct 29th.
- Diwali was a huge success

DPAC:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer

- General account: \$26,728.70
- Gaming account: \$7,311.0
- Technology fund: \$1,695.71
- Playground fund: \$13,244.39

4. Old and Ongoing

- Community Savings Coupon book: 201 sold
 - o Winning classes: Mrs. McCague and Mrs. Smythe. They will receive a pizza party
- Fundraiser update: Nov 4th – 29th: Purdys and Big box cards

5. New Business:

- December 9th – Pancake Breakfast
- December 10th – Christmas Sale – accepting donations as of November 4th

6. Funding Requests:

- PAC
 - o Pink Shirt Day: motion to approve up to \$750 for hotdogs, buns and ice cream treat – Korina Gratton, 2nd – Elizabeth Eberts, All Approve
 - o Christmas Sale: motion to approve up to \$750 to go back to the school for food hampers – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
 - o Petty Cash: Motion to approve \$135 for teachers’ petty cash (16 classes + P.E) – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
 - o Year end field trip: Motion to approve \$15/per student to put towards year end field trip – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
 - o Grade 5 grad: Motion to approve \$200 to go towards the grade 5 grad – Elizabeth Eberts, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve
- Michael Kotanko
 - o Asking for \$200 for supplies for the Pancake Breakfast: Motion to approve up to \$200 to go towards the pancake breakfast – Korina Gratton, 2nd – Elizabeth Eberts, All Approve
- Amber Harbridge
 - o Asking for \$300 for Home Reading Books: Motion to approve up to \$300 for home reading books to be returned to the library – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
- Micheal Newman
 - o Asking for \$600 to go towards small incentives, guest speakers and promote health and well being: Motion to approve up to \$300 for Emotional regulation support – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Elizabeth Eberts, All Approve
- Christopher Lister
 - o Asking for \$195+tax for new USB jacks to be used for the iPad: Motion to approve \$195+tax for USB Jacks – Korina Gratton, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve
 - o Asking for \$68 for Novel Effect subscription: Motion to approve \$68 for Novel Effect subscription - Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
 - o Asking for \$200 for Math Game kits: Motion to approve up to \$200 for math game kits – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
 - o Asking for \$2000 + tax to go towards updating the reading nook in the library: Motion to approve up to \$2000 + tax for the reading nook – Tammy Chomiak, 2nd – Korina Gratton, All Approve
 - o Asking for \$1000 for Audio books (10 high quality titles @ \$100/each): Motion to approve \$1000 for Audio Books – Allison Phelan, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve

- Asking for \$700 for 10 wheeled water proof bags at \$70/each: PAC would like more information
- Asking for \$362.91 for library supplies: Motion to approve \$362.91 for Library Supplies – Korina Gratton, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve

7. Discussion

- Looking into purchasing a tent for future event. This would be used for event such as open house, sports day, carnival, etc.
- Possibility of having a flag for tack and field – this would help parents and students find where they are supposed to meet.

8. Next meeting is November 25th, 2025 @7pm in the MPR

Adjourned at 8:42pm

Minutes recorded by Allison Phelan