

Strathcona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes (Final)
May 26th, 2026

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of April 28th, 2026 General meeting minutes

- Motion to approve April 28th, 2026 General meeting minutes; Maria Jenner, 2nd – Barbara Dekkers, All Approve

3. Reports

Principal

- May 30th – Choir Performance in the Rotary room at the Chilliwack Cultural Center.
- June 4th – Wrestling tournament at Bernard Elementary
- June 5th – Grade 5 Entrepreneur fair in the school gym
- New Kindergarteners – library time
- June 19th – Elvis is in the house! 1230 – 1pm
- June 23rd – Indigenous day in the gym at 11pm
- June 3rd – Grade 5 pictures

DPAC

- Early stages of plans for an EA in every k- 3 classroom
- AGM Thursday May 28th, 2026

Treasurer

- General account: \$11,998.76 -> audio books and planetarium funds to be returned
- Gaming account: \$136.00
- Technology fund: \$1,695.71
- Playground fund: \$13,245.15

4. Old and Ongoing

- World's Finest Chocolate: 13 outstanding payments still to come in
 - o Currently sitting at a profit of \$2698.57
 - o Cannot announce classroom winners until all payments have come in
- Spring Market: May 28th, 5-8pm
 - o To sell juice boxes and fudgsicles left over
- Staff appreciation lunch: positive feedback from staff
 - o Reminder for next year to get more vegetarian options and gluten free options

5. New Business:

- Funding Requests:
 - Kindergarten Department is asking for \$1,333.95 plus additional cost for sand and ground preparations for a raised sand pit.
 - Motion to approve up to \$1,500 for a raised sand pit pending approval from the district and administration; Barbara Dekkers, 2nd – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve
 - Diane Baginski is asking for \$1000 in support of a special Indigenous cultural celebration event for staff and students. The cost is for V'ni Dansi, Bannock and miscellaneous supplies. Total cost totalling \$2400, \$1400 to be covered by the School and Indigenous Department.
 - Motion to approve up to \$1000 for the Indigenous cultural celebration; Tammy Chomiack, 2nd – Maria Jenner, All approve
 - Trisha Reimer is asking for \$3808.42 for a premium package pickle ball set which will include, 24 paddles, 24 balls, 6 nets and a rolling storage rack
 - Motion to approve up to \$3808.42 for a premium package pickle ball set, Korina Gratton, 2nd – Barbara Dekkers, all approve
- Playground
 - Track vs playground piece – more research needed
 - Begin applying for grants for playground pieces
 - Look into creating a playground committee (staff and PAC)
- Bottle Depot
 - Barb to look into getting funds deposited into our PAC account

6. Discussion

- Candy bags for end of day on sports day – 330 (Barb to make)
- Year end scavenger hunt with circles of care groups – treat bags as the prize
 - Barb to touch base with teachers

7. Next meeting is the AGM, May 26th, 2026 upon adjournment. Next executive meeting is June 23rd, 2026 @7pm, in the MPR

Adjourned at 7:53pm

Minutes recorded by Allison Phelan