

Minutes for Savory School  
Parent Advisory Council  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, Feb 11, 2026  
6:00pm

1. Call to order & Welcome - Shelley, Ashley B., Laura K., Laura V., Ceilidh, Dave.
2. Approval of Jan 2026 minutes - approved
3. Report from Principal and Vice Principal

Principal- Ceilidh Diechmann:

-Students are now giving the territorial acknowledgement. Our school is on the land of the ləkʷəŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

-District and school messaging has gone out regarding the Tumbler Ridge Tragedy. There was a short discussion on what we could do to support.

-Orders from our variety grant have started to come in. It has been frustrating, but we got two more rockers than expected in lieu of a BC schools discount we were to get but didn't due to invoice and reporting complexities. Thank you to Ceilidh for working that all out. We need to evaluate spaces and routines for the use of these sensory materials. Already a lot of them are being used.

-Facilities just built shelves for the new shed. It has made for better storage. PAC room has been cleaned up. Tech cupboard is getting cleaned up. The very back room that stores clothing has been cleaned out and clothing stored in the medical room. The back room will be made into a "burrow"- a calming room.

-Bridge: Stairs are gone because they are broken. We continue to work with Langford to come up with a long-term solution. The engineers report says it "has good bones" so to speak. Mari Bennet (head of SD62 facilities) has been very helpful and happy to come speak to us. Long term plans for the bridge and access to school are being discussed. Ravi Parmar has also written a letter support the repair and maintenance of the bridge.

-Spring concert:

May 12-dress rehearsal.

May 13 and 14 afternoon concerts during school. There are too many hurdles for evening concerts.

-Kindergarten registration: So far 28 and it is trickling in. We do have space, but it is better to have registrations in sooner. Overflow from schools that went to lottery will come our way. If numbers are low, it will be a k and k-1 class next year. We are a school that is continually growing. We want kids to commit early and register now so that we can have more firm numbers for scheduling.

- Kindergarten read and ride is April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Orientation towards end of May.

-Celebration of Learning: Many teachers want to do March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mountain West is photography company for next year, and they are willing to do family photos March 12<sup>th</sup>. \$30 sitting fee which the PAC will get. We would like to have PAC table celebrating who we are, asking others to join in and volunteer.

Vice- Principal-Dave Vargas:

- Hold and Secure on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pink Shirt Day Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 5 Grad Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Daytime- lunch- date confirmed.

4. Ongoing Business:

- Bottle Drive Recap -\$996.20 plus some money on the account at the depot got cheque for \$1088.99
- Burger and Beer: March 1, 5:30pm
- we have 35 tickets left and 40 tickets sold. Music bingo prizes are domino pizzas, wild play, Langford lanes, 2 admissions for boardgame café downtown. **Ashley B. will get two more small prizes.**
- Family Game Night: February 19, 5:30-7:30
  - we have 2 games for door prizes. Still need to get concession supplies.
  - sell burger and beer night tickets at game night- **Laura K. will bring the tickets**
  - Spring fair has a committee meeting on Feb 26

5. Reports:

- President

- Legion will give the PAC money for a school project that is not supposed to be paid for by the school district.
- Bursary applications for the \$500 bursary. Belmont and Royal Bay will have applications to us for May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hot lunch website – we would like the premium membership. We have a free trial of it. If we like it, it will be \$75 more/year.
- Attended January SPEAC meeting – there is a project lead for the new high school now and they are working on designs. Hoping to bump up the opening to 2029 not 2030. Not enough school counsellors for students, would like people to write asking to improve that allocation. Facilities said they had \$400 million in deferred maintenance. SPEAC is currently reviewing constitution and bylaws.

- Vice President

- Tumbler Ridge PAC asking for donations for mental health services. We are not comfortable voting today. Melissa suggested donating with other PACs in the district. 160 students. We would like to make a PAC to PAC donation, not through others donation avenues. **Laura K. will contact SPEAC for how to contact** and possibly work through District PAC.

- Treasurer

- Purdy's cheque received
- still waiting to hear about Deilmans'
- balances total \$18,231 operating pending + \$5140 (waiting to be accepted)
- Gaming = \$12,394
- Shelley will pick up receipts for teacher expenses on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Hot Lunch Coordinator

- Pizza Pizza march 5<sup>th</sup>
- Crazy Cookie March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Everything will be posted at the end of the month for the rest of the year.

- Fundraising

- coupon books are ready to be ordered on hot lunch site. We have 4 ordered so far.
- Jacqueline is asking for an update on spirit wear.

- Members at Large – none

6. Next meeting date – April 8 at 6pm: in person.

Adjourn – 7:30pm