

Sandy Hill Elementary-
April PAC Meeting
Vice Principal's Report

Around the School:

Celebrating Vaisakhi tomorrow! Music and dancing and a few of our students will share the meaning of Vaisakhi.
We have Western Day, including a Funky Friday Hoedown at lunch. \$1 admission. It's also Hot Lunch that day.

Reckless Readers won our school Reading Link Challenge and went on to the District Challenge at Clearbrook Elementary. They competed against teams from 20 other schools, and won the event. The team will compete at the Regional Challenge in Langley on April 22! We wish them luck!

Basketball is going on for the Grade 5's.

Ready, Set, Learn is coming up for 4 and 5 year olds coming to Kindergarten next year. The event will be at 5:30pm on May 7.

Kindergarten registration and registration for other grades is ongoing. If you know of any families with Kindergarten aged children for next year, please encourage them to register if they haven't already. We are already working on submitting numbers for next September to the school district for staffing and budgeting purposes.



PAC Meeting Minutes

Sandy Hill Elementary School

April 13, 2026

In person and Zoom 7:00 to 8:15

Attendance:

Virtual: Chelsea Muirhead, Bobby and Vaneet, Pawan

In person: Jared Kaliciak, Sienna Pedersen, Barbi K, Kathy Asselstine, Phil Osler, Jennifer Shaw, Brooke Kuyer

Regrets: Jas Hundal, Amanda Reid, Aimee Miedema, Shelley Portas

Approval for previous meeting minutes (March 2026):

Kathy motioned to approve the minutes and Barbi seconded. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report-Mme Portas

Ready Set Learn May 7th 5:30

55 English, 34 French currently registered for next year, remind families to register if have not yet.

Sharon Budget Presentation/Strategic Plan: for sharing with public, and staff

April 30 last day for public input on survey

Question from Brooke: In presentation: teachers' salary lower in SD34 compared to neighbouring cities – District reporting retention issues – cost of substitutes is high/challenging for budget

Question from Kathy: what is average age of teachers in District (re: reaching retirement age)

Committee Report/Updates

Discussing Hot Lunch position + popcorn day: need new volunteers to run – no one has come forth yet

Stopped labeling bags for Popcorn Day ahead of time = helped speed up process

Funds raised average popcorn: roughly \$300-400

Hot Lunch is a small fundraiser – more intended to be a fun day as a treat with some funds raised



Discussing Spring Fair wristbands: 4 and up age = required, under 4 = subjective (parents' decision)

Treasurer's Report/Budget Proposal - Phil

See attached.

Fundraiser Update/Report - Jenn and Amanda

Concern re: missing items from Panago Coupons – suggesting using pouch in Teacher's Boxes to deliver items to reduce risk of loss

Break the Rules Day: date TBD

Fall Art Cards: TBD depending on teacher's input: fall vs. spring – PAC suggesting Spring

Sienna: Earth Day – suggesting garbage pick up/community – planned already for some classes

Discussion: encouraging regular garbage pick up, like a "garbage club"

Spring Fair: feeling ready – some last minute supplies to order/pick up, volunteers confirmed, all contracts are signed

Need cheques prepped in advance for day of payments

Paramedics unable to come, but Abby Fire confirmed with firetruck

Barbi handed out "Neighbourhood Notice" to notify about Spring Fair

Student Volunteers: 72 students (23 for face painting)

Order pizza for volunteers

Sunny Mascot for student to wear

Need garbage bag stations throughout school yard

Hand in Hand: reserve parking for 5 minute pick up



Block pathway for Hand in Hand to access gym

Blocking parking near gate for safety

Events Report- Barbi

See above

Hot Lunch Update - Kathy

The schedule has been set and Hot Lunch Orders can be made online. Additional Hot Lunch for June to be added.

DPAC Update- Chelsea:

DPAC AGM next week

Open Discussion:

Need to send out AGM Notice 30 days prior

Next Meeting: AGM May 25, 2026

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81569525936?pwd=TShjvnpbybeCsZOKbRC7ZDBu1gLw48x>.

Parent volunteers needed. If parents are interested, please contact us!

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Follow Us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/sandyhillpac

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Chair Report
April 13 2026

It is hard to believe it's already April! We have our biggest event of the year, Spring Fair, approaching to which Kathy and Barbi will provide an update.

Spirit Wear update: website is live – we requested a few changes but they are not imperative (wording/photos). We've submitted a large order as a PAC with the intent of selling gear at the Spring Fair as a means to advertise. The website (through Able Cresting) will be live for a couple weeks after that so people can order any sizes/colours they did not see. If this is a successful fundraiser and there is lots of interest, we will consider running it annually.

Our AGM is coming up in May. We will need to share this information soon as we need to provide 30 days notice. We will have the same positions available next year as we do this year (the addition of "assistants" for Events and Fundraising). We are also considering creating a position that is just for Social Media/Communications which would include Instagram/Facebook, and any physical flyers/posters. Aimee has indicated she is interested in this position. We will need to find a new Hot Lunch rep as Kathy will be stepping down from that role to run for Vice Chair. Thank you, Kathy, for your years of service! If we are unable to fill this role, this will mean there are no Hot Lunches or Popcorn Days which would be a loss in terms of fun events for the school, as well as funds raised.

Grade 5 – we want to send out a notice to Grade 5 parents for the 26/27 year requesting help for next year in May. Volunteers are required for organizing the Grade 5 Hoodies, the Yearbook, as well as involvement in any Grade 5 fundraisers (run by the teachers) which we will need to confirm/lay out the schedule for prior to September.

We are also considering creating a Summary Report of funds raised, events held, volunteer hours donated etc. to distribute to parents to highlight the PAC's involvement and achievements over the course of the year.

Huge thank you to Phil and family for donating the World Cup tickets – I will let Phil give an update on where the fundraiser is at currently.

We are looking forward to finishing off the year strong and are hopeful that we can set ourselves up for next year in terms of volunteers for main events prior to September.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 2026

GENERAL ACCOUNT

TRANSACTION DATE	CHQ#	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
			Balance Forward (as at Feb 28, 2026)		\$37,641.14
02-Mar-26		Parent Council Online (PayPal)		\$421.61	
02-Mar-26		Clover Fee	\$1.28		
02-Mar-26		Bank fee	\$1.25		
02-Mar-26		Spring Fair Deposit (Bouncy House)	\$500.00		
02-Mar-26	1122	Hot Lunch (Fuel)	\$2,181.66		
03-Mar-26		Timbit Tuesday (Grade 5)		\$718.80	
04-Mar-26		Parent Council Online (Bambora)		\$2,828.87	
04-Mar-26	1123	Hot Lunch (Save On)	\$175.36		
06-Mar-26		Hot Lunch Donation		\$250.00	
09-Mar-26		Spring Fair Sponsorship		\$200.00	
09-Mar-26	1127	Hot Lunch (Juice)	\$67.79		
09-Mar-26	1125	Krispy Kreme deposit (Grade 5)	\$1,350.00		
09-Mar-26	1121	Able Cresting Scrimmage Vests	\$1,795.50		
10-Mar-26		Spring Fair Sponsorship		\$200.00	
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13-Mar-26	1128	Panago Fundraiser	\$1,020.00		
15-Mar-26		Spring Fair Sponsorship		\$200.00	
16-Mar-26		Parent Council Online (PayPal)		\$126.85	
18-Mar-26		Parent Council Online (Bambora)		\$547.45	
22-Mar-26		Grade 5 Hoody		\$20.00	
25-Mar-26	1126	Krispy Kreme Balance	\$81.00		
28-Mar-26		Spring Fair Sponsorship		\$300.00	
30-Mar-26		Spring Fair Sponsorship		\$300.00	
30-Mar-26		Spring Fair Sponsorship		\$200.00	

			Total Income and Expenses	\$7,173.84	\$6,513.58	
			Ending Balance (as at Mar 31, 2026)			\$36,980.88
			COMMITMENTS ON ACCOUNT			
			Total Cash Available (as at Mar 31, 2026)			\$36,980.88

GAMING ACCOUNT

TRANSACTION DATE	CHQ#	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
		Balance Forward (as at Feb 28, 2026)			\$15,781.07
		Ending Balance (as at Mar 31, 2026)			\$15,781.07
		COMMITMENTS ON ACCOUNT			
		Total Cash Available (as at Mar 31, 2026)			\$15,781.07

CASH FLOAT

TRANSACTION DATE	CHQ#	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE	INCOME	BALANCE
		(Float is kept in PAC safe in the Pac Kitchen)			
		Balance Forward (as at Feb 28, 2026)			\$165
		Ending Balance (as at Mar 31, 2026)			\$165