

Parents for Summerland School (PFS)

Meeting Minutes – February 2026

Meeting Date: February 18, 2026

Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Summerland School Library



PFS Board

Co-Presidents - Heatherthats Pozzebon and Lidia Lombardi

Co-Vice Presidents - Krissy Yonker and Jennifer Gallup

Secretary - Elea Panofsky

Treasurer - Jennifer Gallup

In attendance: Shannon, Martha, Lidia, and Rebekah Michel

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

- Lidia called meeting to order at 5:04 pm; minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

2. Principal/teacher reports

- Shannon discussed Wave Press - school's new student produced newspaper. Various assigned jobs: Editor In Chief, Graphic Designer, Cartoonists, Photographer and Sports Journalist. Students are asking for paid local advertisements in the paper and saving \$ to put toward funding new Recess equipment. PFS will hold money that students earn for newspaper and earmark for students wishes; top priority for the kids right now is GAGAball! Students have currently raised \$270 as of this meeting date. Wave Press 1st issue produced in February and posted to school website. Lidia will also have it posted to PFS Website.
- Discussion of Recess Activities: children and teachers/staff are very interested in having PFS purchase GagaBall (12 player pit) and Tetherball for the whole school, and a Sand Box for the kinders. Martha is donating a corn hole set. Locations: tetherball on the platform; Gaga Ball on the field behind the basketball hoop; sandbox on the field adjacent to the garden/play structure; cornhole set can be placed in various locations. Martha to send options to PFS. PFS to vote on purchases asap.
- discussion of multiple proposals currently being considered by Jim Pettit of CUSD facilities to install a new Summerland School field. Options include all turf field or turf field with perimeter track. Will require tearing old field out and leveling ground. Scope of project might require summer break build/install
- Because children have chosen the portable GagaBall pit, we can purchase Gaga now for children and not have to wait for new field to be installed.

3. PAC Meeting Report: Elea Panofsky unable to attend tonight's meeting; PAC report to be communicated at next meeting date

4. Jogathon Recap

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- Lidia discussed ideas to improve next year's event: purchase large display countdown timer with Alarm; color coded lap markers (four color groups in each class and children may only have laps marked by the adult with their specific color, eliminating the possibility that children might get more than one mark per lap); names printed on lap cards ahead of time; lap cards with easily tallied amounts per line (this year there were 8 boxes per line, 5 or ten per line would help with counting); designated cheering/viewing area for all students that are not running to eliminate children standing in lap counting area when they are not jogging; better attention to announcing rules clearly at beginning of event, and announcing each class prior to their time to run; a little more time between each class to collect children to teacher's area and remove lap cards before next group starts running; suggested schedule for next year to start a little earlier to allow more time between class and more time before end of school to count lap totals and communicate to children how many laps they ran (they all wanted to know before they left campus!); everyone agreed to hold on Monday/Run Club Day was great and should repeat next year.
- Earnings: \$7,642 raised by school families during prize consideration period; \$250 raised by family after prize period; \$1000 from Summerland Fuel Depot/Point Market sponsorship; \$1000 from Natalie Orfalea Foundation sponsorship — Total \$9892 raised during Jog A Thon.
- Lidia suggested sponsor visit day next school year on a garden instruction day, so that our business sponsors can see their donations in action once the Explore Ecology program is underway.
- Lidia to send email to directory parents about JogAThon recap and "what we're doing with it"

5. Garden

- Genevieve from Explore Ecology met with PFS board to discuss garden program and all it offers. Lidia forwarded 2/6/27 approved Explore Ecology brochure to school staff. Will send brochure to parent directory as well, along with JogAThon recap email.
- Total cost of EE garden education program for September '26 through August '27 will be \$10,360. PFS very excited that the Jog A Thon fundraiser was so successful this year (roughly doubling what we have done in years past) and has come very close to funding the garden program in its entirety.
- The Aviles Campuzano family is purchasing all remaining needed garden tools for the children to be stored on campus. 10 small trowel, 10 small hand cultivators, 10 pairs of youth large gardening gloves, 10 pairs of youth small gardening gloves (all gloves will be communal), and a few 5 gallon buckets for storing items. Teachers communicated that there was no need for watering cans or large shovels as there are a few of those already on campus. No more than about 20 children per class at a time.
- The EE garden education program provides materials, soil, plants, seeds, starters, and 7 hours per week (includes lesson planning, instruction, and maintenance hours) dedicated garden

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educator. There will be roughly 40 minutes garden lesson time per class on campus, possible slightly less for K/1's with shorter attention spans.

- Jason Lesh - parent volunteer - to hold first Friday lesson this week, and continue on Fridays through the rest of this school year.
- Irrigation is installed, but not hooked up to water yet. This is more complicated than it would seem due to being computer software controlled system. waiting on this to be finalized. For now, children are using watering cans to keep soil moist.
- Fruit trees are pomegranate and apricot
- Discussion of worm box potential for next year as part of education program. Hot compost would not be effective in such a small garden.

6. Library: Caitlyn sent Thank you letter to parent directory about Permabound purchases; book purchases totaled \$4036.47 of the \$5849.20 raised during the Read A Thon event; PFS is now in process of purchasing 6 additional wooden display bookshelves and sets of acrylic organizers for the library. Will need handy parents to volunteer to come in and build (IKEA sets).

7. Auction: discussion of proposed date of 4/25/26. Secured the Summerland Nugget as event space again this year; also in discussions with owner of winery building to hold there instead. Tiki Night theme; Becky joining donations committee; current donations committee includes Rachael, Meagan, Quinsi, Lidia and Jessica - solicitations already underway for silent and live auction items. Lidia to send email about classroom projects

8. 5th Grade Promotion Communications

- Friday 6/6 at 1:00; Lions Club and Carpinteria Rotary in attendance; speeches about each child by their teachers, and awards presented
- eleven promoting 5th graders; each graduate will present "special person" flowers during ceremony
- Martha and teachers have secured sound system and chairs; discussion of two seats reserved per child in the front two rows, other family members will have first come first served in rows behind. Potential to auction off seats in first row to highest bidders??
- Martha will design and produce the day of program, and design and send invitation by Parent Square
- PFS to fund graduate gift bags (Heather), special person flowers (donated last year by Florabundance), dessert (chosen by students), decorations, and hats vs leis (kids to decide)
- Lidia to follow up again about 5th grade yearbook pages (starting 5th grade parent text thread)
- Heather organizing setup/cleanup committee
- discussion of promotion on the ocean/details evolving; will occur at Middle Beach following end of school on 6/6.

9. Campout: RSVP email went out; Lidia handling site assignments.

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10. Dads' Meetup - Sebastian Lesec helping to plan second Dad's meetup in March.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm