

Parents for Summerland School (PFS)

Meeting Minutes – October 2025

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Summerland School Library



PFS Board

Co-Presidents - Heather Pozzebon and Lidia Lombardi

Co-Vice Presidents - Krissy Yonker and Jennifer Gallup

Secretary - Elea Panofsky

Treasurer - Jennifer Gallup

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

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

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

Principal/teacher reports

- Dr. Colson stated school is off to a great start, all the kids are getting along and loving school, everything is going great.
- CUSD has implemented a new Universal Screener, put in place statewide for public schools. CUSD is a Dibbels district; Summerland teachers met with Diana and the Special Ed director; we are using this “Dibbels 8th Edition” to screen everyone K-2nd in order to identify ‘learning red flags’ and support teachers in knowing how to meet Kinder through 2nd grade kids where they are at in terms of reading words per minute, phonemic awareness, decoding and reading fluency.
- Starting a High Tide Book Club
- Swim Week begins Friday 10/10 and Tuesday through Friday 10/14-10/17 (5 total days) where kids will swim and play water polo.
- Avoganic Pumpkin patch - cost this year is increased to \$432 for our 54 students (last year was \$306). Unsure whether PFS needs to pay for bus transport (last year PFS did not have to pay for bus).
- Explanation of ‘grade level meetings’ for new parents in attendance: Summerland teachers meet with teachers from the other elementary schools to discuss grade level-specific approaches, curriculum and projects

Financials Update

- Lidia presented Profits & Losses from last school year. Approximately \$18,000 made from this year’s auction.

District Submissions

- Submitted to Diana and Monica via email on 10/2/25

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Committee Updates

- Fall Festival: looking for volunteer to assist before and during Fall Festival with crafting table and lawn activities; discussion of family-focused social event, not fundraiser.
- School Musical: Discussion of Alcazar Theater - teachers prefer to hold play on campus, utilizing same sound/lighting as previous year. Parts have all been cast, students and teachers working diligently on script, music and choreography. Lidia requested that a note is sent home as soon as possible with each student to let parents know what part had been cast, and what is needed from parents, i.e. simple description of character and costume. Teachers to dive into costumes next week with students; simple and student-generated costumes are ideal. Lidia and Martha to meet at Main School shed to look into costume bins and retrieve what makes sense. Check large PFS shed for backdrops/props/costumes: props to be retrieved closer to date of play. Maybe week of the play start bringing props and items over to Summerland campus. Sets can largely be re-used from last year as play content is very similar (13 Colonies this year/American Revolution last year). Utilize Art From Scrap? - membership lasts through December; can visit if needed for set additions/art supplies. Discussion of Art From Scrap membership renewal for 2026: Dr. Colson indicated it is not conveniently located for staff. Discussion of Carpinteria Middle School as option for play location; contacted Family School parent group for info - cost prohibitive (approx \$8000 spent) - discussion of opinion of Family School parent group that Middle School theater is clearly not used, so antiquated, and potentially dangerous during use. Also there is no backstage and children have to be outside during offstage time. Concessions: popcorn and cast party requested by students and teachers. Students to discuss.
- Beautification Day around campus 11/15- after soccer is over when families can be available on a Saturday morning, possibly 10am-12pm. Lidia to contact Summerland Beautiful
- Garden Committee: Mrs. Neely has ideas for garden bed. Dr. Colson showed parents in attendance the area that is desired for garden project (by lower gate). Dr. Colson in contact with Rodrigo Campuzano (Amy's dad) - he is interested in supporting labor required for transition of this area (removing dead plants, checking irrigation, replacing soil; how can PFS support (cost of soil/starters/etc)? Parent volunteers? Laurel expressed interest in assisting with this project, potentially helping with an educational aspect. Mrs. Neely was in charge of the garden project at Aliso School, and Rebekah was familiar with the garden that Family School was allowed to build and how Canalino School was also allowed to benefit from Family School's garden beds. PFS has been told every year since the rebuild that Summerland School was not allowed to have a garden; discussion of why this is not equitable when other schools support garden programs; Shannon and Mrs. Neely to present request for transition to garden program by lower gate during next week's Wednesday meeting with Diana.
- Trick or Treat - Elea to contact list of businesses; PFS supply treat bags.
- Christmas Parade: Discussion of float. Did Anthony Pozzebon enter a truck one year? Is there interest in anything more than scooters/wagons/etc? Dr. Colson can update our entry if so.

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- Jog A Thon - 1/26 during run club 1:00 - 2:30, approved by Dr. Colson with discussion of ability to push to following week in event of rain; possible schedule of Jogathon for 20 minutes, then a “Run Club Showcase” where the students can showcase all the physical fitness skills that they work on all year long during the hour of run club (pushups, pullups, situps etc); PledgeStar app - PFS to implement this year, small associated cost; volunteer to chair?
- Yearbook - Jessica sent links for Dropbox; Lidia to email to parent list after checking with Jessica that links have been updated.

Read A Thon

- Update reading log for next year
- Add student name to donor sheet
- Kickoff assembly requested for next year during week prior to read a thon
- Guest speaker Roy Lee this year was very engaging and fun for kids, discussion of Caitlyn’s desire to enlist Michael Katz as next year’s guest reader. He can also align with next year’s play theme as he does improv workshops that could be really fun and get kids ‘into their characters’ ahead of the play.
- Battle of the Books list will be purchased with Read A Thon funds.

Morning Drop Off Safety Concerns

- Discussion of how to improve safety conditions. Dr. Colson indicated it is not possible to staff someone at lower gate during the morning; parent volunteers can not be legally allowed to assist in letting any person onto campus. Parents who stop at loading curb need to stay in their car, children should be self-sufficient in getting in and out of cars, and parents need to move forward to furthest forward available space along curb and pull away promptly after their child has safely exited the vehicle. Discussion of setting four blue cones along curb so parents know where to stop/pull forward along the curb, bringing attention to this area as drop-off only. Parents should not be parking and getting out of their car in this zone. If parents need to exit their vehicle, they should be parking on the other side of the street or on the lower block by the tennis court and walking with their children. Can PFS request morning parent volunteer for front curb so that Martha can remain near the front gate? Other teachers are preparing their classrooms and cannot be expected to staff the gate or curb.

Parents Meetups

- Additional dates/locations for mom’s/dad’s mixers - mom’s coffee morning? Mom’s Linden Square evening? Weekends hard, maybe weeknight next? Survey Dad’s for location of next Dad’s meetup.

Spring Events Calendar

- Shannon and Lidia to connect on filling out/releasing Spring calendar
- Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm