

Parents for Summerland School (PFS)

Meeting Minutes – February 2025

Meeting Date: February 5, 2025

Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Meeting Location: Summerland Elementary School



In attendance

Co-President - Lidia Lombardi

Secretary - Eléa Panofsky

Teachers - Dr Colson, Ms Simonovich

Parents - Martha S., Andrea A., Anthony P., Camilla, Lisa S.

Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.
- December minutes reviewed with correction of attendees and deletion of committee chair discussion. Lidia motioned to approve, Eléa seconded.

Teacher reports

- Ms Simonovich confirmed date of trip to Santa Cruz Island on 5/6/25.
- Ms Simonovich and Dr Colson discussed the Open House theme “Maker’s Carnival” on 4/25/25, from end of school day into evening.
- 5 new students enrolled this semester.
- Ms Simonovich and Dr Colson discussed CUSD budget cuts likely not at Summerland Elementary; pink slips/notices to be sent in March; GATE program likely will be cut but Summerland teachers will continue to run it independent of GATE teacher Ms Marshall; 4 teachers retiring from CUSD will not be replaced; 10 teaching assistants that are leaving will not be replaced; Lidia described planned march 2/7/25 in support of CUSD teachers and staff; next School Board meeting 2/11/25, 5pm, at Carpinteria City Hall.
- Dr Colson presented and reviewed the Comprehensive School Safety Plan, which she updates, then presents to PFS, then submits to School Board for approval. This is the second year they’ve used safety drill procedures once per more, and evacuation drills once per year. Dr Colson changed the Drop Off/Pick Up description in Section I to “Morning drop off in front of school.”

School Traffic Safety/Dropoff and Pickup Concerns

- Lidia indicated PFS has received comments from parents who would like to see the drive through available in morning; Dr Colson said she has not received many requests for it.
- Question was brought up whether Mr Casey could manage morning drive through drop off, Dr Colson indicated he is not available to open the gate.
- Eléa asked if parent volunteers could help manage, Dr Colson said Superintendent Rigby would need to approve.

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- Andrea indicated it would be better to be proactive before something negative happens, as it is a safety issue that should be addressed by CUSD; several parents described negative impacts of traffic congestion at the front of the school: intersections blocked by parents waiting for parking spots immediately in front of school, dangers of speeding by commuter traffic along Varley, Valencia, and Banner to students that need to cross streets in order to enter solely through one entrance versus ability to be dropped off in drive through. Anthony asked how morning drop off is managed at Canalino.

Battle of the Books discussion

- Ms Simonovich said 5 students who have read most of the titles will attend 4/24/25.
- Martha in contact with Pam at Carpinteria Education Foundation (CEF) and Jennifer at CUSD; CarpACaboona funds haven't been allocated to Summerland Elementary yet.
- Caitlyn will integrate titles into library shelves; teachers really appreciate her; Lidia to contact her regarding fundraising ideas.

Calendar Review

- Several updates to draft presented:
 - Parent volunteers to pick up art at SES morning of 3/6/25 to display at Carpinteria Arts Center 3/6 through 4/14 with PFS-sponsored art viewing party at end of show
 - Dr Colson to ask teachers about PFS-sponsored St Patrick's Day celebration
 - Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week of 5/5/25
 - Campus Beautification Day maybe aligned with fire department chipping day; Lidia asked if cleanup can also be done on campus - Dr Colson to ask Diana Rigby; Anthony suggested more helpers and a list of specific projects requested.
 - State testing during week of 5/12/25; Dr Colson described testing to be done in library SAT-style for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders - those who finish early will go back to Dr Colson's classroom.
- Dr Colson requested PFS sponsored Valentine's Day cookie party; Martha requested options for students with dietary restrictions and will ask parents for suggestions of alternative treats.

Annual Fundraiser discussion

- Dr Colson asked about fundraiser; Lidia said Jessica would like to focus on live auction; Heather and Lidia met with manager of The Nugget, Paul, to discuss hosting - Sundays are best around 6:30pm - Dr Colson asked about holding it on another day of the week.
- Andrea described black and white photographs by Jessica to be sold during fundraiser.

Yearbook discussion

- Jessica will provide Dropbox links.
- Camilla asked about school photos for new students.

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5th Grade Promotion discussion

- Jennifer G. contacting 5th grade parents regarding yearbook memory pages, Lidia contacting 4th grade parents regarding promotion ceremony logistics, Heather ordering/organizing promotee gift bags.

PFS funds discussion

- Lidia asked Dr Colson to let PFS know of requests as they come up and asked parents present for any fundraising ideas; Andrea said it's healthy to have concrete plans/dreams/ideas for parents to work toward.
- Lidia described Scholastic Book Fair funding.

Other items

- Lidia suggested meetup for all families Monday 2/17/25 at Padaro Beach Grill 3-5pm which would donate some of proceeds to PFS; Dr Colson asked about Rori's weekly fundraiser done in the past and suggested a parents night out at Summerland Elementary one evening with movie, popcorn - possibly Friday 5/30/25; Andrea said it could be a biddable auction item.

Meeting adjourned 6:26pm.