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Non profit, cooperative preschool

- Parent owned and operated
- Volunteer parents:
 - work in the classroom with the ECE
 - Make up the executive
 - Do all jobs in the school, such as website maintenance, janitorial duties, maintaining library and equipment, marketing and fundraising for capital costs, yard work.



Canada's
Historic Places

“Built in 1893, Strawberry Vale Schoolhouse is valued as one of the oldest extant schoolhouses in Canada. It is valued as a representation of early education in Saanich and plays a significant role in the community.

Members of the community donated time, labour and funds to bring the school into good repair. The importance of this building in this neighbourhood is reflected in its excellent state of repair... It is significant that the school still serves its original educational function, over a century after its construction. “

Strawberry Vale Schoolhouse

1351 Hastings Street, Saanich, British Columbia

Formally Recognized: 1979/10/02



History of the preschool

| Year | Event |
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| 1893 | Schoolhouse built |
| 1951 | Parents saved building from demolition, turned it into preschool. |
| 1972 | Parents saved building from being turned into change-rooms for nearby Rosedale park. |
| 1979 | Building received heritage status |
| 1994 | Building moved to current location. Building and land sold to school district by Saanich for \$1, to be used as a preschool in perpetuity. |
| 2000 | School district reroofed and painted building. This is the last money spent by district on the preschool. |
| 2000-09 | Gradual rent introduced, to save for future capital costs. |
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FACILITIES SERVICES

November 25, 1994

Mrs. Lori Alford
President
Strawberry Vale Pre-School Society
4119 Rosedale Avenue
Victoria
B. C. V8Z 5V5

Dear Mrs. Alford

Re: Little Red Schoolhouse, Strawberry Vale Elementary:

Further to our recent conversations we confirm the following points.

1 The renovated Little Red Schoolhouse is intended to be dedicated to pre-school use permanently. The address will be the same as Strawberry Vale Elementary, 1351 Hastings Street, Victoria, B. C. V8Z 2P7. The Little Red Schoolhouse has been moved to a new position so as to be independent and separate from the new school when it is completed, to guarantee autonomous use as a pre-school facility.

What the families pay for

- Interior and exterior painting
- Rebuilt fence twice, regular painting.
- Installed new lighting and updated electrical system.
- Purchased and built storage shed
- Installed sinks, countertop, supply cupboards, reading loft, cubbies, and storage units.
- Installed and paid for alarm system.
- Much much more!

What the district pays for.

- 2000 – new roof and paint.

Ready, Set, Learn!



Service to our learning community

- Kindergarten transitioning
- Big buddy program with Grade 1's at "the big school"
- Inclusion program for children with diverse needs, partnered with Queen Alexandra. (We pay for those costs too.)
- PAC training



Nature based play



1951 – 1971 Ethel Cummins
1971 – 1993 Joan Salmon
1993 – 2006 Juanita Olson
2006 – present Gail Atkins



Teacher Gail, ECE



Teacher Freya, Inclusion support worker

Fundraising – walkathon





Reading loft, designed, paid for, and built by parents.

Circle time in the story corner

Sensory table, all preschool sized.

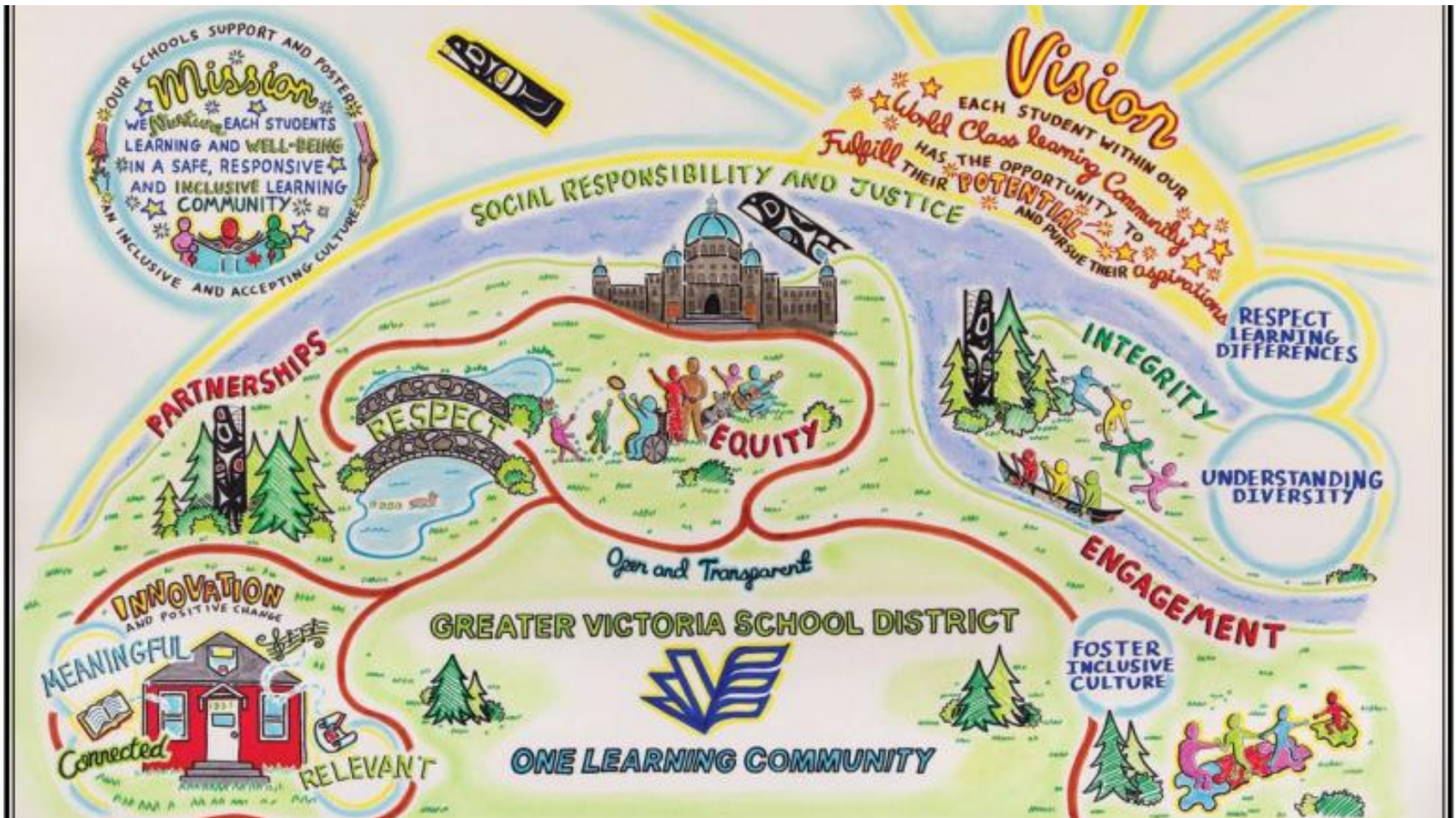


Money talks

- Current rent - \$230
- Proposed rent - \$1300
- → 565% increase.

- Current operating budget ~ 85,000/year
- Budget with proposed increase ~ 98,000/year
- Deficit next year ~ \$13,000

School District Strategic Plan



Strategic Plan 2016-2018

Mission

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Vision

Each student within our world-class learning community has the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their aspirations.

Values

- **Engagement** – Students are actively engaged in their education and connected to our learning community.
- **Equity** – We give each student the opportunity to fulfill their potential.
- **Innovation/Positive Change** – We are innovative. We constantly seek ways to make positive change.
- **Integrity** – We are ethical and fair.
- **Openness and Transparency** – We are open about the decisions we make and how we make them.
- **Partnerships** – We create open and respectful partnerships with each member of our learning community.
- **Respect** – We respect ourselves, others, and our environment.
- **Social Responsibility and Justice** – It is our shared responsibility to work with and inspire students to create a better world.



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Please help us keep our doors, and arms, open to our community.

