

# Valley View Elementary PAC Meeting

Tues March 16th, 2021

## In Attendance

**Chair:** Tami Servizi

**Vice Chair:** Scott Priestman

**Treasurer:** Nicole McQueen

**Secretary:** Jonathan Kisiloski

**Trustee:** Janice Caton (absent)

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Susie Gilson

**Principal:** Katy Doran

**Vice Principal:** Darci Gilmore

**DPAC Rep:** David Gillis

**Others:** Anna Boulanger, Chelsey Newton, Robyn Clarke

## Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

Agenda to be approved as presented. (Scott motion, Jonathan second) All in favour: PASSED

Minutes from February to be approved as circulated. (Susie motion, David second) All in favour: PASSED

Welcome Gila'kasla (gay-la-kass-la) Welcome everyone. I would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on the land and the gift of working with their children.

### Trustee Report: Janice Caton (absent)

1. No report provided

### Principal Report: Katy Doran

1. Click here for the link to Valley View's results: [School Survey 2020-2021 Parent Results](#) As you see from the results, parents mostly agree that our school is clean, students are growing academically, and students feel safe. There are mixed feelings about cohorts (completely understandable), and about the availability of mental health supports. Our school counsellor, Margot Janz, is available to support students at our school and to find additional outside supports for families. She is at Valley View on Wednesdays, Fridays and alternate Mondays and is available by email at any time. Students miss after school activities. Parents miss being able to come into our school. We hope the next school year is a 'normal' year where all these things can happen again for us.
2. Our school numbers for next year are holding steady. Approximately 340 students are expected for the 2021-2022 school year. Same number of divisions as last year. Some staff may be returning from NIDES next year (Mr. Bridges and Ms. Monks). Staffing process will take place in April/ May/ June.

3. Ms. Johnson will be going on her maternity leave in May. Hiring for her position is happening this week. Our new teacher has big shoes to fill as Ms. Johnson is loved by all.
4. We are being granted the gift of an Indigenous Elder at Valley View. His name is Lawrence Mercredi. I worked with him at Royston Elementary School. This program is running in many schools in our district. He will be connecting with our students, sharing his Indigenous perspectives and supporting the Indigenous teachings at our school for the remainder of this school year. His heritage is Métis – from Fort Chipewyan. Lawrence is also a cultural presenter for the school district and shares stories about Hunting, Fishing, Harvesting and Traditional Knowledge in the Northwest Territories.
5. Our gaga pit is being installed today.
6. Gymnastics unit starts after Spring Break for 3 weeks.
7. Ms. Elliott is looking at setting up an after school bike club after Spring Break with other interested staff members assisting. We can do this with a max of 10 people per club/ day and will let parents know more about it when details are finalized.
8. Staff want to say thank you for hedgehogs chocolates provided by PAC (and special thanks to Susie!!)

### **Chair's Report: Tami Servizi**

It's time for our annual elections:

1. CHAIR - Tami nominated Jonathan Kisiloski. No others nominated or volunteered, Jonathan accepted.
  - a. Jonathan Kisiloski has been elected as Chair.
2. VICE CHAIR - Nicole nominated Tami Servizi. No others nominated or volunteered, Tami accepted.
  - a. Tami Servizi has been elected as Vice Chair
3. TREASURER - Tami nominated Nicole McQueen. No others nominated or volunteered, Nicole accepted.
  - a. Nicole McQueen has been elected as Treasurer
4. SECRETARY - Tami nominated Robyn Clarke. No others nominated or volunteered, Robyn accepted.
  - a. Robyn Clarke has been elected as Secretary
5. Fundraising Co-ordinator - Susie will continue
6. Tami Servizi volunteered for DPAC rep. No others nominated or volunteered.
  - a. Tami Servizi as been elected as DPAC rep
7. Hot Lunch Co-Ordinator - Carmen Paulett has volunteered

### **Fundraising/Volunteer Report: Susie Gilson**

1. Purdy's is finished, went well
2. Card Project is in Vancouver and will be back during Spring Break
3. Soap fundraiser after spring break

### **Treasurer's Report: Nicole McQueen**

1. Non-gaming: \$7,494.78
2. Gaming: \$13,595.49 - only change is banking fees
3. Petty Cash - some hot lunch expenses, balance now \$32.82

### **DPAC Report: David Gillis**

1. Covid cases in the schools were not because of school spread. Everything was linked to outside, community based exposures and then ended up with school aged kids. The district and schools are continuing to monitor closely and pass on information from Island Health.
2. Speaker Series - looking for better ways to get it out to parents, but currently only via Facebook so want to look

at other channels. Next session: April 13th on ADHD. Perhaps the person in charge of this series should communicate them to the principals to send out.

3. Next meeting April 12th via Zoom.

**Other business:**

1. Improvements to the trail behind the Isfeld field are needed and it's apparently the responsibility of the schools
2. No hats in school - Why is it like that? It's been like that for a while. Some kids like to "hide" under their hats or hoods and it makes it easier to identify students. It also comes from a place of respect. Some kids with ADHD or on the spectrum use hats or hoods as a coping mechanism for anxiety. This rule is something that was voted in by staff several years ago. A discussion can be had with a teacher on an individual basis if there's a need or concern.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm (Scott motion)

Next Meeting April 20th at 6:30pm via Zoom