

# Valley View PAC Meeting

Tuesday October 17, 2023

## In Attendance

**Chair:** Robyn Clarke (absent)

**Vice Chair:** Bobi Lineker

**Treasurer:** Jenn Beks-Embury

**Secretary:** Jonathan Kisiloski

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Susie Gilson

**DPAC Rep:** Jim Tessman (absent)

**Trustee:** Janice Caton (absent)

**Principal:** Katy Doran

**Vice Principal:** Michelle Mowbray

**Others:** Erica Otto, Sumi Playfair, Laura Brown, Sophia Ongley, Jules Wheeler

## MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Gilakas'la

Welcome everyone. I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on the land and the gift of working with their children.

Gilakas'la

Minutes from September to be approved as circulated. Bobi motion Susie Second  
All in favour: PASSED

### Trustee Report: Janice Caton (absent)

Nothing to report

### School Admin Report: Katie Doran & Michelle Mowbray

1. Framework to Enhance Student Learning (see below for growth plan and details)
2. Variety Club Grant Options:

- a. Outdoor picnic tables (3x 8' long tables plus a wheelchair accessible \$9500) for outdoor classroom and
  - b. Outdoor Sensory Path (\$2-3k approx),
  - c. grant should cover 50% of whatever we go with and PAC funds cover the rest
3. Upcoming dates:
- Oct 20 – Provincial Pro D – no school
  - Oct 30 – Photo Retake Day
  - Oct 31 – Halloween Dress Up and Costume Parade
  - November 10 – 10:45 am – Remembrance Day Assembly
  - Nov 13 – Remembrance Day – no school
  - Nov 23 – Parent/ Teacher Interview day – no classes

### **Chair's Report: Robyn Clarke (absent)**

We'd love to have anyone new join us! If anyone is interested in getting more involved in the PAC on any level, please chat with us at a meeting or email [valleyviewpac@gmail.com](mailto:valleyviewpac@gmail.com)

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

Coupon books are selling - not as many as last year, but they're coming!

Spirit wear order form has gone out.

Purdy's coming in November, done by Dec 3rd to get it before Christmas

Should we do 50/50 tickets at the Winter concert? Fundraiser for grade 7?

### **Treasurer's Report: Jenn Beks-Embury**

Budget proposals presented for both gaming and non-gaming.

Change the yearbook amount since the invoice was higher than originally planned due to fire. Slight change in some of the dates posted. Overall, much of it stays the same as last year.

Bobi motion to pass the non-gaming budget with the changes stated above. All in favour.  
PASSED

Susie motion to pass the gaming budget as presented with date changes to match the current year. All in favour. PASSED

Discussion on approving the spend for enhancements to the outdoor classroom and school grounds. This would include tables for the outdoor classroom, outdoor sensory path, walkway markings for the school to the music room.

Jonathan motion to approve spending up to \$7000 on this.  
All in favour. PASSED

## **DPAC Report: Jim Tessman (via email)**

### **The DPAC Event**

1. Early Registration gives you 2 free attendees
  - a. Registration is open now
2. November 17-18 in Richmond
3. Speakers
  - a. Minister BCSTA
  - b. PDP principals and VP's
  - c. Roles of parents in education
  - d. Specific topics each year
  - e. Community Reflections and Inclusion
  - f. Be more literate on Provincial Issues for roadmap towards Advocacy
  - g. Learn the questions to ask, the intent and the language
  - h. Funding formula vs spending formula
  - i. Read notes in Dropbox for Parent Education stuff.

### **Speaker Series**

1. Grade 11 is TOO LATE to start preparing for scholarships
2. Loads are DUE by November 30th in Grade 11!
3. Start working on it in grade 10
4. Attend the preparation talks by grade 9
5. Learn from trying.
6. There is lots of help available - but not through the schools!
7. Schools don't start prepping kids until grade 12
8. Topics
  - a. Bike safety
  - b. Vaping
  - c. Cultivating social media profiles
  - d. Etc
9. Moms against racism baskets coming
  - a. \$500 speaking fee
  - b. Baskets of books \$300
10. Scholarship Education \$500
  - a. Open to all parents
  - b. Live only
11. Cell Phones in the School talk?

### **Transportation Committee**

1. Looking for members

### **Other business:**

Hot lunch - starting on Fridays again! New vendors coming too!

Meeting adjourned 7:07 pm motion by Sumi

***Next Meeting November 21st, 2023 at 6:30pm***

**1. Framework to Enhance Student Learning – Valley View Elementary 2023-2024 School Year**

<b>District Strategic Priority</b>	<b>Educational Excellence</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>	<b>Organizational Stability and Environmental Stewardship</b>	<b>Physical Health and Mental Well Being</b>
District Goals	Optimize innovative practices and learning opportunities.	Deepen integration of Indigenous ways of knowing. Foster relationships with community, parents and educational partners.	Optimize infrastructure to support learning. Foster environmental stewardship.	Invest in the holistic well-being of our people.
Valley View's Goals	How can we improve student writing?	How can we continue to grow in our school's commitment to truth and reconciliation?	How can we grow in our outdoor learning and environmental stewardship?	How can we continue to advance our We Thinking program and other strategies to support Social Emotional Learning?
Valley View's Action Items	<p>Host a school wide write at the beginning of the school year. Create grade specific goals based on these results. Reassess regularly during the year and at the end of the year.</p> <p>Provide time at monthly staff meetings for grade groupings to meet and co-create lessons and units based on student writing.</p> <p>At K/1, teach letter sounds and add these sounds/ words to their stories.</p> <p>Use Story Grammar Marker at the younger grades and for older students that would benefit from this program.</p> <p>Use 6+1 Traits of Writing program to focus student writing</p> <p>Use accessibility tools on iPads and computers for students who struggle with written output.</p>	<p>Direct teaching in all classrooms about Truth and Reconciliation leading up to Orange Shirt Day.</p> <p>Create permanent reminders around our school and school grounds of our learning about the history of residential schools.</p> <p>Continue our commitment to being a Downie Wenjack Legacy School and hosting a school wide Downie Wenjack Walk</p> <p>Sharing circles used in classrooms.</p> <p>A commitment to tracking and celebrating the academic progress of our Indigenous students.</p> <p>Hosting an Indigenous weekly soup program to share with classes and learning about the importance of sharing food in the Indigenous culture.</p>	<p>Continue to grow in the use of our school garden as a teaching tool under the guidance of two lead teachers. Engage families in taking care of the garden over the summer months.</p> <p>Engage student participation in outdoor education – Cross Country Ski Program, Cumberland Wilderness Society Programs, Fish Traps on the Estuary, etc.</p> <p>Pack it in Pack it out policy for student lunches. Offer Valley View water bottles to encourage reusable drink containers</p> <p>More teaching and learning opportunities in our forest. Working closely with Caitlin O'Neill, from Current Environmental, and SD71 to revitalize the health of our undergrowth and trees in our forest.</p> <p>Utilizing our newly built outdoor classroom</p>	<p>Continue to teach the We Thinker program to primary grades to promote inclusion and group thinking. Reading We Thinkers books.</p> <p>Utilize LRC kits on self regulation. School counsellor to share videos and Go Zen program with staff.</p> <p>Include We Thinking language in our daily announcements.</p> <p>Use the We Thinker language in the intermediate grades to remind them about inclusion and the importance of group thinking.</p> <p>Continue monthly "Fill a Bucket" draws for student recognition</p> <p>Provide leadership opportunities for students in upper intermediate grades to practice We Thinker skills.</p> <p>Provide movement breaks, fitness runs, daily forest walks with our students.</p>

			Working with Tina at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre to do lessons with our students	Mind Up, Inner Explorer, and mindfulness activities in classrooms.  Support interschool and intermural sports.
Valley View's Baseline Evidence (Fall)	To be determined after our School Wide Write.	In the past, our students have experienced Indigenous ways of knowing from these types of activities: -sharing circles in classrooms - residential school lessons given to all students by their classroom teachers leading up to Orange Shirt Day/ National Truth and Reconciliation Day in late September -classrooms participating in the Chaney Wenjack Walk in October -classrooms bringing in guest speakers from the approved Indigenous Cultural presenters list -classrooms going on field trips with an Indigenous focus - such as the local fish traps -classrooms focusing on Indigenous themes in the areas of social studies, science and language arts in particular	Our school has the following systems in place to support environmental stewardship:  -an existing school garden  -a forested area around our school grounds with natural plants and learning opportunities within them  -an established 'pack it in pack it out' system for school lunches  -inexpensive school water bottles for sale to encourage the use of reusable containers  -a newly built outdoor classroom	
Evidence and Data				
Reflection Next Steps				

