

# Valley View PAC Meeting

Tuesday Nov 21, 2023

## In Attendance

**Chair:** Robyn Clarke

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

**Vice Chair:** Bobi Lineker (absent)

**Trustee:** Janice Caton (absent)

**Treasurer:** Jenn Beks-Embury

**Principal:** Katy Doran

**Secretary:** Jonathan Kisiloski

**Vice Principal:** Michelle Mowbray

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Susie Gilson

**Others:**

## MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order at 6:33 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

Agenda to be approved as presented. Susie motion Jenn Second  
All in favour: PASSED

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

### Trustee Report: Janice Caton (absent)

Nothing to report

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

1. School Wide Write – grades 1 to 7. Completed. Mme Mowbray applied for a learning grant for teachers to meet and create focused writing lessons based on results of their school wide writes.
2. FSAs – completed at grades 4 and 7. Staff will look at student work in December and results will go home to the students' parents in December.
3. Principalship at Valley View – Interviews are on December 6. Won't know anything until after that date.
4. Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conferences and our Scholastic Book Fair is this week.
5. Winter Concert – Wednesday December 20 – 1 pm and 6:30 pm. 50/50 draw for grade 7 camp (hopefully) at both shows.
6. Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Mentorship Program – We have 6 Valley View student matches with Mark Isfeld students this year. Most of the Isfeld students are in our International Program (from Spain, Italy, etc.)
7. EDAS – Everyone Deserves a Smile – 8 classes decorating/ preparing cards and gift bags for this project. We are collecting scarves, toques, mittens for this worthwhile cause to support over 1500 homeless/ unhoused citizens in the Comox Valley, Victoria and Vancouver.
8. Sports – Volleyball season is on now. Basketball will start in January.
9. Student Teachers – Sydney Kuhnert is finishing her practicum in Amanda Davidge's class. Kimberly Chapman will start a practicum in Denise Montess' class in the spring.
10. Student leadership team have planned fun, festive holiday Spirit Days every Friday in December.
11. Variety Grant proposal for pic-nic tables and outdoor sensory path has been submitted. Waiting for approval.

Possibly getting a new side toy in summer of 2024

Should we do fundraising to rubberize the area around the back big toy to make it more accessible? Or find some funding to help with it?

Parents and students will get asked for feedback.

### **Chair's Report: Robyn Clarke**

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)

We're getting a buddy bench, time TBD

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

Everything going well! Clothing went out today.

Purdy's deadline coming soon!

Card Project coming in the spring. And candy grams for Valentine's Day.

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

Account balances:

Non-gaming \$22,044.29

Gaming \$15,985.79

Need to update signatures at RBC

Gaming grant is done.

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

### **A: Upcoming Events**

Huband Winter festival on November 25th 11-3pm

Brooklyn Winter market on November 24th 4-8pm

### **B: Upcoming DPAC Presentations:**

FoodSafe course

Valley View can send up to 2 parents to take the FoodSafe course for only \$30 (usually \$120).

Promo Code to get DPAC reduced cost is: DPAC

Poster with information can be found [HERE](#)

DPAC Speaker Series - Parental Digital Dive:

A Parents Roadmap to Learn71.ca and Office 365 on Tuesday November 21st at 6:30pm in the Isfeld Library. Poster and information can be found [HERE](#)

Link for the ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) presentations during the meeting, click [HERE](#). It's about Digital Safety for schools, managing online bullying, etc. The descriptions were clearly done by an engineer and not a marketer, but they could be extremely valuable to attend.

Also, to help facilitate more parent engagement with our Speaker Series, we created this [FORM](#) that can be filled out by families in the District to receive info about Speaker series.

### **C: PAC Sharing**

Conversation at about having a PRO-D the day after Halloween.

Raising Money

Check out the Online Raffle options, such as Raffle Box. One school raised \$2k already and is heading towards raising \$20K by the end of the year. [Rafflebox.ca](#) is one option.

Biking

We all know bikers must always wear helmets in BC, but did you know?...

All bikers **MUST** have front and rear lights if they are riding 30 minutes before sunset and after sunrise.

**\*\*If a biker is hit by a car and doesn't have lights, it is considered their fault.\*\***

### **D: Trustee Report**

Board is moving forward on the Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan is the roadmap for the school district's goals for the next four years made in consultation with the public.

Working Plan

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Board-Working-Plan.pdf>

Curriculum

The Premier announced changes to the curriculum to include the Holocaust, Japanese World War 2 Internment Camps, and Residential Schools within the Grade 10 Curriculum. These topics were previously absent.

Consent education - virtual presentations

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/erase/documents/erase-training-schedule.pdf>

**Other business:**

No meeting in December! Happy Holidays

Meeting adjourned 6:48 pm motion by Susie

***Next Meeting January 16th, 2024 at 6:30pm***