

Valley View PAC Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 21, 2025

In Attendance

Chair: Robyn Clarke

Vice Chair: Erica Otto & Melissa Montgomery (absent)

Treasurer: Jenn Beks-Embury

Secretary: Jonathan Kisiloski

Fundraising Coordinator: Sumi Playfair (absent) & Susie Gilson

DPAC Rep: Jim Tessman

Trustee: Janice Caton

Principal: Michelle Mowbray

Vice Principal: Yolanda Lehton

Others: Chantal Stagg

MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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 amended. Jim motion Susie Second
All in favour: PASSED

Minutes from November to be approved as circulated. Erica motion Jenn Second
All in favour: PASSED

School Admin Report: Michelle Mowbray & Yolanda Lehton

1. Basketball in full swing – 3 teams

2. Literacy week next week- lots of engaging activities- family night Thursday, Jan 30. Looking for a couple more readers!
3. Salad bar and soup days – going well so far, free at this point but might change in the future.
4. Free family skate Saturday – Stars on Ice
5. Upcoming – pancakes on pink shirt day – looking for volunteers to help (Wed Feb 26th) - possibly talk to Thrifty's or Old Farm Market about helping sponsor this
6. Lunar new year – parade of the Dragons Friday Feb 7 – fortune cookies for all, some food being provided for students to celebrate
7. School goals- continuation – self regulation and writing skills. Valley view is one of the top schools in the district
8. Portable – final stages of completion – hopefully open for Ms Lehton's classes in Feb.
9. Kindergarten registration has begun
10. Registration for other programs – Late French immersion at EPP and Enter program at Aspen, early primary outdoor program coming soon at Airport school
11. Thinking of doing a school wide yearbook this year – would like your thoughts on this - Cost would be up to or around \$30 per yearbook (covered by the parent)
12. Spring concert production – March 12
13. Jump Rope for heart March 13
14. Crazy sock day for World Down Syndrome day – March 14
15. Draw for prizes – grade 4 and 7 student learning survey
16. MDI survey grade 5
17. Emergency preparedness training with staff complete – need to replenish some food in Sea Can

Trustee Report: Janice Caton

Mandate letter from provincial ministry. There was nothing in there actually about education - it's not a priority at the moment. Basically no new money coming in and SD needs to work with what they get currently. No major cuts but no growth either. Not much chance of getting any new schools for our district despite how much we're growing. Province looking to help expand before/after school programs. Anti racism is a priority.

This year June 2025 teacher's agreement comes to an end so bargaining has already started.

Budget for '25-26 school year started, looking at staffing already. Parents will have input about the budget through DPAC.

Chair's Report: Robyn Clarke

Bylaws were found from an old PAC member. Let's review before the next PAC meeting and suggest any changes.

The PAC meeting in Feb will be 25th since 18th is pro-d day.

Follow up from last meeting - GST money from the playground was re-invested so nothing came back to us.

Any requests for funds should be presented to PAC at the meetings or for a time sensitive manner, emailed to everyone at valleyviewpac@gmail.com

Fundraising/Volunteer Report: Susie Gilson

Sumi will no longer continue with fundraising for health reasons.

Pants for spirit wear are in now so will be distributed shortly.

Looking for a few plasma cars - hoping to get some donated from local families if they have some? Can we post on the PAC facebook page?

Wachiay wants pictures of kids using the sensory equipment - this will come once the equipment is in.

Treasurer's Report: Jenn Beks-Embury

Gaming balance: \$8,623.34

Non-gaming balance: \$11,474.15

More detailed breakdowns being done going forward so we know more accurate costs and revenue.

DPAC Report: Jim Tessman

Conflict of interest of employees being a part of DPAC. Those people with conflict need to step aside from any voting.

Earthquake details were discussed in admin report.

Other business:

Discussions around a book being used in grade 6 and what considerations are taken for sensitive subject matter and how books are chosen. Janice to discuss at the district level as some books have impacted students' mental health.

Erica Otto is taking over the role as hot lunch coordinator. If anyone else is interested in helping out volunteer, please reach out to valleyviewhotlunch@gmail.com

!! We're looking for new people to 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

Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm motion by Susie

Next Meeting February 25th, 2025 at 6:30pm