

Valley View PAC Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 19, 2024

In Attendance

Chair: Robyn Clarke

Vice Chair: Erica Otto & Melissa Montgomery

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: Pam Saccucci, Melissa Montgomery, Chantal Stagg, Cara Covacs

MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order at 6:28 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. Jonathan motion Jenn Second
All in favour: PASSED

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

School Admin Report: Michelle Mowbray & Yolanda Lehton

1. Self regulation - starting working with the students on this, hoping to get some tools to help with this
2. New staff member starting Monday for food support worker position. Trial for a month and then full go starting in January. Shared position with Isfeld.
3. Some Winter themed fun events starting
4. FSA's back and students did amazing including some great work by Gr 4 students. Was noticed by other schools and everyone was pleased
5. Winter family dance coming Dec 18th by donation at the door, pizza and glowsticks will be available, DJ, lights, money raised going towards improving sensory products
6. District paid for the school to get a subscription to Power Up program, for body health and related online safety. The developer will also do some parent sessions at a small additional cost.
7. Basketball nets will be installed soon. But with that, there's no room for a swing set with the space we have available.
8. Sensory garden to be installed on the side of the school near the music portable which will be wheelchair accessible. Asphalt and fencing will be all paid for. Fundraisers will happen in the spring to support this.
9. One week in January is literacy week and some events are being planned. School hoping to get funds monthly for various events including these from PAC. Hoping for \$200-500 for 2 months at this time.

Trustee Report: Janice Caton

District is in a good position currently so nothing big is happening. Lots of growth in Comox and Cumberland.

Some boundary realignment changes that have gone out for new developments - mainly affecting Aspen, Airport, Brooklyn and Valley View.

Tribune Bay announcement went out that the district will no longer fund it, it will be taken over by Parks BC. Lots of other local outdoor opportunities for students in the Valley.

Budgets may change with the coming changes in government, but won't know more until Spring.

Early stages of bargaining agreement coming this year. Local happening now and then provincial in the new year.

District also investing in numeracy and literacy along with Indigenous learning.

Chair's Report: Robyn Clarke

When we agreed to do the new side playground, GST was supposed to come back but that hasn't happened. Mme Mowbray to follow up on that and get back to us.

Fundraising/Volunteer Report: Sumi Playfair & Susie Gilson

Purdy's and West Coast Seeds happening right now.

Treasurer's Report: Jenn Beks-Embury

Budget discussions were had to clarify fund allocations.

Voting on the budgets:

Jim motioned to approve the Non-gaming budget as presented. All were in favour. PASSED.

Erica motioned to approve the gaming budget as presented. All in favour. PASSED.

DPAC Report: Jim Tessman

Processing critical incidents - how they're communicated and dealt with. Traumatic events model available. Difference between lockdown (threat is imminent to people inside the school) vs hold and secure (threat is outside the school).

Need to sort out who owns the information when an incident occurs. And this changes based on the details of the incident. Also have response teams in place. DPAC website has lots of info on this.

Emergency prep - release drills, make sure sea cans are stocked, people need to have id when picking up students including parents or emergency contact. Student pickups in this situation need to be very structured and orderly to avoid chaos.

Online raffles have been successful for other schools. Rafflebox and Zeffy are 2 good options.

Other business:

Sensory room discussions: Quiet break rooms (2) weren't widely used, now looking at improving the 3 pods mostly but as well as the quiet rooms only slightly. Kids can grab stuff from pods to take into the classroom or into a quiet room. This will make it more accessible to every student. Trying to get grants to go along with some PAC funds.

- Yolanda applied for a grant: Vancouver Sun Adopt a School for \$5000. She's gotten this in the past for other schools. Grants will go through the school, not through PAC.
- Sylvan Learning is donating \$500 to the school for sensory and we'll provide a thank you message via socials and other channels.

Melissa Montgomery will be stepping down from hot lunch so looking for someone new to take on the role. Please reach out to valleyviewhotlunch@gmail.com

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

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm motion by Erica

Next Meeting January 21st, 2025 at 6:30pm