

Valley View PAC Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

In Attendance

Chair: Chelsey Newton

Vice Chair: Megan Norrish

Treasurer: Jonathan Kisiloski

Secretary: *vacant*

Fundraising Coordinator: Susie Gilson

DPAC Rep: *vacant*

Trustee: Janice Caton (absent)

Principal: Michelle Mowbray

Vice Principal: Yolanda Lehton

Others: Sumi Playfair, Lisa, Chantal Stagg

MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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

Introductions all around

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

Minutes from May to be approved as amended. Susie motion Megan Second
All in favour: PASSED

New Foods Program Update (Thea)

District food service coordinator - universal lunch program so it's offered to anyone and can pay a nominal fee (suggested approx \$4). Pilot program went well at Arden and Puntledge so rolling out. Were serving 245 meals/day, 5 days/week. Should start after our renovations, some time this winter Jan possibly?

There would be a full time (25–30 hrs/wk) food service worker running the program in the school. Will get any admin or volunteer support they need.

The food choices will be a little flexible to accommodate most kids eating habits, allergies, etc. Trying to make a well balanced meal. Offering a vegetarian and gluten free option each day. Our person can meet the needs of our students.

Funding provided through ministry of education (feeding futures), on-going funding which will help pay for staffing and covering the cost of students in need while students who are able will pay to cover their costs.

School has support for any families that need help with ordering.

Airport PAC doing a fun food Friday instead of hot lunch for a fundraiser. It will be hard to coordinate any PAC food program in conjunction with this one.

Trustee Report: Janice Caton (absent)

Nothing to report

School Admin Report: Michelle Mowbray

News:

- Several new EAs – ISW (Indigenous support worker) is shared with Isfeld until further notice (3 days a week).
- Consent awareness week this week. Our counsellor has shared resources with staff, morning announcements and bulletin board.
- District equity scan. Staff started the survey/work today.
- Meet the teacher: Friday Sept 19 8-8:30
- Terry Fox Run – 1:30 Sept 19
- Tour de Rock, Cops for Cancer – Sept 25 – 8:40 am stop.
- Sports starting soon. Cross country running grade 4-7 first meet – Oct. 1st.

Between these two fundraisers (Tour de Rock & Terry Fox):

\$1000 extra recess for the whole school

\$2000 silly staff competition (willing staff only) at an assembly

\$3000 freezies for all

- **\$3000 Grant Received:** Learning by Nature Spark Grant. We are one of 16 schools in the district participating in the Learning by Nature \$3000 Nature Spark Grant that began late last spring. Needs to be completed by June 2026
- **Monday, September 29th** – school assembly 10:45 for Orange Shirt Day
- **Tuesday, September 30th**, no school – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- **October 3rd at 5:00 – 6:30** Open house at Ecole Puntledge Park for our PAC and interested staff. Our school is one of three schools for the **Safe and Active**

Schools Program. Yolanda and I are collaborating with the city of Courtenay and an organization to help develop surveys for our community members to provide feedback on improving our road safety near students and increasing the number of students using active transportation. We'll keep you updated as the project evolves. Our PAC is invited to attend!

Our school goals in short:

- 1. This year, our academic goal is shifting to targeting number sense in all students.**
 - a. Professional development on using the SNAP assessment at all levels to focus on number sense this year. We are examining how First Steps can help us determine learning gaps and explicitly target these areas.
- 2. Second Goal: Social Emotional Learning/ Self-Regulation**
 - a. At Valley View Elementary, our primary objective is to provide support for self-regulation to all students so that they are ready to learn. We are committed to helping students recognize the resources available to them to meet their individual needs. Our dedicated staff engage with students using student friendly language of core competencies regularly to discuss and address these needs.
 - b. *I can manage my feelings,*
 - c. *I can respect boundaries,*
 - d. *I can take responsibility for my actions,*
 - e. *I can keep trying, even when it's hard.*

Chair's Report: Chelsey Newton

Looking forward to more community based events rather than simply fundraising.

We'll be meeting to discuss what the budget is and plan for the year. We'll post a proposed budget a min of 2 weeks before next meeting.

Fundraising/Volunteer Report: Susie

Coupon Books out now

Spiritwear coming out in October with the delivery coming before Christmas

Looking at what else: possibly winter dance, halloween dance, photo sessions, Purdy's still likely despite the store in town, hanging baskets, should we do a christmas craft fair? (Nov 22nd, right after parent teacher maybe), movie night in Jan/Feb?

Treasurer's Report: Jonathan Kisiloski

Students: 363

Account balances at end of August:

Non - gaming: \$19,699.33

Gaming: \$4,277.64 with one outstanding cheque for \$98

DPAC Report:

Nothing to report

Other business:

!! We're looking for new people to join us! We have several open positions. 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 7:50 pm motion by Susie

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