Valley View PAC Minutes

September 28, 2026 6:30pm - Valley View Library

In Attendance

Chair: Chelsey Newton
Vice Chair: Megan Norrish
Co-Treasurers: Jonathan Kisiloski & Angie Petersen
Secretary: Erica Otto (absent)
Fundraising Coordinator: Jennifer Stokes
DPAC Rep: Chantal Stagg
Trustee: Janice Caton (absent)

Principal: Dave Mayert
Vice Principal: Tamara Langan
Others: Pam Saccucci, Susie Gilson, Melissa Montgomery, Sumi Playfair, Richard, Martin, Olga, Ms. Johnson, Nicole, Khadia

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome/Introductions : Chelsey Newton (chair)
Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Land acknowledgement
Introductions all around

2. Approval of Agenda: Chelsey Newton (chair)
Approved as circulated. Chantal motion, Megan Second, All in favour: PASSED

3. Approval of minutes from May meeting
Minutes from May approved as circulated. Megan motion, Jonathan Second, All in favour: PASSED

4. Administration Report:

a) Student Enrollment: 346 (20 new registrations late August/September)
b) Welcoming new staff:
    - Teachers: Ms Green, Ms Clark
    - LST: Ms Kresevic
    - Counsellor: Mr DeLuca
    - Youth and Family Support Worker: Starts October 5 th
    - Admin Assistant: Ms Montgomery
    - Educational Assistants: Ms Barker, Ms Bellefleur, unfilled vacancy
c) New Bell Schedule: 11-11:30am and 1-1:30pm Recess breaks
    - Looking for feedback on the new bell schedule and shifting lunch times
    - Approximately half of the schools have converted to the new bell schedule.
    - The afternoon recess helps with keeping kids busy while more learning time in the morning is better while they’re fresh.
    - The 3 time slots for hot lunch are working well.

d) All events for the entire year will be on the school website soon.
    - September: Cancer Research Awareness and Fundraising – Tour de Rock and Terry Fox Run; Truth and Reconciliation week – Orange Shirt Day tomorrow
    - October: 2 nd Picture Day; 12 th Thanksgiving – No School; 16 th Student Vote (Municipal election); 19 th PAC Meeting; 22 nd Student Vote (Provincial Election); 23 rd Provincial Pro-D – No School; 27 th Grade 3 Fire House; 28 th Photo Retakes; 29 th PAC Halloween Dance 5:30-7:30pm; 30 th Halloween Assembly and Costume Parade
e) Foundation Skills Assessments for Grades 4 and 7 will happen in the classrooms in October
f) Elementary Athletics: currently making sure enough teacher sponsors for after school activities
    - Grade 3 Skating – 6 wk learn to skate program through CVRD next 5 Thursdays
    - X-country- October 1 -28 (gr 3-7)
        i. 7 th @ Huband; 14 @ Brooklyn; 21st @ Exhibition Grounds; 28th @ Exhibition grounds
    - Volleyball- Nov-Dec (gr 6/7)
    - Basketball- Jan-March (gr 6/7)
    - Floorball- April (gr 4/5)
    - Track Meet– May 5 th (gr 4-7); Inclusive Track Meet- May 11
    - Ultimate- May/June
g) Planners – paid for by PAC
    - order of 70 Primary 8.5x11 and 135 Elementary 7x9
h) Cultural Performances:
    - Green Thumb Theatre “500words” – performance November 30th
    - 1 more to be booked
i) School supplies – parent feedback of not being happy that there was no option to supply your own, not clear communication that the process had changed, and that we were also more than other schools in the district
    - Still to be determined who will be paying for supplies for those that don’t pay - 270 students paid so far
    - backpacks were available but a bit too late to let families know before school started
    - Teachers in support as they like having everything the same for all students.
    - Request for possible PAC funding by email by Lindsey Orr and Sumi Playfair
j) Open to teacher representatives to be present at PAC meetings to improve the communication flow between staff and PAC – rotating volunteers
k) First tuesday of October will be a staff meeting
    - Looking to have someone from PAC there to discuss budget as we head into planning.
l) Chomp Saw was apparently purchased by a teacher. PAC agreed in June to pay for it, just waiting on the receipt to be submitted.
m) Discussion on grade 6/7 recess options eg basketball court, skatepark

n) There is a grant for the school garden along with tools available. Looking to get students and classes in there.

Ms Johnson - Leadership club

- Wanting to know if there are opportunities for the students to get involved with. Good leaders, good at fundraising. Looking for other ways to help out.
- Library will have a book fair, Books for Brains again this year, looking for parent volunteers for the book fair. Will happen Nov 16-20th, around parent teacher interviews. (2-3 parents each day ideally 2-4pm)

5. Trustee Report:

- Absent

6. Chair's Report: Chelsey Newton

- Thanks to Susie and Janice for their support and hard work over the years.
- Budget coming up, looking for input.
    - General information given to attendees about where funds come from and what's available. Gaming vs non-gaming.
- Bigger ticket items ideas for PAC funding: covered bike rack, basketball hoop, new school jerseys
- Planned switch of PAC executive positions due to logistics

MOTION – that Chelsey Newton and Megan Noorish will switch positions with Megan Noorish taking up chair position and Chelsey Newton taking up Vice Chair position.

Motion by Chelsey, Second by Richard. All in favour; PASSED.

- Events:
    - Halloween dance Oct, looking for DJ, pre order pizza/drinks/treats/glow sticks
    - Valentine's Friendship dance in Feb
    - Dec 5th Winter Market - would it be good to get Leadership or Gr 7 to do food?

7. Fundraising Report: Jennifer Stokes

- Coupon books happening now
- Spirit Wear coming soon! (aim for mid Oct)

8. Treasurer's Report: Jonathan Kisiloski/Angie Petersen

- Gaming grant was successful and we'll be getting $7280
- Account status
    - Non-gaming: $12,956.92 (2 outstanding cheques: $296.94 & $68.41)
    - Gaming: $5,327.70 (one outstanding cheque for $40.89)

9. DPAC Report
Nothing to report

10. Other Business/Q&A

- Grade 7 fundraising - nothing really happening yet. Possible meeting in October? But up to teachers to kickstart. Will try and organize to make sure there's no big conflicts or over fundraise parents.

- Communication and PAC engagement:

    - if parents want to voice concerns or provide input, they can email valleyviewpac@gmail.com and we can discuss at upcoming meetings.
    - Looking for feedback from parents on how to make PAC meetings better and easier.

- Entrepreneur fair brought up by attendee – should there be a conversation around 3D printing vs. traditional items? Is there a framework of what type of item is allowed for the project?

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- Assignment of representative to present at October staff meeting (presenting budget/criteria for funds available to teachers at a staff meeting including hardship funding if a family cannot afford extra class activities)
- Megan - Request from K/1 teachers to sponsor a parent orientation event using division funds
- Call for volunteers for book fair – will this be organized by school? Will PAC help with volunteer recruitment?

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS:

- Follow up items from last year: inviting safe and active school representative back for update to PAC meeting

11. Next Meeting – Monday October 19th, 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm motion by Chelsey

!! 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