

Valley Creek School Council Meeting Minutes – Feb 18, 2025

Attendees:

Lisa Antichow, Raye-Lynn Graham, Celeste McIlhargey, Shelley Wiart, Annika Triantafillou, Ender Chung, Lana Hussein

Sandra Martin (acting principal), Meghan La Barbera (Assistant Principal), Guillaume Laroche (acting assistant principal), Bradley Hughes (teacher), Nally Souraya (teacher)

Guests:

Adwoa (Community Liaison)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm by Shelley. Welcome and Introductions.
- 2) Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda by Lana Seconded by Annika and January 21st meeting minutes by Raye-Lynn, Seconded by Lisa. All in Favour. Approved.
- 3) Administration & School updates by Principal (Anne)

a) Admin Updates

- Sandra Martin and Guillaume Laroche will be here until the end of the year
- Dance showcase
- Grateful for the coffee cart
- Volleyball finals
- Feb 24th grade 5 + 6
- Band festival for 8s and 9s
- On the 27th they have the school open house – anyone can come check it out – the leadership students are hosting, there will be cookies made by the students – there will be lots of activities – runs 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm – you can come anytime and leave anytime – will also be advertising with the feeder schools
- On the 28th – non-instructional day
- Feb 26th - Hitmen game for Grade 5s + 6s
- March 20 (in person) + 21 (online) – Parent teacher conferences
- **AMENDMENT TO JAN 21 Minutes:** Ms Babiuk and Ms Beard (resource teachers) are on leave – the school has taken 2 teachers from the classroom to support the registration process (internally and externally)

- Vertigo theatre update is ready to go for June

b) Funding Requests

- In November – the school was tasked to create a well-being team with 8 students and teachers – they were asked to identify strengths and opportunities for growth. The group meets every two weeks. This was piloted at the high school last year, this was the pilot year at middle school level – this represents the student voice.
- They do an overall survey that is done several times throughout the year. This data is not available online. This data is collected via 2 surveys that are collected every year, with the following questions embedded every year:
 - 64% of students feel connected at school
 - 53% of students feel safe at school
 - The students identified the changes that happened at the school possibly leading to disconnection – which may decrease feelings of safety
 - The students want to create a “Chargers Connection Week” (based on “One Big Idea” – but spread out so that students don’t miss the one event – there needs to be a build up and every day would be something different)
 - Monday April 7th – multi-grade buddy groups, icebreaker games
 - Tuesday April 8th – cultural day, map activity (Ms Hunt has connected with food trucks to come)
 - Wednesday April 9th – Jersey/Favorite color day (challenges, band concert)
 - Thursday April 10th – In school dance (multi-grade) + clubs
 - **REQUEST: \$570 to fund a DJ from 12 pm – 2:30 pm – he brings all his own equipment and lights**
 - Other requests from the students:
 - Photobooth
 - Food for purchase
 - Decorations - \$200 – arch, red carpet, disco ball
- **Update required:** Follow up – technology request for computers and smart boards – no additional information from school provided

c) Admin Questions

- No questions at this time

4) Hidden Valley School Liaison Report (Raye-Lynn)

- a) Spring event on June 5th
- b) Having a hard time with parking – if you are part of the Hidden Valley Association group you may have observed some of the challenges in the Hug and Go and parking in front of people's driveway and blocking crosswalks – people have been directed to speak to CPS directly to report (the more CPS hears the report the more likely they are to visit). Do NOT call the school. Do NOT take pictures of the license plate. Hidden Valley School wants to know what Valley Creek School is doing as there seems to be some conflict between the two. Valley Creek School has not heard anything as the parents don't typically call this school.
- c) Sharing assemblies for parents to come in

5) Hidden Valley Community Association Report (Adwoa)

- a) Not much to report
- b) Winterfest was very successful – we hope some students came from the school – they wished they had more people from the school + community
- c) Learn to Skate Feb 26th- 5 pm – 7 pm –
- d) May 24th + 25th – parade of garage sales

6) New Business/Other Business

- a) VCS Chair Update
 - Land Acknowledgement from Calgary Foundation
 - We have included a community association update – Shelley will follow up with Robyn to continue to advertise community events
 - Drama program has started
 - If anyone has updates – please contact Shelley
 - Parent council may create a booth for Feb 27th – perhaps show off what we purchased
 - March starts the Creative Pathways to Reconciliation Education – you need your security clearance with CBE to participate
 - Tanya – virtual presentations for Grades 5/6 in March
 - Chantelle – in person presentations for Grade 9 – April 3, 10, 17, 24
 - Tamara – May – 7 full day presentations for Grade 7 – the shirts/paper are made as the artist tell their family story - the story is embedded in the paper itself – the paper is gifted to the children – the children will hang their shirts on school trees
 - Karen – school wide in person – June 10

- We do a potluck via Parents Care for the parent-teacher interviews on March 20th
- ASCE Grant – request from Shelley to send her to the Spring Symposium
- Shelley is going to ask for parent council feedback on the changes and resolutions
- Annika and Shelley met with admin about the drama program – it is now open to grades 5 – 9 – 60 children participating – the only teachers who volunteered were the grade 5/6 teachers

b) Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA)

- Spring symposium will be held online via Zoom on Saturday April 26 2025 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)
- ASCA Member School Councils \$95.54 + GST – ASCE Grant eligible
- April 27th is the ASCA AGM – free to attend – 8 am – 4 pm

7) Next meeting date:

- a) **Next meeting March 18th** at 6:30 pm at Valley Creek School Library

8) Motion to adjourn at **7:35 pm by Shelley seconded by NAME**. All in favour.

Adjourned.