

Valley Creek School Council
Minutes: Sept 17 2024

Agenda #	Agenda Item	Key Discussion	Motions
Call to order: Shelley Wiart at 6:35 pm	1. Welcome from Shelley 2. Introduction of attendees 3. Meeting Attendees' contact info via sign in sheet	General introductions - round table <i>Note: next casino Q4 2026</i> Motion: Approval of minutes from General Meeting on June 17 2024 - Sarah, Angie	MOTION: CARRIED
School Admin Updates	1. Expanded introduction 2. Megan - school development plan 3. Busses 4. Away for the day - school government policy on cell phones 5. Sound system update 6. Reminder: demographics form 7. Communication with teachers 8. Volunteer clearance 9. New curriculum 10. Lunch timing	1. Feeling tone of the school is nice Lots of new students There are 3 specialized classes - this makes VCS special • TASC - gr 7 - 12 significant learning, adaptive supports, modified programming • CSSI - supports students with behavior + communication needs - functional academics • These two classes will often blend • "The Class" - gr 4 - 12 - complex mental health challenges which impacts well-being in traditional setting 2. Our focus this year is on wellbeing - this is the start of a 3 year cycle - there will be lots of surveys (plan is not yet created) 3. We have 5 busses this year - parents are doing well - please discourage students from cutting through the parking lot - Anne wants a crosswalk in the lot OR an extended fence	

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	11. Important dates: Terry Fox run - Sept 20 Meet the teacher - Sept 26 5 pm - 7 pm Basketball until Dec 8 X-Country until Oct 20 Gain access to PG on Oct 1 12. Questions 13. Request for funding (review parent society)	4. Includes all technology that connects to internet - formed by surveys - focused on student health/safety Tablets may be acceptable based on the teachers using it intentionally - but it would be CBE owned devices (example: photography elective)(Anne will look into whether personal laptops are permitted) Gr 5 - 6 - their phone is not accessible until the end of the day Gr 7 - 9 - they can use their phone at lunch if they are off campus There are some exceptions to the policy: - Health (eg: diabetes) - Communication (anxiety/depression) - IPP (educational need) - Requires a doctors note 5. Sound system and projector have been installed in the gym - very high tech - training is 4 hours We may need more funds to ensure that the system is used correctly 6. Connect to MyCBE for information on your child (report cards,	
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		absences, bussing, fees, and more!) Complete your demographic form 7. Meet the teacher is coming up - if you have concerns please email your teacher Parent Teacher conferences are in November Never let your concerns wait - contact first 8. Go through SchoolEngage to fill out your volunteer form You will need 2 pieces of g'ment ID Critical to pass on need for volunteers - does not have to be parents! <i>There are lots of questions about volunteer clearances</i> 9. There is money for new curriculum in K-6 and finding resources (various subjects) 10. Lunch hour was shortened - if there are students who are leaving and coming back and can't make it - have them connect with the school 11. See list 12. Why shorten break + lunch? <i>Feedback from parents - break is too short</i>	
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		<i>Lunch may have been shortened due to instructional minute requirements</i> Where are we at with class sizes, do we have empty classrooms, can we get an update? <i>Student count is end of Sept. Our count was off at the start of the year - there was a massive influx at the start of the year</i> <i>Estimate:</i> <i>Gr 5&6 - 30 at the top (some are close to 27)</i> <i>Gr 5F - 30</i> <i>Gr 6F - 21/22</i> <i>Gr 7 - 26/27</i> <i>Gr 7 French - 28</i> <i>Gr 8 - 25/26</i> <i>Gr 8F - 21</i> <i>Gr 9 - 31</i> <i>Gr 9F - 22</i> <i>TOTAL 762</i> <i>Deadline to surplus teachers/change classes - end of Sept - it is possible we reorganize in January</i> 13. Grateful for funding for ukeleles - band clinics will be on Oct 4 Request for 2 electric bass guitars - interested in percussion + other instruments - might be a good transition for some that play guitars at home Request \$400 for hanging pictures (finish the job from 2 years ago)	
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		Request for school owned device for emergencies - walkie-talkie - one per classroom - up to \$550 to test the walkie talkies	
HVS Liaison Report	1. Terry Fox run 2. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation 3. Council meeting	<i>This will be Sarah's last update</i> 1. Partnered with VCS 2. Takes place on Sept 26th, closed on Sept 30th 3. Moved this month <i>just this month</i>	
HVCA Liaison Report	1. Adwoa absent	Feedback on the calendar - very positive	
New Business	1. Land acknowledgement 2. Intros with photos 3. Laura Hack will visit 4. Vacant roles 5. Explain the format of meetings 6. Responsibilities 7. Fundraising 8. Upcoming events 9. Meet the teacher event 10. AGM	6. The parent society has legal status and we are allowed to handle money and do the casino 7. School council is advisory But the parent society is the actual fundraising 8. Healthy Hunger is new and we will be trialing it Fundscrip dates are moving Need a healthy hunger volunteer coordinator - selecting vendors, menus, advertising, volunteers on delivery days + delivery support volunteers (be at the school and disperse the food) Additional fundraising opportunities - more community style events	

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		9. Meet the teacher - Sept 26 Depression + Anxiety - Oct 17 Fun lunch Oct 15 and Nov 19 Fundscrip fundraiser - Oct 23 - Nov 6 Laura Hack visits Nov 19th 10. Two budget options Rememeber your questions - SOBEYS! 11. AGM is Oct 15th We need a treasurer and vice chair and they are critical Bylaws - to update them by October	
	Adjournment	MOTION to Adjourn at 7:59 pm (Sarah and Angie), Next general meeting: September 17th, at 6:30 pm	CARRIED