

Valley Creek School School Council Annual Report

email to | Board of Trustees at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca

mail to | Board of Trustees, Calgary Board of Education, 1221 – 8 Street S.W. Calgary, AB T2R 0L4

Valley Creek School

School: 10951 Hidden Valley Dr NW T3A 6J2

Reporting Year: 2023 - 2024

Executive: *List the members who held positions as officers in the past year*

Principal Helen Colbourne: hecolbourne@cbe.ab.ca

Chair Shelley Wiart: seeshelleyrun1@gmail.com

Vice Chair Leigh Lyons: llyons403@gmail.com

Teacher

Adwoa Savage, Hidden Valley Community Association:
schools@hiddenhut.org

Community

Secretary Melissa Kellner: lisseo@hotmail.com

Treasurer Michelle Lechelt: michelledlechelt@gmail.com

Student Rep (if applicable)

Other Vice principal Cathy Johnson: CatJohnson@cbe.ab.ca

Other

Meeting Dates: *List the dates of regular school council meetings*

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| ▪ September 19 th | ▪ March 19 th |
| ▪ October 17 th (AGM Election) | ▪ April 16 th |
| ▪ November 21 st | ▪ May 21 st |
| ▪ January 16 th | ▪ June 18 th |
| ▪ February 20 th | ▪ |

Date of First School Council Meeting of the Year: September 17th, 2024

School Council Activities – Summarize the major activities of the past year and provide an overview of activities or initiatives planned for the next year

September: The VCS Parent Council provided Tim Horton’s doughnuts and coffee for the Meet the Teacher night. We advertised and recruited for the parent council.

October/November: Angie, our AGLC coordinator organized the casino fundraiser. We raised a total of \$80,843.73

November/December: Annika, our fundraising coordinator planned our Fundscrip fundraiser. We raised a total of \$2279.84. She dispersed the cards at the school in December and hosted a pizza party for the winning class.

February: Angie and Raye-Lynn attended the VCS open house and handed out cookies to recruit new council members.

March: Parent council organized a potluck sign up genius for parent teacher conferences.

April: Organized a coffee cart on April 12th for school admin and teachers. Hosted a guest speaker, School Board Trustee, Laura Hack, Ward 3 & 4. Upon Ms. Hack’s request we wrote a letter to MLA Chapman and started an [online petition](#) with a total of 124 signatures.

May: Interview on behalf of Valley Creek School Parent Council, CTV Calgary. (2024, May 1). Petition highlights overcrowding concerns at north Calgary schools. <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/overcrowding-concerns-at-north-calgary-schools-1.6869200>. Hosted City of Calgary Councillor Mian, Ward 3 and Shelly Qualiteri & Associates Counselling & Coaching.

June: Published on behalf of Valley Creek School Parent Council, Wiart, S., & Parchewsky, S. (2024, June 1). [Alberta Advantage means further disadvantages for our schools](#). Calgary Herald. We booked Shelly Qualiteri for a depression and anxiety workshop for October 17th, 2024.

Shelley and Annika organized a calendar of VCS Parent Council Events and Fundraisers 2024-25 (attached). Discussed it with Principal, Helen Colbourne to align with the school priorities and timelines.

Over the summer months, we plan to rewrite the VCS Parent Council School Council Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

Starting a parent council newsletter to communicate with parent about events and recruiting for the parent council executive.

Financial Statement (attached) – Summarizes the finances handled by the school council during the past year, if applicable.

N/A

Signature of School Council Chair: Shelley Wiart

Date: October 7, 2024