

Valley View School General Meeting

Date: Sep 16, 2025

Time: 6:03pm

Present: Harpreet Kaur, Amy Bennett, Allison Ho, Ashraf Amin, Shafina Dharamsi, Lomesh Patel, Mahesh H.K., Melissa McCoy, Moga, Monika Kaul, Rahul, Sarah Beadle, Sharan Aujla, Daryl Todos

1. **Call to Order:** 6:03pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** N/A
3. **Welcome & Introduction: Land acknowledgment**
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Reports:

1. Principals:

a. Shafina Dharamsi

- i. The school's focus this year is community connection and collaboration. Attendees shared the following words and statements to describe community connecting and collaboration: outdoors, sharing different cultures and knowledge, being a family, supports, forming new relationships and friendships, being active in the community, gatherings, outdoor activities.
- ii. The first day with staff was spent at the community centre focusing on the intention and purpose of building strong partnerships and relationships with the organizations serving the same community. Members of the community centre attended including the President. He shared about bit of his story and everyone was able to share about the work they are doing. This day continues to strengthen our connection and belonging to the community.
- iii. The school staff lists including Division One and Two teams as well as specialists and support staff can be viewed on our website.
- iv. Welcome to new parents to the school council. A reminder that of the Valley View vision statement: We are a diverse community focused on learning and growing together in a safe and caring place. Our goal is to be our best selves and become responsible, compassionate global citizens.
- v. School start up went really well. First assembly went well and early years assessments have started. These are done with all grade one to three students using the provincial screeners. Kindergarten registration has grown this year. Due to high class size or 36 children the resource teacher has been pulled to support

kindergarten. Due to this some classrooms are moving and those families affected have been notified.

- vi. Terry Fox run is coming this Thursday and we're hoping to raise \$1000 by asking for students to bring a toonie for Terry. Money raised will go directly to the Terry Fox Foundation.
 - vii. Bus Buddies are underway. The grade four science classes help the kindergarten, grade one and grade two students get onto the bus safely after school.
 - viii. The Fall BBQ and meet the teacher is coming up next Thursday.
- b. Daryle Todos
- i. Continuing from last year we have a partnership with Calgary Regional Consortium with Kim Takaberry and Wanda Deschant. This continues to build capacity with our teachers to move our school development plan forward including assisting teachers to build capacity to enhance student achievement at Valley View School. There has been two professional development trainings with them focused on developing math routines, decodable and relevant texts last year and exploring literacy and numeracy outdoors this year. They will continue to support with attending some professional development committees to focus on engaging students in learning to feel successful.
 - ii. Shared the school commitments which are shared in the school assemblies as moving forward we hope students will start to identify when they see these from their peers. These commitments are:
 - 1. We are connected to our spirit.
 - 2. We are patient and take turns.
 - 3. We are peaceful with our words.
 - 4. We are gentle with our actions.
 - 5. We are respectful of others' space.
 - 6. We are seen by trusted adults.
 - 7. We are great problem solvers.
 - 8. We are great students.
 - iii. Orange Shirt Day is coming up on Friday the 26th. Elder John Snow will spend time at the school to share his experience and understanding of residential schools with some of the division two students. There are activities planned to help students gain an understanding of Orange Shirt day and our Truth and Reconciliation commitment.

2. Key Communicator:

- a. CBE normally holds two parent counsel meetings per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Due to the municipal election in Calgary on October 20th the meetings are currently on hold until the new board has been elected.

3. President:

- a. There was a technical error between the June meeting recording and transcription so we do not have the June meeting minutes.
- b. We will post the 2025-2026 school council meetings directly to the school site.

4. Community Representative:

- a. Erin Woods:
 - i. Is hosting a family movie night on September 19, 2025. Admission is \$8 per person and includes popcorn and a drink. Doors open at 6:00pm and close at 6:30pm. The movie will be voted on once doors close and the majority wins.
- b. Dover Community Association:
 - i. Hosts a craft club night the first Wednesday or every month. All are welcome to attend but are asked to contact the community centre so they are prepared with supplies for all.
 - ii. They also have a last chance produce every Friday starting at 1:00pm and ask you bring a donation and reusable bags.
 - iii. Parent and me play dates are every Thursday at 10:00am - noon.
 - iv. Recently posted an adult's cooking class called Cooking in Dover. This is free and has four dates available.
- c. The Alex Health Centre:
 - i. Hosts a family meal night on Mondays at 5:00pm.. Everyone is welcome. They also have a cheaper produce shop there as well.
 - ii. Starting September 27th and continuing October 7th to the 16th on Tuesdays there is a youth program for youth aged 13-19 focusing on food and nutrition. Contact the Alex Community Centre to register.

5. Next Meeting: Oct 21, 2025

6. Adjournment: 6:35pm

Superkids Society General Meeting

Date: September 16 2025

Time: 6:35pm

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1. **Call to Order:** 6:35pm
2. **Welcome & Introduction:** Introduction of the President, Amy, and information about the Superkids Society vs School Council.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** N/A due to technical issues resulting in no minutes for the June meeting.
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Reports:

1. **President: Amy Bennett**

- a. Superkids society helps to fundraise for Valley View School and has been able to provide the following:
 - i. Sound System and Projector
- b. There are some exciting fundraising ideas for this year including a movie night and possibly two dances. As well as, fun lunches, soup sisters.
- c. Update on the outdoor learning space. A grant was completed last year for \$30,000 which we are still waiting to hear from. Valley View will contribute \$15,000 and Ian Baz will contribute \$15,000. We should hear back about the grant in November or December. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining the funding we will still move forward slowly with the \$30,000 between both schools and apply for the grant again.
- d. AGM Information:
 - i. The next meeting is the AGM where we will vote in all positions.
 - ii. Current members are Amy as President, Sarah as Fundraiser, Marcia as our CBE Liaison and Ash as the Treasurer.
 - iii. Current open roles include Vice President, Secretary, Community Liaison, and Casino Chair.
 - iv. Anyone can express interest and be nominated for all positions and a vote will be taken.
 - v. Each role is required to attend all of the school council meetings.
- e. Request for staff hoodies.
 - i. The school staff are hoping we can purchase school hoodies. We need to purchase a minimum of 50. The total anticipated costs is \$1627.50. There would be an increase in cost for any hoodies larger than and XL.

- ii. The hoodies would help identify school staff on the playground, on a field trip, bus times etc. Further helping students know who is a safe person even if they don't know their name.
- iii. **Motion** by Amy Bennett to use \$2000 for staff hoodies. **Seconded** by Marsha MacDonald and Sarah Beadle.

2. Fundraiser: Sarah Beadle

- a. Nothing scheduled right now due to the potential upcoming teacher strike.
- b. Upcoming fundraisers for this year are:
 - i. Popcorn Fundraiser with Kernels popcorn. There will be a form sent home with four flavours of popcorn. The popcorns will be individual snack size popcorns. These get sorted and delivered to each class room.
 - ii. Healthy Hunger
 - iii. Dance\
 - iv. Movie Night
- c. Fundraisers typically bring \$2000 - \$7000 per year. It does change year by year.
- d. Casino is the larger fundraiser and is how we paid for the projector, t-shirt for the bus buddies, and Camp Chief Hector and for the upcoming outdoor learning space. This happens every 18 months or so

3. Treasurer: Ashraf Amin

- a. General account balance is - \$52,626.66
- b. Casino account balance is - \$84,080.92
- c. The financial fiscal year is May 1st 2025 to April 30, 2026. The spreadsheet shown outlines the current and anticipated spending including \$900 for staff lunches.

4. Casino Chair: N/A

5. Secretary: N/A

6. Next Meeting: Oct 21, 2025

7. Adjournment: 7:10pm