

MINUTES
VALLEYVIEW School Parent Council Meeting
June 4, 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Gray, Lisa Achilles-Belanger, Kristine Keene (Teacher rep), Shauna Aubin (co-chair), Julie Hodson (co-chair), Care Greaves, Jayme Blyth, Nicole Vingerhoeds. Michelle Simone, Abby Anderson

1. Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda, approval of minutes

MOTION: Jayme moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Michelle. All in favour.

3. Principal's and Vice Principal's Reports

- Lisa requested staff input to Valleyview Happenings newsletter; the newsletter went out tonight.
- Kindergarten A and B created an aquarium and zoo exhibit.
- Grades 3 and 6 completed EQAO testing; it went smoothly.
- Beaver Brae singers came and put on a concert for Valleyview students.
- Lots of activities/clubs are missing at Valleyview, including a choir, a chess club, and arts program; to be considered next year.
- Viper wrestling program – Matt Lawrence came in and taught the students how to wrestle.
- Hockey academy coach Tyler Greenwood has been teaching grade 3-6 students soccer skills.
- Soccer jamboree is on June 11 at King George school.
- Eco Vipers collected over 2000 plastic bags to be sent away for recycling.
- Local author Paula Thorburn visited Kindergarten and Grade 1 students with her new book, which was illustrated by Valleyview librarian, Shelby Wickham.
- Janet Hyslop's grade 4/5 class gave performances of Little Red Riding Hood to younger students; parents also invited.
- In the Valleyview speech competition, Tazio Matromatteo placed first, Sterling Pitre second, and Ara Kakis third; Tazio also came in first for the entire Kenora Area.
- Grades 4-6 brought home the banner in the basketball jamboree.
- Kindergarten S.T.E.M. night was very well attended.
- Litterless lunch was held last Friday; next year, litterless lunch week days will be alternated.
- Kelly Corbett and Susan Kwiatkowski's classes went to the airport for a field trip/tour.
- The last LEGO expo was held today.
- The bike rodeo will be held on Friday, June 7.
- The English grade 3 classes are going on a field trip to the Steinbach Mennonite Heritage Village on Thursday, June 6.
- The French grade 1 and 3 classes are going to Winnipeg for the Children's Festival.
- A track and field event is being held on June 17.
- The grade 6 classes are going to Winnipeg to the museum on June 19-20.
- Grade 2-6 math day tomorrow.
- The year end awards assembly will be held on June 26 (primary 1st block, junior 2nd block, grade 6's will be at Anicinabe Park for an assembly in the afternoon); 5 awards for every class; parents of award winners to receive a phone call prior to assembly.

4. Teacher's Update

- No update; covered by Principal's report.

5. Finance

Treasurer's Report

- School council account balance is \$12,225.58; this includes May and June hot lunch and BBQ payments, which still need to clear.
- Lottery account balance is \$15,150.95; swim lesson bus costs and end of year trips have yet to be paid out of this account.
- Next year, it is anticipated that swim bus costs will be close to \$14,000 and end of year trip costs will be approximately \$3,500.
- It would be nice to raise close to \$20,000 next year to fund the swim bus costs and end of year trips.
- Jayme has created a budget template, which includes 2018-19 expenditures and forecasted expenditures for 2019-20.
- Grades 4 and 5 (Ms. Gamerschlag, Mr. Green, Mme. Hyslop, Ms. Herbert and Mrs. Ross) are requesting \$10/student to attend the Rec. Centre for outdoor activities on the baseball field, swimming and snacks; funds would come from the lottery account, so payment would have to be on invoice.
- Discussion around transparency of where lottery funds are spent; recognition that teachers are busy at this time of year and they don't need to or have time to make a formal request for funding for end of year trips.
- Final decision for Lisa to get a list of classes, the amount funded by student council and the trip location.
- Next year, allow teachers to access funds (\$10/student) for field trips at any time of year (but only once/yr).
- Teachers can request additional funds from student council.

Upcoming Costs

- Year End BBQ

6. Current Business

End of year BBQ

- Currently only 22 families are signed up for the BBQ (~80 people).
- Final numbers are needed by Friday afternoon.
- Meal will consist of burgers/hot dogs, three salads, veggies and dip and homemade donuts.
- Volunteers are needed to serve food.
- Lisa is planning the Family Olympics events, which will be self run.

Dingwall Group BBQ & Tornado Hunters

- Dingwall Group is hosting the Tornado Hunters under the Whitecap Pavilion on Sat. June 15.
- Event will include a BBQ, with all proceeds going to Valleyview school council.
- Dingwall Group will pay for and provide all foods for the BBQ, parent council volunteers needed to cook/serve.
- Wording on media promotions should be changed from "charity BBQ" to "fundraising BBQ".
- Tornado Hunters team will be attending Valleyview and making a presentation to Grades K-3, on Mon. June 17 (Grades 4-6 will be at track and field event, weather permitting).

Parent Council Nomination Packages

- Council information packages have been printed and are in the office.
- They can also be emailed.

7. Committee Business

Valleyview Community Cookbook

- Mike Greaves has provided a template for families to submit recipes.
- Recipe collection will be done in two phases, one in June before end of school year and in September.
- There will be an art/photo contest for the cookbooks in September.
- The cookbooks will be printed prior to the Valleyview craft/bake sale in December.
- Cookbooks will be pre-ordered, with additional ones to be printed for sale at the craft/bake sale.

- Copies of the year end report that was submitted to the school board are available; the report outlines Valleyview parent council's activities for the 2018-19 school year.

Hot Lunch

- Results are in from the hot lunch survey.
- The top three choices were (1) pizza, (2) pancakes and (3) chicken fingers.
- Other suggestions were for "mainstream" foods such as hamburgers, spaghetti and meatballs, rice dish.
- Parents were overall not concerned with nutritional value of hot lunches and stated they would provide fruits and veggies in their children's lunches to balance nutritional concerns.
- Parents were unhappy with the milk program as most did not want milk everyday; preference was for punch card system again, and/or to provide chocolate milk as an option.
- There were complaints about the School Cash Online system, as it is onerous to use.

Ideas for Next Year

- Welcome event (scavenger hunt – already prepared)
- Fall feast
- Craft and bake sale (no basket raffle)
- Wonderland of Trees
- Christmas parade float
- Valleyview Vacation draw (begin ticket sales in January)
- Family event at Mt. Evergreen (rent entire hill, not just tubing runs)
- Spring feast (no end of year BBQ)

9. Next meeting

- Council nominations are sent out at the beginning of the school year; must allow for 14 days for them to be returned.
- Suggestion to push meetings to the second Tuesday of every month, as opposed to the first Tuesday, to better coincide with other meetings that Valleyview administration have to attend.
- First meeting of 2019-2020 school year to be Tues. Sept. 24, 2019 (3rd Monday of school year).

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.