



May 28, 2015

MINUTES

VALHALLA SCHOOL FOUNDATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

In attendance:

J. Picard (by Skype) J. Kochendorfer B. Skaksen B. Kjemhus J. Hauger
E. Penner S. Mumert K. Rosvold J. Moutray
Absent: T. Campbell, sent regrets, 1 vacant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA Called to order with a quorum present at 6:04pm. (15/5-1) J. Hauger made motion for agenda acceptance, AIF

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 23/2015) (15/5-2) B. Kjemhus made motion to accept the minutes as with the correction of the wording in 8.1 'were filled and are'. AIF.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: will check in to whom all has to go in for signing authority.

4.0 BOARD DEVELOPMENT: Transportation Discussion. Brainstormed about transportation. Concerns are; scarcity, funding, concern about relying on J. Moutray for all the mechanicing. B. Skaksen will look into using buses as evacuation transportation for some of the local energy companies. Sponsorship for buses is ok with Alberta Ed but need to find more information from the Department of Transportation concerning what is allowed on the buses. (15/5-3) J. Hauger moved to start and run an ongoing fundraiser for transportation, seconded by B.Kjemhus. AIF. J. Picard will look into the possibility of having Garry Andrews in for a strategic planning session.

E. Penner arrived 6:41 pm

5.0 Reports

5.1 Chair: J. Kochendorfer gave an oral report including the fact that the Alberta Ed meeting was cancelled due to the election.

5.2 Transportation Director: attached.

5.3 Secretary Treasurer: financials were explained

5.4 Principal: attached. S. Mumert invited all the board members to attend the Grade 9 farewell and the year-end bbq. Discussed the July 1 event in Valhalla Centre and looking to have volunteers to run a table with information about the school and sell cookbooks. Looking in to the GPRC marketing program to see if they could help us. (15/5-4) J. Hauger moved for the fund development committee to come up with something for the July 1 celebration and transportation to continue with the bus as a float. Seconded by E. Penner. AIF. (15/5-5) B. Skaksen moved to accept J. Kochendorfer's offer donate to the ongoing fundraiser for fund development something to throw for the parade. Seconded by E. Penner. AIF.

5.5 Superintendent: attached. Discussed the meeting with VHS. The rental rates for the use of the facilities will be \$25 per hour to a maximum of \$150 per day. If extra cleaning is needed D. Morton to be paid extra out of this. Discussion of the Charter Board Delegation of authority. (15/5-6) B. Skaksen moved to send the Charter Board Delegation of Authority to the governance committee for their consideration. Seconded by B. Kjemhus. AIF.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Executive Committee:

(15/5-7) B. Kjemhus moved to go in camera at 7:15 pm

(15/5-8) E. Penner moved to come out of camera at 7:22pm

(15/5-9) E. Penner moved that the Executive Committee review the superintendent contract for September of 2015. Seconded by J. Hauger. AIF.

6.2. Finance Committee:

(15/5-10) B. Kjemhus moved to carry out an ongoing fundraiser for Sports and Science equipment. Seconded by J. Hauger. AIF. B. Skaksen is looking into grants for K. Rosvold to fill out applications for. Finance Committee minutes were submitted. Discussion around the proposed budget. J. Picard to clarify with M. Edigar about the potential payment of utilities by the VHS with lease money and to reconfirm the lease amount with the chair of the VHS.

6.3 Human Resources Committee: Nothing to report.

6.4 Program Committee: Scholarship applications were submitted and chosen.

J. Moutray left meeting at 8:11pm

6.5 Governance Committee: no meeting has been held, but still looking to fill a board vacancy.

6.6 Fund Development Committee:

6.6.1 Increasingly necessary.

6.7 Reports from Partner Organizations

6.7.1 VHS. Meeting with VHS went very well.

6.7.2 VCS concerns were raised about lock down procedures due to the incident in Valhalla a few weeks ago.

6.7.3 Playground: Dirt has been sold, hill to be fixed, and fence to be built.

6.7.4 TAAPCS: May 6-7 in Medicine Hat. J. Kochendorfer gave an oral report and explained about Cape Charter School's research into parent engagement. (15/5-11) B. Kjemhus moved to cover J. Kochendorfer's expenses for attending the meeting in Medicine Hat. Seconded by E. Penner. AIF.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Second Language Options: attached. Discussion about second language option and pros and cons.

7.2 Bill 10 J. Picard gave an explanation about Bill 10.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS


8.1 Fundraising and Corporate Sponsorship: was discussed earlier in the meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT: (15/5-12) E. Penner made motion to adjourn at 9:10pm

Next meeting is June 18, 2015



J. Kochendorfer -- Chair



K. Rosvold Secretary-Treasurer

TRANSPORTATION REPORT MAY/2015

Not a whole lot to report on this month, I attended the STAA meeting held in Valleyview, I traveled down with Peace Wapiti and Grande Prairie Transportation Directors which gave me an opportunity to get to know these 2 neighbors. The STAA meeting was very interesting with all the Transportation people in Zone 5 having the same issue with the upcoming Budget.

I am looking into trying to get together with the STAA group on buying our fuel a bit cheaper hopefully get a couple of cents. Tyres are able to be sourced also with some discount through this group.

Paul Gibson and I [mainly the internet guru Paul] have been looking into the possibility of having advertising on our buses to boost revenue to the Transportation part of our school. This information, 2 web links was passed onto the Superintendent to check into if this was legal to do and what challenges we could face. There is a lot of questions on how to do this or even if the Board wants to?

I was asked by the Superintendent to look at ways to cut the Transportation Budget, we are running very lean right now and I don't see where this is possible. In fact next year we need to increase the repair side because we will be looking at replacing tyres and brakes on 4 of the buses at roughly \$400-\$600 per tyre. We will run recaps on the rear but have to run new tyres on the steering because of a safety issue, because we potentially will have longer runs next year our running cost will increase.

Please try and remember that without our Buses and our skilled drivers that bring our students safely to school we would NOT have a school.

Thanks

John

Principal's Report

to the VSF Charter Board

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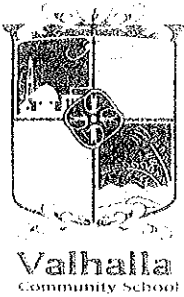
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CURRENT STATUS

Enrolment

Projections				
2014/15	Classroom	2015/2016 (without new)	Classroom	Wait List
ECS – 13	13	11	11	K-0
Gd 1 – 9, Gd 2 – 13	22	Gd 1 – 11, Gd 2 – 8	19	Gd 1 – 0, Gd 2 – 0
Gd 3 – 6, Gd 4 – 10	16	Gd 3 – 13, Gd 4 – 5	18	Gd 3 – 0, Gd 4 – 0
Gd 5 – 7, Gd 6 – 16	23	Gd 5 – 8, Gd 6 – 6	14	Gd 5 – 0, Gd 6 – 0
Gd 7 – 11	11	15	15	Gd 7 – 0
Gd 8 – 11	11	8	8	Gd 8 – 0
Gd 9 – 14	14	10	10	Gd 9 – 0
TOTAL	110		95	0

- Enrolment – estimated numbers (Gd K-9:95, Gd 1-9: 84), FTE: 90.5 (K-9),
 - Jan., 2015: K-9 was 110, 1-9 was 110, FTE was 103.5
- Special Education students
 - One PUFs student– funding applied for
 - One Code 44 student (Grade 3) – funding will be re-applied for next year
 - Several diagnosed (some medicated) ADHD students ... these are not funded
 - Many ESL coded students (grant available)



Valhalla School Foundation

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Main Activities and Developments

- Strategic Planning Follow-up
- Budget / Registration / Finance committee
- Financial summaries / Meeting with VHS
- Facility Future – Michael Ediger
- Cathy Rasmussen – Charter, Bus advertising, home schooling

Staff and Board Communication

- Steve Mumert – Budget, Recruitment
- Karen Rosvold – Budget / Financial Summaries
- Board Chair – Agenda, Superintendent contract/ Registration
- John Moutray – Budget, bus advertising

Planning and Priorities

- 2015-2016 Budget
- Recruitment of students
- Academic Improvement
- Strategic Planning
- Charter Update
- Future of VSF/VHS arrangement for facility

- Critical needs:
 - long-term, sustainable fund development to support school operation and transportation needs

*Respectfully,
John Picard*