

**Valhalla Community School**  
**School Council Approved Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2022**

**6:30 pm @ via zoom**

Meeting ID: 475 290 4212  
Chair: Teresa Boucher (780) 814-4827  
Vice Chair: Position Currently Empty  
Treasurer: Penny Braseth (780) 933-3867  
Secretary: Melissa Gilbert (403) 919-1551

**Approved on September 29th, 2022**

**In attendance:** T. Boucher; P. Braseth; K. Tabert; T. Hosker; H. Lee; T. Fricke; Grade 7, 8 & 9 classroom; S. Morales

**Call meeting to order @ 10:32 AM**

**❖ Principals Report – Harmon Lee**

- May 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> Duane Peace was at the school with his Bullying presentation
  - All students I spoke with said it was a powerful presentation and took something away from it. I am hoping that it will have a long-term impact on them.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> was Teacher Appreciation Day. From myself and all the staff we send out huge thank you to all that were involved.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> was Hot Lunch of spuds & smokies.
  - I also got the chance to meet Diane MacBeth. She came highly recommended and is already busy helping us out.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> was Part A of the Provincial Achievement tests for grade 6 & 9's in Language Arts.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> was the Red Willow Camp for our grade 5 & 6 classes.
  - It was very successful, and we had great weather and the kids were on their best behaviour
  - Bear aware seminar was given
  - Special thanks to P. Braseth for all the great food and to T. Boucher for your deliveries.
- Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, I have a meeting with Counsellor Peterson to speak about Spring Lake
- Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we are having a grad meeting in the afternoon and our monthly staff meeting
  - We will make our final plans for the track meet
  - Also, firm up the schedule for provincial tests. It is my understanding that the school has a two-week window for completion so we can work around student & the schools needs
- Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will be at the Red Willow Camp
- Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we are having our rescheduled speaker of the house zoom meeting
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Provincial Achievement Tests for grades 3, 6 & 9's

- Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Grade 9 graduation celebration from 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### ❖ **Chairs Report – Teresa Boucher**

- Valhalla School Foundations casino fundraiser
  - November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - We will need 20 volunteers to cover shifts over those two days.
  - If you can help, please contact Brandy Skaksen.
- Art Supplies
  - All money released has been used & all supplies have arrived at the school
  - Ms. Faith has been putting them to good use
  - Please take a moment to walk the school halls to see all the great artwork
- Valhalla Community School Track & Field Day
  - Council to organize Volunteers – 10 volunteers needed according to H. Lee
  - Council to provide food
  - Need firm date H. Lee when available
- *Request to release funds (no amount given) for food for school track & field event*
  - *K. Tabert motioned; P. Braseth 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF*
- \$500 grant from the Alberta Government for communications
  - We are waiting to hear back whether we have lost this funding or not
  - J. Syme is still investigating this and advises what she finds out hopefully in September.
- Received the \$1000 grant from Life Synergy Group to go towards the Duane Peace's Anti Bullying Presentation.
  - We required a foundation # to receive so this went to the Valhalla School Foundation.
  - P. Braseth has submitted a release of funds from them.
- Letter for parents regarding the staff turnover is not yet complete so has not been sent home. There is some conflict about the contents of the letter. We are working with a Board liaison to complete.
- Sensory Path
  - In the works for 3-4 years
  - In discussion with H. Lee, it was suggested we might make it a removable system
  - Not looking like that will be an option because of the initial cost of the system.
  - We are working hard to get this completed this summer.
- County of Grande Prairie Rec Grant
  - Waiting to hear back if we have been accepted.
  - Will go towards pinney's & nets for the gym
  - We have already released the funds to purchase.
  - Will be purchased during the summer whether we get the grant or not
  - We do know that we have been shortlisted and should know for sure by June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### ❖ Treasurer's Report – Penny Braseth

- \$7,263.66 available funds
  - This total is after paying for everything currently on our books.
  - We have plenty of frozen meat left over to carry over to next year
  - Red Willow camp food is all covered except for fresh fruit & veggies, soup, ketchup & dessert items
- We should release funds for fall for Hot Lunch Program to start up in September
- We will be sending out more donation request letters out again this year. Any suggestions appreciated.
- *Request to release funds (no amount given) for September 2022 Hot Lunch/Healthy Snack program*
  - *K. Tabert motioned; T. Fricke 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF*

#### ❖ ASCA AGM Report – Penny Braseth

- Resolutions Report
  - All went through with amendments except Operational & Maintenance Funding which went through as is.
- There was much discussion on what ASCA really represents to the government
  - The government really seems to be showing their hand
  - 2 years ago, they showed funding of \$650,000
  - Last year they received \$170,000 for the foundation
  - This past year they received \$15,000 for the COVID-19 survey only)
  - They are looking elsewhere for funding, but it is looking like the government has no interest in ASCA anymore
  - Not sure how it will affect school councils in the future. They are currently our voice to the government
  - The government has established a 40-person ministry. With what they say are voices from across AB that will make up their council/ministry for parliament.
- The ASCA AGM was a 2-day conference.
  - There were a bunch of guest speakers and P. Braseth has a sheet with listings of all the discussions with recordings made available. If you wish to watch any, please reach out to the council and we will send you a copy. P. Braseth is also recording them and putting them on a thumb drive that you can borrow.

#### ❖ VSF Board Report – Penny Braseth

- Last Board meeting we met Diane MacBeth
  - She explained the education plan going forward for our 3-year charter goals that need to be renewed by the end of August 2022.
- The Board is still working on the rough draft of our education plan to be sent to Alberta Education. Everything we've seen so far looks exciting.

#### ❖ Hot Lunch – Trudy Hosker

- 2 more Hot Lunch dates left this year – June 10<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Tanya Lowen reached out and generously offered to purchase a hot lunch from a restaurant to be delivered to the school. We have planned this for June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We still need to supply juice and maybe a side. Will only need 1 volunteer
- For June 10<sup>th</sup> we need to decide now what to make. We would like to use up all the perishables before the end of the year. We have the makings for a pancake lunch.
- S. Morales asks if Seth can volunteer his time to help with the year end BBQ? T. Boucher says most definitely and has added him to the list.

#### ❖ Fundraising

- Bake sale fundraiser
  - Students looking for additional funds for more supplies
  - They have made \$356.00
  - Total needed: \$126.98
- *Request to release \$130.00 for student lead bake sale*
  - *K. Tabert motioned; T. Fricke 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF*
- P. Braseth was approached to assist the Hythe Legion with their Olden days Dinner & Dance. She agreed if the proceeds are donated to the school council.
  - There will be a live band and a steak dinner
  - Tickets still available for purchase
  - P. Braseth will be taking 6 Junior High Students to clear tables, do dishes & put away food
  - Council will Share the info on Facebook to help get more interest and make sure we include the school's interest in the event.

#### ❖ Old Business

- Fire Pit/former Crusher Cone Installation
  - In May 2022 we were advised *that* all supplies were in at Home Hardware and were ready for pick up

- We had released \$550 to purchase these items
- When we went to pick up it was discovered that half of the items were missed
- We had to pay an additional \$850 to make the full purchase
- T. Boucher paid for these items
- *Request to release \$850.00 to repay T. Boucher for fire pit supplies purchased*
  - *K. Tabert motioned; T. Hosker 2<sup>nd</sup>; AIF*
  - D. Ray delivered a pup & truck load of 3/4" crush
  - Dicks sand & gravel said they will still donate more gravel, but we need someone to haul as they have sold all their equipment. So, we are looking for anyone that will volunteer to haul.
  - We still need a donation of pea gravel to finish if we still want to go that way
- Grade 5/6 & 7- 9 Class Trip to Red Will
  - All sorted
- Teacher Appreciation
  - Went over amazingly well. Again, sending a huge thank you to all involved.

#### ❖ **Questions/Statements**

- H. Lee
  - Fire Pit project – it is confirmed that all supplies have been paid for, picked up and are located at the Skaksen's residence
  - Now everything is in place lets get it done and put behind us
  - Equipment & date needs to be discussed further
  - Junior High Project
  - Ms. Randall will need to redo math as some specs have changed
  - Plan 3 school days for completion
- T. Fricke thanked all members of the council for all their hard work and dedication to our school and students

#### ❖ **Next Council Meeting**

- Will be the AGM TBD in September 2022

**Adjournment @ 11:18 AM**