

**Valhalla Community School**  
**Regular Meeting of the Charter Board of Directors**  
Monday, January 19, 2026  
Meeting in Valhalla School (and via Google Meet) 7:30pm - 9:30 pm



**Vision:** *Students will become well-educated and engaged citizens, with strong ethical, civic and democratic standards, who are committed to their families, school, community, province and country.*

**Mission:** *To instill a readiness for leadership by equipping rural students with both knowledge and skills necessary for success in a rapidly changing economy in the communities, they serve.*

**1. Quorum and Call to Order & Roll Call**

**Time: 7:34**

a. Directors

i. Attendees: Director Corbett, Director Shepelwick (exited 8:45; returned 8:53), Director Westad, Director Stockman, Director Lowen

ii. Absent: Director Braseth

b. Administration

i. Attendees: H. Lee (exited 8:02), B. Smith, L. Stienwand

iii. Invited Guests: Abby Bangs

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Note: Loriann Stienwand read the land acknowledgement.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion #01-26/01**

Moved by Director Shepelwick that the Agenda be approved as amended.

**Disposition: Carried**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

a. Regular Board Meeting

**Motion #02-26/01**

Moved by Director Stockman to adopt the Minutes of the Charter Board of Directors' Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025.

**Disposition: Carried**

**5. Reports**

a. Superintendent's Report

Note: Report included in Board package.

**Motion #04-26/01**

Moved by Director Stockman to receive the Superintendent's Report.

**Disposition: Carried**

b. Principal's Report (attached)

Note: Report included in Board package.

**Motion #05-26/01**

Moved by Director Lowen to receive the Principal's Report.

**Disposition: Carried**

**6. Arising Business**

a. Charter Evaluation Visit

Note: Loriann Stienwand shared the agenda for the Charter Review Evaluation by Alberta Education and Childcare on February 3, 2026. Presentation will share

the story of VCS, how it's history is tied to the mission and vision of VCS and how it's living today, as shared by students.

- b. Student Led Community Based Research Update: Presentation by Students  
Note: Abby Bangs shared the project to date including competencies being enhanced such as interviewing, public speaking and resilience in the face of adversity.
- c. School Fees  
Note: VCS is unable to secure a spot for swimming for the junior high students this year. Investigation into replacing it with curling has begun. If this is feasible this will be presented to School Council and brought back to the Board for consideration, while following the School Fees Regulation and AP 505 School Fees.

## 7. New Business

- a. Board Governance Policy Review: Policy #15 Hearings on Teacher Matters

### **Motion #06-26/01**

Moved by Director Lowen that Policy 15 Hearings on Teacher Matters remain in effect with no amendments.

**Disposition: Carried**

- b. Receive Human Resources Report

Note: Report attached in Board package.

### **Motion #07 – 26/01**

Moved by Director Westad to receive the Human Resources Report.

**Disposition: Carried**

- c. Receive Technology Services Report

Note: Report attached in Board package.

### **Motion #08 – 26/01**

Moved by Director Stockman to receive the Technology Services Report.

**Disposition: Carried**

- d. Notice of AGM

Note: Notice was sent to all members that nominations for open positions for the Board must be in 21 days in advance of the AGM. Discussion of meeting date was had.

- e. Administrative Procedures

Note: AP 302: Registration and Admissions of Students was attached in Board package; AP157: Flag Protocol (review): Alberta flag is being ordered; AP158: School Visual Identity (review): Pins will be removed from the AP

- f. February Work Plan: Regular Board Meeting

- Receive Transportation Services Report
- Receive Multiyear Enrolment Trends Report
- Receive School Fees proposal for subsequent school year (prior to opening registration for the upcoming year) \* Registrations received prior to the Board approval of any proposed fees must state that "fees are subject to Board approval" and give the expected date for that decision e.g., "by May 1").

- Student Engagement: Speak Out - Student Voices (Results and Input into School Improvement from the perspective of students) (e.g., [Speak Out, Listen Up! Tools for using student perspectives and local data for school improvement](#))
- Student Awards/Scholarships Committee
- Approve Annual General Meeting processes in accordance with the VSF Bylaws
- Approve the donation, which will flow through the Northwestern Alberta Foundation, as funding for a bursary award to be given to a VCS alumni.

Committee of the Whole

- Board Learning

## 8. In Camera

### Motion #09-26/01

Moved by Director Stockman that the meeting proceeds in camera for discussion of sensitive or confidential matters.

**Time: 8:35**

**Disposition: Carried**

### *Declaration of Conflict of Interest*

Director Shepelwick declared a conflict of interest regarding ECS Instructor Contract discussion and left the meeting at 8:45. Director Shepelwick rejoined the meeting at 8:53.

### Motion #10-26/01

Moved by Director Stockman to revert to open meeting.

**Time: 8:53**

**Disposition: Carried**

## Motions arising from In Camera

### Motion #11 – 26/01

Moved by Director Lowen to approve ECS Instructor Contract as presented.

**Disposition: Carried**

Note: Due to a declared conflict of interest, Director Shepelwick did not participate in the vote on this motion.

## 9. Adjournment

### Motion #13-26/01

Moved by Director Stockman to adjourn the Meeting.

**Time: 8:54**

**Disposition: Carried**

## ATTESTATION

*The signature of the Chair attests that this is a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Charter Board of Directors held on January 19, 2026*

Name: T. Corbett, Board Chair

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 02/24/2026

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