

Valhalla Community School
Regular Meeting of the Charter Board of Directors
Monday, April 20, 2026
Meeting in Valhalla School (and via Google Meet) 7:00 pm - 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: 7:00

a. Directors

i. Attendees: Director Corbett, Director Shepelwik, Director Stockman, Director Westad, Director Lowen

ii. Absent: Director Braseth

b. Administration

i. Attendees: H. Lee (exited 7:25), B. Smith, L. Stienwand

ii. Absent: N/A

iii. Invited Guests: N/A

2. Land Acknowledgement

VCS acknowledges that we are on Treaty 8 territory, traditional lands of many Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, as well as the Métis. We honour and respect the histories, languages, and cultures of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose presence continues to enrich our community.

3. Approval of Agenda (attached)

Motion #01-26/04

Moved by Director Lowen that the Agenda be approved as amended to include Field Trips.

Disposition: Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Board Meeting (March 16, 2026 attached)

Motion #02-26/04

Moved by Director Shepelwik to adopt the Minutes of the Charter Board of Directors' Regular Meeting of March 16, 2026.

Disposition: Carried

b. Annual General Board Meeting (March 16, 2026 attached)

Motion #03-26/04

Moved by Director Stockman to adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Board Meeting of March 16, 2026.

Disposition: Carried

5. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report (attached)

Motion #04-26/04

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

Disposition: Carried

- b. Principal's Report (attached)

Motion #05-26/04

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

Disposition: Carried

6. Arising Business

- a. 2026-2027 School Calendar (attached)

Motion #06-26/04

Moved by Director Lowen to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.

Disposition: Carried

- b. Swimming Grant: Discussion was held regarding school fees and the application for the swimming grant. No further action required.

- c. Letter of Advocacy: Letter respectfully requesting the release of the Mental Health in Schools Pilot as written by Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary was shared.

7. New Business

- a. Board Governance Policy Review: Policy #18: Instruction in Human Sexuality or Religion (attached)

Motion #07-26/04

Moved by Director Stockman that Policy #18: Instruction in Human Sexuality or Religion (attached) be rescinded as a policy and replaced as an administrative procedure under the current AP206 Human Sexuality.

Disposition: Carried

- b. Education Plan Review and Feedback (attached)

Review of feedback and revisions to the Education Plan were shared and discussed.

- c. Approve Budget assumptions, principles and priorities for subsequent year's budget preparation to ensure alignment with the Education Plan (attached)

Motion #08-26/04

Moved by Director Westad to approve budget assumptions, principles and priorities for the 2026 – 2027 budget preparation.

Disposition: Carried

- d. Expense Reimbursement Rates (attached)

Motion #09-26/04

Moved by Director Lowen to approve the revised expense reimbursement rates to reflect alignment with rates provided in Peace Wapiti School Division.

Disposition: Carried

- e. Policy Review Schedule (Committee)

Motion #10-26/04

Moved by Director Lowen that one or more Board Policies are reviewed at each Regular Meeting resulting in each Policy being reviewed at least once every three years as per Policy 9

Disposition: Carried

- f. Administrative Procedures (attached)

- i. AP 168-Protection of Students with life threatening allergies (Anaphylaxis)
Update to the AP to include clarity of process, medication and recording sheet.

- g. Pre-School Partnership
Enhanced partnership between Valhalla Community School and FCSS
Preschool is being explored.
 - h. Staffing Update
Valhalla Community School welcomes two new teachers to VCS for the
2026-2027 school year.
 - i. Field Trips
Motion #11-26/04
Moved by Director Stockman that the grade 5-6 and grade 7-9 overnight field trip to Bear
Lake Bible Camp be approved contingent upon review and approval by the Superintendent.
Disposition: Carried
 - j. May Work Plan: Regular Board Meeting
 - Approve Next School Year's Budget for Submission to AB Education by May 31 (Note: May
be delayed due to AB Government budget announcement dates)
 - Receive Verification of Instructional Hours Report for the upcoming school year & Approve
Submission of Instructional Hours to AB Ed
 - Approve the updated *Education Plan* for the next Three Years for submission to AB
Education by month end
 - Celebrate Education Week (consider linking celebration to the Charter goals or research
project)
- Committee of the Whole
- Presentation and discussion of Education Plan
 - Board Learning
 - Board Orientation

8. In Camera

Motion #12-26/04

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

Time: 8:24

Disposition: Carried

Motion #13-26/04

Moved by Director Shepelwik to revert to open meeting.

Time: 8:39

Disposition: Carried

No motions arising from In Camera

9. Adjournment

Motion #14-26/04

Moved by Director Stockman to adjourn the Meeting.

Time: 8:39

**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 April 20, 2026

Name: *T. Corbett, Board Chair*

Signature: _____

Date: _____