

Valley View School General Meeting

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 6:03pm

Present: Kim Boucher, Daryl Todos, Amy Bennet, Jailene, Angel, Masha MacDonald, Gurleen, Harmeet Sing, Henna, Ibraim, Iwona, Chris Kruger, Manpreet Gill, Moga, Muriella Njonga, Nardi, Nesha Jaisingh, Shafaq, Sviatoslav, Becky Anscombe, Brittany Shaw, Caesar, Navjot, Gurpreet Kaur

- 1. Call to Order:** 6:03pm
- 2. Welcome & Introduction:** Land acknowledgment
- 3. Business Arising from Minutes:** None
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Marsha MacDonald, Seconded by Amy

Reports:

1. Principals:

- a. Kim Boucher introduced herself as the new Principal of Valley View School and welcomed families to the 2026–2027 school year.
- b. a welcome-back message from Joanne Pittman, Chief Superintendent of the Calgary Board of Education (CBE). The message highlighted:
 - Opportunities for students to learn, grow and build connections.
 - The addition of new teachers, educational assistants and other staff across CBE.
 - The importance of respectful and welcoming school communities.
 - New and expanding schools across Calgary.

c. Valley View School Vision and Commitments

-The school began the year by revisiting its vision:

“At Valley View School, we are a diverse community focused on learning and growing together in a safe and caring place. Our goal is to be our safest selves and become responsible and compassionate global citizens.”»

d. Students and staff also reviewed Valley View’s nine commitments, which focus on areas such as:

- Being connected.
- Knowing our limits.

- Taking turns patiently.
- Using kind words.
- Using gentle hands.

e. School Improvements and Staffing

- Several classrooms on the second floor received new paint, sinks and cabinets over the summer.
- The school is continuing to explore opportunities to update additional classrooms during school breaks.
- Additional exterior security cameras were installed, along with four interior hallway cameras.
- Current enrollment is approximately 575 students, which is higher than the previous school year.

f. Additional Provincial Funding

Valley View received additional funding in two areas:

Complexity Funding:

- Funding provided for one full-time teacher and two Educational Assistants.
- Jessica Kang has moved from classroom teaching into a school-wide support role.
- The team will support teachers and help build staff capacity to better meet diverse student needs.

Class Size Funding:

- Additional funding allowed the school to create new homeroom classes in the Grade 2 and Grade 3 Science programs Split.
- Class sizes were reduced from approximately 25–26 students to approximately 20 students.

The school has approximately eight teachers new to Valley View, with experienced staff members mentoring new teachers.

g. Provincial Assessments

Provincial literacy and numeracy assessments are underway from Kindergarten through Grade 5. Funding has provided release/substitute coverage so classroom teachers can complete assessments and better understand students' individual learning starting points.

h. School Activities and Programs

The following activities and programs are underway or upcoming:

- Intramurals, including lunchtime football.
- Patrols.
- Grade 3 mindful workshops through the City of Calgary.
- Free after-school music classes beginning October 6.
- Student-led morning announcements.
- Orange Shirt Day activities.
- Meet the Teacher evening, including a BBQ hosted with support from the Rotary Club.

i. Field Trip Costs

The school is seeing increased costs for field-study transportation.

Out-of-town bus costs have increased from approximately \$400 to \$650 in some cases. Teachers are therefore looking at more local and in-town field-trip opportunities to manage costs.

j. Outdoor Classroom – Phase Two

Daryle Todos provided an update on the outdoor classroom project, which is a joint initiative between Valley View School and Ian Bazalgette School.

Phase One

- Phase One of the outdoor classroom is complete.
- The space includes trees, a circular rock area and theatre-style seating.
- Both schools are actively using the space.
- A new booking system may be needed because of high demand.

Phase Two

Phase Two will focus on Indigenous vegetation and year-round landscaping, including potential planting of:

- Saskatoon trees
- White spruce
- Gooseberry trees
- Trembling aspens

The project will continue to emphasize learning on and from the land.

Teachers have been encouraged to incorporate the outdoor classroom into their long-range plans.

The school also hopes to invite Elder Sekokoto back to Valley View for outdoor learning opportunities with students from both schools.

Funding and Community Input

The project will require additional fundraising and grant support.

Potential funding sources include:

- A TD grant, with an application deadline in December.
- Possible support through the Ed Matters platform.
- Contributions from both school councils.

Student, parent and community input will be incorporated into the planning process.

Maintenance requirements, particularly during the summer, will also need to be considered.

Timeline

If funding is secured, the goal is to begin planting/construction in the spring and complete Phase Two by the end of the 2026–2027 school year.

k. Terry Fox Run

The school recently held its Terry Fox Run.

- Students participated enthusiastically.
- Forest Lawn High School leadership students assisted with the event.
- The route was clearly marked to keep students on school property.
- Fundraising totals were not yet available.
- The class that raised the most money will determine the colour of Mr. K's hair for the related school fundraiser.

2. Key Communicator: Marsha MacDonald

Marsha-Jayne MacDonald has stepped down from the Key Communicator role and moved into the Casino Chair position.

The Key Communicator:

- Attends CBE school council liaison meetings.
- Brings information back to Valley View School Council.
- Provides parent/council feedback to CBE.

The upcoming CBE liaison meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2026.

The new CBE framework will be developed this year, with areas of focus including:

- Middle school education.
- Mathematics.
- Literacy.
- Indigenous ways of knowing.
- Wellness.

The position remains open for a parent interested in taking it on.

3. Community Representative: Jalen continues to provide information about community programs and events.

Upcoming opportunities include:

A. Dover Community Association

i. Autumn Coloring Contest

- September 16 – October 6
- Open to all ages, including adults.
- Coloring sheets must be picked up from Dover Community Hall.
- Submissions due October 6.
- Winners announced October 9.

b. Marlborough Community Association

i. Children's Art Workshop

- October 7
- 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Ages 8+
- Pre-registration required.

c. Family Nerf Night

- i. - September 25
- 6:00–7:30 p.m
- Free family event.
- All ages welcome.

4. Next Meeting: October 20, 2026 at 6:00pm AGM

5. Adjournment: 6:43pm

Superkids Society General Meeting

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1. **Call to Order:** 6:43pm
2. **Welcome & Introduction:** Amy Bennett
3. **Business Arising from Minutes:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Marsha, Seconded by Amy

Reports:

A. President: Amy Bennett

a. School Council Roles Needing to be filled

- Secretary
 - Review recorded meetings.
 - Prepare meeting minutes.
 - Send minutes to Amy and Kim.
 - Ensure minutes are posted on the school website.
- Treasurer - currently being covered temporarily by Angel until the AGM
- Fundraising Coordinator
 - The coordinator will help organize fundraising activities such as:
 - Popcorn sales.
 - Fun lunches.
 - Movie nights.
 - Other fundraising initiatives.

Council is open to new fundraising ideas.

- CBE Liasion -Key Communicator.
 - Will attend the 4 meetings a year and report back to school and school council.

Previous council-supported projects have included:

- West and East playground improvements.
- Outdoor classroom development.
- Gym sound system and projection screen.
- Water bottle filling stations.
- Learning resources and craft materials.
- Teacher wish-list items.
- Camp support and other student activities

b. Upcoming Events and Fundraising

School Dances

Halloween Dance

- October 29, 2026
- Tickets will be available online.

Year-End Dance

- Planned for June 2027.

Movie Nights

Council plans to hold additional movie nights during the school year.

One movie night is scheduled for April 29, 2027, with another planned for November or December.

Fun Lunches

Fun lunches are being organized through Healthy Hunger.

Upcoming lunches:

Date| Lunch| Order Deadline

October 29| McDonald's| October 22

November 25| The Lunch Lady| November 18

December 17| Edo| December 10

Families must register through Healthy Hunger and place/pay for orders by the applicable deadline.

- c. AGM will be held in October instead of September due to 21 day required notice to families.

d. Courtyard and Parking-Space Painting

Council previously approved funding for painting games in the school's back courtyard and repainting parking spaces.

The courtyard will include painted games for students to use with balls, skipping ropes and other activities.

The work is expected to take place shortly, following cleaning of the courtyard area.

e. Camp Chief Hector

Council has set aside \$5,000 for Grade 6 students attending Camp Chief Hector.

Council also plans to run a specialized fundraiser to support the camp. In previous years, Coco Brooks fundraising generated approximately \$1,500 toward Camp Chief Hector

B. Vice Chair: Farhad Wahid.

- a. Not in attendance. No Updates.

C. Fundraiser: POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

D. Treasurer: Amy Bennett

- a. Casino Account is at \$58,521.35
- b. General Account is at \$24,914.74
- c. Planned for 2026-2027
 - i. Elder Support - \$1000
 - ii. Insurance - \$920
 - iii. Friendology - \$1,000
 - iv. Staff lunch - \$900
 - v. Paint Court Yard - \$5,000
 - vi. Green Space part 2 - \$20,000
 - 1. This may be split with Ian Bas so \$40, 000 total
 - vii. Grade 6 Grad - \$500
 - viii. Camp Chief Hector - \$5000
 - ix. Teachers Wish List - \$4196
- d. These are subject to change with the input from Ian Bas if their parent council will share the costs for the Green Space.
- e. The council expects to have approximately:
 - \$28,000 remaining in the casino account
 - \$7,500 in the general account

After current commitments, before new casino and fundraising revenue.

Council typically raises approximately \$5,000 through regular fundraising, with the goal of increasing this with a new fundraising coordinator.

E. Casino Chair: Marsha MacDonald

a. Dates: November 19 and 20, 2026

i. Shifts will run between approximately:

- 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.
- 11:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.

Approximately 40 volunteers are required, with backup volunteers also encouraged.

Key points:

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older
- No previous casino experience is required.
- Training is provided for every position
- A casino advisor will be present throughout the shifts.
- Family and friends may volunteer.
- Sign-up information has been distributed through SignUpGenius.

Council emphasized that filling all volunteer positions is essential to maintaining the casino booking.

The casino is the council's largest fundraising initiative, with an estimated potential of approximately \$80,000, depending on casino revenue.

F. Secretary: POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

G. Next Meeting: October 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm AGM

H. Adjournment: 7:00pm.