

Once again, we find ourselves at the halfway point of our school year much more quickly than seems possible, bringing us to the season of planning and preparations for next year, and with that, there are a few updates to pass on.

The **VSF Annual General Meeting** has been set for **Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Viking Room**. Three directors are coming to the end of their current terms and our interim position will need to be elected at that time. Brenda Kjemhus, John Moutray, and I have all agreed to let our names stand for another term. In addition, Tracy Campbell has agreed to let her name stand for the position she has been filling in the interim.

It is still possible for interested individuals to put their names in for election as a charter board director. According to our bylaws, a director must be 18 years of age or older, a parent or guardian of a child attending the VCS or a community member who is supportive of the mission of the VCS. Staff currently employed by the VCS may not be a director. Directors are elected for three year terms. An information package for potential nominees can be picked up at the office or is available on our website. Part of this package is *The VSF Director Nomination Profile Agreement*, which needs to be signed by anyone who is entering his or her name as a nominee for the director position and then returned to the school office by **March 5 at 4 p.m.** The names of the nominees will then be announced to our membership via the school newsletter and the school website.

Please note: in order to accommodate the AGM, the March regular board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, March 12, 6-9 p.m. in the Valhalla Room.

One of the significant projects that our board will be considering this spring is the relatively new opportunity to make an application for a 15 year Charter Renewal. As part of our work on this, we have been considering 2 questions: “What are the core things about VSF that you don’t ever want to change?” and “What should we do differently in the future to remain successful?” We would like to hear from you. How would you answer these questions?

I would also like to mention our school’s terrific Public Speaking event on February 6. As a demonstration of part of our Charter vision, it was a great pleasure to hear the skill with which these students delivered their speeches, though it made the judging very difficult. In addition, the younger students were again a delight and promise more great speaking for the coming years.

Finally, thank you. The support and input we enjoy from everyone who contributes to our school is invaluable. So many people devote their time in such a variety of ways: website, school council, ski hill, playground, regular and special events in the classroom or for class trips, sports, fundraising, music, drama, administrative, and more. We truly value this work and recognize the huge advantage it provides in helping us work together to be an effective school.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me or another one of the directors.

Jolene Kochendorfer, Chair