

Valhalla Community School

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VSF Nominations Close

Monday, March 11 was the final day for submitting nominations to fill the vacant Valhalla School Foundation Charter Board positions. We are very pleased to announce that Shellie Barclay, Jennifer White, and Mike Gerow have all entered their names as candidates for the available positions. Therefore, these three individuals, along with Donna Steyer who has been filling an interim position, will all be acclaimed as Valhalla School Foundation Charter Board directors at the **AGM this Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.** in the Viking Room. Thank you to each of these candidates for their willingness to serve in this way. Please plan to join us. Childcare will be provided.



Valhalla's Got Talent

Coming April 12, 2013 to Valhalla Community School: Valhalla's Got Talent!

On Friday, April 12th VCS students will have the opportunity to showcase their amazing talents to classmates and community guests. If you have a unique talent and would like to show it off to the school, sign up at the office by Friday, March 15th. Talents may involve singing, dancing, playing an instrument or a comedy routine, although the possibilities are endless! Please talk to Miss Galipeau or Mrs. Nadeau with any questions. We look forward to seeing all of your amazing talents and creativity!

Spring Lake Ski Hill

The Spring Lake ski Hill will be open this weekend Saturday March 16th and Sunday March 17th from 10am to 4pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to come and have a coffee and pie come and visit us! For more information contact Anna @ 780-897-2055

Valhalla Community Library

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday 10 am – 5 pm

Wednesday 10am – 8 pm

Thursday 10 am – 5 pm

For more information contact
Gail Perry @ 780-356-3834

First Aid Course

The Valhalla Community School will be hosting a Standard First Aid course April 13th and 14th 2013. The cost will be \$100 per person. Please contact the school office if you are interested as soon as possible, space is limited.

VALHALLA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Sobey – Beaverlodge IGA Gift Cards
***Now available for purchase at the
School Office ***

Card denominations of \$25, \$50,
\$100

Cheques payable to : Valhalla
Playground Committee
+13% of sales towards the
Playground Project when redeemed at
Beaverlodge IGA

Join us on Facebook :

www.facebook.com/valhallaplayground

Bus Driver's Corner:

Important Notice:
**March 01, we have a new
Transportation Director.
Ron Lundgard can be reached
by calling 831-8314.**

School Council Update – March 11, 2013

Recently School Council members participated in a workshop designed to help us better understand our role as SC members and help us develop as leaders within our school. It was a fantastic workshop put on by the Alberta School Council Association. We plan to be able to put on more of these workshops in the future as there are many subjects relating to SC to choose from. These workshops are open to all interested parents with students attending VCS. Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!

School Council is very happy to welcome Ron Lundgard, our new Transportation Director! We are looking forward to working with Ron. A huge thank you to outgoing Transportation Director Doug Kochendorfer. We appreciate all your time and hard work Doug!

We are also very excited to receive news from the Foundation Board that VCS has received our Charter renewal letter!! Way to go VCS!! This means we will maintain our charter for the next 5 years and we are now eligible to apply for a 15 year charter renewal!

School Council is reviewing our bylaws. At this point there are not any proposed revisions. All parents are welcome to read the attached SC bylaws. If there are any bylaw items you would like to see addressed, we welcome your input. Discussion on bylaws and any potential revisions will begin in the April meeting.

There has been ongoing discussion regarding school uniforms for VCS. It was decided at the March meeting that School Council recommend not to go ahead with instating school uniforms.

School Registration – a reminder to all parents who have not yet booked a time for 2013-2014 Registration to please call the school book your appointment time! Registration week is April 22nd to April 26th. Remember – if you registration is not complete by the end of registration week your child is not yet considered registered at the school for the upcoming year!

Next School Council Meeting: Monday, April 8th at 7:00pm

Babysitting is provided at all SC meetings.

You are all members of School Council and you are always welcome to attend and participate!!

Upcoming Events

March 11 – 22
CTBS Testing Grades K-9

March 15, 7pm
Viking Room
VSF AGM

Come hear about VSF's year and plans. Be involved with our school's board!

March 15, 2013
Spirit day
Wear Green or Camo

March 28, 2013
No School- Day off in Lieu of PTI

March 29, 2013
No School-Good Friday

March 30-April 7
Spring Break

April 8, 2013
Classes Resume

April 8, 2013
School Council Meeting
VCS 7pm

April 22 – 26, 2013
VCS Registration Week
New Registration Procedures!



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Valhalla Community School Council By-Laws

Role of Valhalla Community School Council:

The School Council's mandate is to work toward ensuring the best possible education for all students within Valhalla Community School. The School Council provides a structure in which parents, principal, teachers, students and community members can talk about education in the community. The School Council is also a vehicle by which everybody in the school community has a voice in the educational issues and individual opinions are encouraged and valued.

School Council Bylaws:

Terms of Admission

The School Council will consist of:

- Parents of students attending Valhalla Community School
- The school principal/teacher elected by the school staff, and
- One or more community representative appointed by Council

The Majority of persons on the council and on the executive will be parents of Valhalla students.

Executive

The School Council executive will consist of six members: the chairperson, the vice-chairperson, the secretary, the treasurer, the principal/teacher (due to small school) and a community representative. The term of membership will be from the time of election until an election is held at the next annual general meeting.

The School Council can advise on, but is not limited to, the following:

- Promotion of the school in the community
- School philosophy, policies, strategic plan, mission statement
- Guidelines and principles for school budget, (see proposed budget in June in last meeting before finalized)
- School programs
- Giving information or advice to the Valhalla Community School Board on jurisdiction policies and other matters
- Information needs of School Council members

Meetings

- A minimum of four meetings must be held throughout the year
- An annual general meeting will be held within 60 days of the opening of each school year. The quorum for that particular meeting normally held in October, would be at least (9) members, the majority of which must be parents. The notice for the annual general meeting must be sent out at least two weeks in advance. Election of officers will be the last item on the agenda of the meeting and the principal will act as chairperson until a chairperson has been selected.
- Special meetings may be called by the Council as needed and notices of meetings will be given in a manner determined by the Council, but must be given a least (5) days prior to the meeting.
- Items emerging at a Council meeting requiring some discussion will be put on next month's agenda, and
- Any items of a controversial nature will be discussed first by an ad hoc committee and presented to the next monthly or special meeting. This ad hoc committee will consist of the principal, the chairperson, or vice chairperson of the School Council, one teacher and one parent.

Quorum

A quorum for regular or special meetings will consist of the principal/teacher plus four other executive members, but the majority of these shall be parents. In the absence of a quorum, the meeting may proceed; however, no motions may be considered or approved. If there are an insufficient number of people to form a quorum at the annual meeting, the meeting will be rescheduled. If, at that time, a quorum still does not exist, the principal will appoint an advisory committee to perform the duties of the Council until the next annual meeting.

Motions

All motions will require a mover. All in attendance may vote. Motions are of advisory nature on the school, however, the principal, staff and board will consider any advice given by the Council prior to making decisions in areas where advice was sought or given.

Minutes

The secretary will keep minutes of the proceedings of the meetings. Minutes will be kept at the school office and made available to any interested persons. A copy of the minutes of the first meeting will be submitted to the Valhalla Community School Board and to the bank for changing signing officers. All other minutes will be submitted at the end of the school year with the last meeting's minutes.

Finances and Methods of Operation

A grant given by the Valhalla Community School Board will be used for the operations of the Council. After the new grant has been issued each year, any surplus money from the previous year may be given to the school to be used on activities or purchased decided on by, and only by the School Council. A budget will be set by November of each year and Council will determine guidelines for use of the money at the annual meetings.

Conflict Resolutions Procedures

If at any time, seven parents or any five members of the executive are of the opinion that the Council is in a state of conflict such that its operation is significantly impaired, they may deliver a petition in writing to all Council executive members and the following will apply:

- The chairperson will call a special meeting of Council (5 days notice must be given),
- Those attending will have an opportunity to hear and discuss the issues in conflict, and
- The chairperson will accept any motion respecting dissolution of Council and if a majority in favor vote for the dissolution of Council and if a majority in favor vote for the dissolution of Council, the Council will be immediately dissolved.

If dissolved, the principal will establish an advisory committee to perform the duties of Council until the next annual general meeting. At the next meeting a new Council will be established.

By-Law Changes

By-laws shall be adopted or may be amended by a majority of the parents and voting at a special meeting of the school council called to consider the by-laws.

Achievement Test Administration Schedule: May/June 2013

Note: Achievement tests **must** be administered according to the dates and times indicated in this schedule, unless an alternate schedule has been approved by the Director, Examination Administration (see the *Administration Directives, Guidelines, & Procedures* section).

All students are permitted an additional one-half hour to complete a test.
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May 2013

Monday, May 13	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part A
Tuesday, May 14	9:00 – 10:10 A.M.	Grade 3 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, May 15	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
Thursday, May 16	9:00 – 10:10 A.M.	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie A

June 2013

Tuesday, June 11	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 3 English Language Arts Partie B
Thursday, June 13	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 3 Mathematics
Friday, June 14	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Monday, June 17	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
Tuesday, June 18	9:00 – 9:45 A.M.	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 6 Mathematics
Wednesday, June 19	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Science
Thursday, June 20	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Friday, June 21	ABORIGINAL DAY	No Tests Scheduled
Monday, June 24	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 Science
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Science
Tuesday, June 25	9:00 – 10:30 A.M.	Grade 9 Mathematics
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Mathematics
Wednesday, June 26	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 27	9:00 – 10:20 A.M.	Grade 9 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Social Studies