

## **VPE General Meeting**

**April 21, 2026**

**Villa Park Elementary: 10551 Center Dr., Villa Park, CA 92861**

**Present:** Kathleen Lim-Valle, Jolin Lang, Lacey Cahill, Carolyn Nguyen, Courtney Short, Brie Karanikolas, Janelle Mazza, Cheryl Jarrard, Alex Amendola, Rebecca Sakayeda, Manuel Cisneros, Crystal Cordero, Connie Bui, Marissa Cordero, Eva Ahmed, Trudy Teshimina, Leann Kaufman, Heather Sandoval, Stefani McMillin, Jessica Olivares, Heidi Estremera, Martha Arceo

**Call to order: 8:18 am**

**Welcome: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

The Home and School League (H&SL) welcomes everyone to the meeting.

**Health Fair/5K- Michelle Gonzalez**

**Update:** On May 16<sup>th</sup> the 2nd annual Villa Park Health Fair and 5K will be held. The Health Fair starts at 7:30 am and the 5K begins at 8 am. See flyer for QR code to sign up or check out the Villa Park Community Services website. There will also be blood donations taken that day as well. There will be speakers there speaking on important health topics. Price for registration goes up tomorrow 4/22/26. A map of the run course can be accessed through the QR code.

**Approval of meeting minutes: Heidi Estremera**

Meeting minutes from the March General Board Meeting approval requested- 1<sup>st</sup> Lacey Cahill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Sakayeda. Minutes approved.

**Principal Announcements:**

*Update:* MPR upgrade happening now, specifically upgrading the lights and speakers. Trying to get the MPR update completed ASAP due to Serrano and VPE's plays coming up. Principal Arceo said she would look into a science program. She reported that our students already have very busy schedules and instruction is sacred. Inez is out due to health difficulties, so she requested everyone keep her in your thoughts and bear with the office as they adjust. VPE currently has 9 after school programs going on. Parent suggested additional after school programs to be added. Principal Arceo mentioned that the challenge in adding more programs is space is limited after school. She also informed parents that the new storage is housing for VAPA props and costumes.

**Budget Review: Kathleen**

*Update:* If you have any questions about budget contact Kathleen and/or Wendy. Waiting on final numbers for Carnival to officially update the budget.

**Dads Club: Justin Gilbert**

*Updates:* This Saturday is another DC workshop where the focus is cleaning out pods. The DC Poker night is scheduled for 5/2. DC Final skate party will be 5/6. The Bobcat Bash will be held on 6/5. Bobcat Bash will have raffles, movie night, a DJ, parents' game and parent/kids games. Next DC meeting is this Weds 4-6pm.

**LipSync: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* The Lip Sync will be held on 6/3. Volunteers needed. Audrey will send out info on how to volunteer. Looking for Volunteers to help smooth out the transition on and off stage and keep things moving during performances.

**Bylaws Vote: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* Unanimous 'yay' and no 'nays'. Bylaws voted in.

**HSL Slate of Officers: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* Kathleen went over the nominated slate of officers for 2026-2027 Executive and General Board. See posted nominees by the office. Vote for positions will be held at Open House on 5/28.

**Silent Auction: Heather Sandoval**

*Update:* The Silent Auction at the Carnival was a success. We still have a few teacher experiences have openings on Cheddar Up. Still working on the final numbers but it is looking like we met our goal for auction.

**Track Updates: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* Principal Arceo is confident that it will be completed this summer.

**LedgeCo: Jolin Lang**

OC Board of Education has launched a CTE pilot. They are also going through an audit of the OC Board of Education. E-Bike safety laws are going through legislation. OUSD working on E-Bike laws and safety. Increasing HR screening for classified and unclassified staff through district. Also expanding Mandated Reporter training to volunteers. The following events are coming up-OC Stem night, Olympiad games on 5/1 and Expo of Arts on 5/22. Crossing Guard on Center is there due to the construction and will be throughout the project.

**OTHER Q/A:**

Parking near school was discussed. White curb is loading zone-talked with Principal Arceo about having a traffic study for our curbs. Across the street from white curb, we can't park there during the posted hours 7-830 am or 2-330pm. If it is a white curb it is a loading zone at all times. Parking map and guidelines requested. Principal Arceo is working with the city to get exceptions during events.

School supply kits are available for purchase-see flyers for details. Classroom kit is everything, student kit includes only what the student needs.

On 5/8 is the teacher lunch for room parents and teachers. Teacher appreciation week is coming up. Flyers will go out soon.

Big thank you to Bree Karanikolas for all her hard work at the Carnival.

No Directory this year-Will there be a directory next year? HSL Board noticed it wasn't used much in previous years and it comes at a cost so it was decided not to renew this year. We can discuss bringing it back in the Fall.

A parent brought up that the morning HSL meeting time doesn't allow for teaching staff to attend. Requesting a quarterly meeting in the afternoon to allow staff to join. HSL Board will discuss.

Room parent request-requesting that combo class schedules be spread out for grade-based events. Events too close together (teacher treats-Art Masters) can be taxing on room parent. Discussed changes for teacher treats for next year to ease burden and costs on parents. Suggested having room parents ask for a single donation for the year at the beginning of the year versus consistently throughout. Will be discussed in fall.

Exciting news-District will be funding the front Marquee. Discussed using fundraised money to put in a back marquee instead. Extra funds will go possibly go towards teacher goals. HSL needs to purchase more tables. Asking if extra Marquee money can go to a science program, Principal Arceo will look into it.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**April 2026:**

4/27- Art Masters

**May 2026:**

May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 21- Last General Board Meeting of the year

May 28- Open House and Voting for the 2026-2027 Slate of Officers

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:19 am