

VPE General Meeting

January 30, 2026

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

Present: Connie Bui, Emma Dodge, Lacey Cahill, Trudy Teshima, Thad Hoffer, Marissa Cordero, Justin Gilbert, Crystal Cordero, Leann Kaufmann, Rachel Wolf, Jennifer Matsuda, Angela Brown, Illiana Arias, David Scott, Janelle Nlazza, Sierra Vane, Cheryl Jarrad, Stefani McMillen, Rylee Allen, Merrill Norrdin, Jessica Mottram, Martha Arceo, Jordyn Schmidt, Eva Ahmed, Charlene Chu, Heidi Estremera, Kathleen Lim-Valle.

Call to order: 8:17 am

Welcome: Kathleen Lim-Valle

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

Grade presentation 3rd Grade

Update: The 3rd graders presented that they are working on memorizing multiplication facts. Memorization makes it easier to work through multi-step math problems. They are also beginning to learn fractions which allows them to follow recipes and help out with dinner. They also learning to write both lower- and upper-case letters in cursive. They are currently reading Scholastic News and learning about life sciences. They recently completed gate testing.

Approval of meeting minutes: Heidi Estremera

Meeting minutes from the November General Board Meeting approval requested- 1st Lacey Cahill, 2nd Stefani McMillen. Minutes approved.

Principal Announcements: Principal Arceo

Update: Principal Arceo shared that we have a very busy February coming up. Spring Pictures is scheduled for February 9th, which is also the 100th day of school. The students will likely not be dressing up so they can take photos but Principal Arceo reassures that there will be many fun things happening to celebrate the 100th day of school. The new blue shed by the gate was purchased for VAPA teachers' storage, thanks to prop 28 funding. Gate testing was just completed for 3rd grade. Principal Arceo is encouraging all students to complete their two iReady assignments in Math and English weekly to help prepare for state testing. Doing well in state testing shows our student's growth. Attendance was going well but is down the last two weeks. Mrs. Tombrello and her husband have started a Drone Club for 4-6th grade. It is a competition team similar to our Robotics team. The Run Club is starting up next week. We are still waiting for some improvements in the lighting in the MPR with prop 28 funding as well.

Budget Review: Wendy Zuazo

Update: The biggest change in the budget was for fall fundraiser. Art Masters has been paid out. If you have any questions regarding the budget reach out to Wendy.

Dads Club (DC): Justin Gilbert

Update: The next DC workshop will be in March. DC will be wrapping up the carts and installing tiles. Weather permitting, they will also be cleaning out and organizing the sheds. DC will also be hosting a Spring Skate party in April. They are also working on the end of the year DC event. DC is looking for Dads to help with security during the Valentines Day to ensure students are being safe and staying in the designated areas. Reach out if you would like to help.

Ways and Means: Merrill Norrdin

Update: Spring fundraiser will begin Monday March 2nd and is the Read a Thon. It is an easy fundraiser. Families just need to create and account for their student and log their reading minutes daily. This year it aligns with Read Across America and Merrill is coordinating some fun things with Ms. Cypres. There are fun prizes and incentives for the kids. Fun and easy fundraiser for the school. This fundraiser runs for two weeks.

Holiday Store/Holiday Spirit Wear: Connie Bui

Update: Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Holiday Store. Next week is the Draw Along assembly. This year we will have Doodle Bug for TK to 3rd. Fun new assembly for them.

H&SL Nominating Committee: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: For the 26-27 school year the HSL has the following openings: Exec Board openings are Ways and Means and Treasure and General Board is Social Media Manager and Hospitality. Email Kathleen if you are interested in any positions or volunteer opportunities.

Silent Auction: Heather Sandoval

Update: The Silent Auction runs during the carnival. We are in need auction items. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Auction items must be received by 4/7. Email Heather Sandoval with any questions.

Pay 2 Pay Platform: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: The HSL has chosen a web store. This will be for purchasing tickets on line. HSL will be trying it out for the Paint- a-Tile event. HSL is looking into other ways we can utilize the site. This platform will benefit families with ease of purchase and will benefit the HSL in ease of keeping all purchase together and organized. The HSL is excited to try this new platform out.

Parent Guide: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: Kathleen has been working on the HSL Parent Guide. So far it is about 10 pages. The Parent Guide will contain information about all events occurring on campus, what is required to volunteer, fundraising information and frequently used acronyms. The Parent Guide will only contain information pertaining to the H&SL. School procedures are in the Student Handbook. Hoping to have it on the HSL website by the end of the month.

Track Updates: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: The project is out for bid. Bidding starts 2/11 and bidding process takes about 2-2.5 months. The bids will get put together for the board to approve. If all goes as planned, the hope is the track could be completed by end of this summer 2026. Updated flyers will be in the banners throughout the school.

Upcoming Events-Valentines Family Dance/Paint-a-Tile Event/Marquee: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Valentines Dance: The dance will be held next Friday (2/6) from 6-8pm. There will be a DJ as well as pizza, drinks and snacks for purchase. It will be here in the MPR. There will be seating outside for eating and taking a break but it will be contained to near the MPR. Students and parents are not permitted to roam the entire campus. Presales are after school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Depending on how presale goes, we may or may not have tickets for purchase at the door due MPR max capacity.

Paint-a Tile Event: 2/28 from 10 am-12pm will be the Paint a tile event. There will be 4x4 tiles for purchase for \$30. This event will be on the new webstore. There will be 30 min time slots for painting tiles. Students are encouraged to preplan their design prior to the event. Depending on how this event goes HSL may have a second event in fall. Tiles will be available for presale. Color Me Mine will be the company here to help us and they will be the one to glaze and fire the tiles and Dads Club will be installing the tiles.

Marquee updates: In September we discussed the fundraising money from fun run to replace the Marquee. The company chosen has installed many of the marquees for local schools and they are a big improvement for our current marquee. Arceo is working with the school district to work approval for installation since it is a larger size marquee than our current one. Once approved it takes 2 months to put it together and 2 days to install.

LedgeCo: Sierra Vane

LedgeCo has approved a new bully prevention program. On their website there is already anti-bullying resources. The new pilot program works with student leaders on campus to help support students who are being bullied. VPHS is having a showcase soon and it is good way to check out the HS.

OTHER Q/A: No updated on the Trucks and construction. There isn't much we can do to change the truck route. 5th Grade Fundraising is doing a Bingo Night at the Hive in Anaheim Hills on 2/18. Space is limited so get your tickets now. Info will be going home regarding this event.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

February 2026:

- 2/2-Art Masters and Birthday Club
- 2/3- Draw Along Assembly
- 2/6- Valentine's Family Dance
- 2/12- Class Valentine's Day Parties
- 2/18- 5th Grade Fundraiser Bingo Night @ Hive Anaheim Hills
- 2/19- 2nd Grade Staff Treats
- 2/27- H&SL Meeting 9:15 am
- 2/28- Paint-A-Tile Event 10am -12pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:52 am