

VPE General Meeting

November 14, 2025

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

Present: Heidi Estremera, Merrill Norrdin, Heather Sandoval, Stefani McMillen, Brie Karanikoas, Carolyn Nguyen, Jennifer Matsuda, Kathleen Lim-Valle, Rylee Allen, Iliana Arias, Jessica Mottrain, Lean Kaufman, Janelle Mazza, Wendy Zuazo, Katrina Wright, Casey Raub, Thad Heffest, Abigail Garcia, Manuel Cisneros, Cheryl Jarrad, Angie Brown, Jordan Schmidt, David Scott, Eva Ahmed, Lacey Cahill, Marissa Cordero, Connie Bui, Sierra Vane.

Call to order: 8:20 am

Welcome: Kathleen Lim-Valle

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

Dads Club (DC): Justin Gilbert

Update: Dad's Club first Beautification Day is tomorrow 11/15/25. The focus will be updating and repairing the lunch carts. DC is unable to work on the shed clear out and organization due to the rain forecasted for tomorrow. 12/10/25 will be the Christmas Skate Party w/ an Ugly Sweater theme. DC will also be a part of VP Boat Parade. Looking to have one child from each grade on the boat. VP Boat Parade is 12/14/25.

Grade presentation 4th Grade

Update: No presentation because the 4th Graders are on a field trip.

Approval of meeting minutes: Heidi Estremera

Meeting minutes from the September General Board Meeting approval requested- 1st Lacey Cahill, 2nd Merrill Norrdin. Minutes approved.

Budget Review: Wendy Zuazo

Update: Fun Run final funds raised is still being processed. At this time, we are at approximately 75K funds raised. Expenses paid on the current budget is Booster fee and Teacher goals. No questions pertaining to budget.

Ways and Means/Bobcat Run: Merrill Norrdin

Update: Bobcat Run was a success and the kids are very excited to get to dunk Principal Arceo. Calculations of total funds raised should be completed by next Friday. Also currently working on the date to dunk Principal Arceo. The top earner from each class will get a chance to dunk her. Bobcat Run shirts are available for purchase.

Holiday Store/Holiday Spirit Wear: Connie Bui

Update: The Holiday Store will be open 12/15/25-12/18/25. After Thanksgiving, information regarding the Holiday Store will be sent home with students. Sign-ups for volunteers will go out next week. Looking for help to set up on 12/12/25 and closing down on 12/18/25.

Holiday Spirit Wear: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: Pop up Holiday Spirit Wear store is currently open. The store will close on 11/21/25 in order to get the students their spirit wear in time for the holidays, so get your orders in soon. Flyers were sent home with QR code for the store and there will be also be flyer on the HSL banner.

HSL Parent Guide: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: The HSL Parent Guide will have general information for families. It will include what the HSL is, information regarding parent volunteer and training, events that happen in the year, birthday club, etc. The hope is it will give families a feel of what happens within the HSL/VPE community for all grades. If you have suggestions of things to add please email them Kathleen. Ideally the information on this Parent Guide will be information on HSL related on-goings/events, etc. versus school specific on-goings. They can receive that information from Principal Arceo.

LCAP-H&SL Suggestions: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: LCAP HSL suggestions were discussed. Discussed was finishing the track, paying for the PE coach and a music teacher for TK-3rd grade. PE coach won't be paid for by the district since elementary teachers are multi-subject teachers and expected to do it. VAPA has been more art than music for TK-3rd. Music is part of the 4th to 6th grade VAPA program.

Track Updates: Kathleen Lim-Valle

Update: Per Sierra Vane, last night it was on the agenda for the district meeting to approve the architects to design the track and portables. It was approved indicating small steps moving forward but we are still waiting. Check the website for more updates on the track.

Principal Announcements: Principal Martha Arceo

Principal updates: Principal Arceo thanked all the parents for the support with the Fun Run. Spirit Squad will be performed at the next assembly for students only. Their official performance will be at the Holiday Performance. All schools are graded on a dashboard/color system for multiple categories. The color blue is the best and then the system also has a green, yellow, orange and red rating. For ELA VPE has a blue rating currently, indicating that we are on the right track. In math we are in the green. Teachers are pushing to improve math to blue. In the category of suspension, we are in blue indicating that we have not had any/many suspensions. For attendance we are yellow. Our goal is to be 1% better than last year and right now we are on track for that. Last year VPE had 32 students who were absent 18 or more times in the school year. This year we have 25 students who are on track for that. Students also need to improve on tardies.

OTHER Q/A: Reminder that 5th grade fundraising for cookie dough is due Monday 11/17/25. School calendar iCal is a google calendar that is managed through the school. Parent asked about a potential Room Parent calendar similar to the school's iCal that they could share with classroom parents. Principal Arceo will look into it. Next HSL meeting is 1/30/2026. No meeting in December.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

November 2025:

11/14: H&SL Meeting- 8:15 am
11/15: Dad's Club Beautification Day
11/20: 4th Grade Staff Treats
11/21: Fizzy Friday & Holiday Spirit Wear Deadline
11/24-11/28: Thanksgiving Break

December 2025:

12/5: Fizzy Friday
12/10: Dad's Club-Holiday Skate Party 4-6pm
12/12: Winter Program (TK through 5th) 8:30 am
12/12-12/18: Holiday Story (Set up 12/5, Open 12/15-12/18, closes 12/18)
12/19: Winter Class Parties

Meeting adjourned: 8:52 am