

**VPE General Meeting**

**October 24, 2025**

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

**Present:** Heidi Estremera, Jolin Lang, Rylee Allen, David Scott, Breanne Karanikos, Rochelle Russell, Emma Dodge, Jannelle Mazza, Connie Bui, Katrina Wright, Stefani McMillen, Charlene Chu, Crystal Cordero, Cheryl Jarrad, Marissa Cordero, Alex Amendola, Arce Estremera, Teddi Zorola, Liam Stevens, Jennifer Matsuda, Brian Matsuda, Carolyn Nguyen, Merrill Norrdin, Eva Ahmed, Casey Raub, Kalyn Goff, Sierra Vane, Courtney Short, Chandra Cairney, Audrey Murray, Leann Kaufman.

**Call to order:** 9:14 am

**Welcome: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

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

**Grade presentation 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Update:* Gate academy shared that they are learning about AVID strategies, novel studies, SLANT and WICOR. They are working on fun projects, STEAM days and scientific arguments. They are reading the novel Mrs. Frisby and The Rats of Nymph. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders shared that they are working on long division. They take 1 min tests and daily common core reviews. In science they are utilizing worksheets, coloring, brain pop posters and notes. They are also working on SBAC questions. In social studies they are learning about 'Explorers of the New World.' In ELA they are also reading the novel Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nymph. They are a quarter of the way through the novel. They are also working on writing assignments and preparing for state testing.

**Approval of meeting minutes: Heidi Estremera**

Meeting minutes from the September General Board Meeting approval requested- 1<sup>st</sup> Stefani McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jolin Lang. Minutes approved.

**Principal Announcements: Principal Martha Arceo**

*Principal updates:* Principal Arceo shared that it is LCAP survey time. She is asking all families to participate by filling out the survey. She is asking that you also encourage other families to also fill out the survey. Goal is to increase family participation by 5%. Filling out the survey helps the district understand what parent priorities are for the school. Last year the K-4 Arts funding was decided because of the LCAP surveys. VAPA is happening in the classrooms every week for all grades. Teachers are giving good feedback about it. Parent requested an announcement from Arceo regarding lower graders getting VAPA. Principal Arceo stated that she is working on a safety presentation. VPE will be a pilot school for an upgrade on a safety program for her to have on her phone versus having to call for a lock down/shelter in place from office. Looking forward to Red Ribbon week and Fun Run. It's important for our families to voice their wants on the LCAP. Focus on programs versus facilities-based improvements (AC, Science center, etc.).

**Budget Review:**

*Update:* Please review and reach out to Wendy Zuazo with any questions.

**Trunk or Treat: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* Trunk or Treat will be on 11/29. There will be cash only entrance at gate or you can use Zelle for presale. For Zelle payments indicate the number of children and include family name. Last day to Zelle will be day before the event. All presale tickets will be on a list at the gate-no tickets given out. Hosting cars arrive at 4pm and need to be ready at 6pm. Two bags of candy provided but hosting cars should bring more candy as it goes fast. It is imperative that hosting cars clean up their space completely at end of Trunk or Treat. Sign list to host or volunteer.

**Ways and Means/Bobcat Run: Merrill Norrdin**

*Update:* Bobcat run is being kicked off next week. Funds from the Bobcat Run will be utilized for a new marquee. Funds also go towards funding for PE, PE supplies, scholastic news, etc. Look for fliers next Friday. Room parents must be there to support the classes. Parents allowed to cheer on their students for time slot. Schedule should be out by next week. Working on setting up the schedule to have the run completed by lunch. More info to come. Please fundraise!

**Membership Drive/Spirit Wear: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* You can still sign up for the membership drive. A parent suggested a possible incentive for students and families to become a part of the HSL to sign up for membership could be having the students wear a particular shirt to get a buzz for other families to sign up. Spirit wear closed 9/28. It takes time to get sorted and organized. The hope is to get them to families next week.

**Dads club: Justin Gilbert**

*Update:* Justin first year as pres. He has been a part of the VPE community for 5 years. The September Skate party had a great turn out. Dads Club will have a Trunk or Treat Halloween maze 6-8pm. Dad's Club first workshop will be on 11/15/2025. Goal for the workshop is to work on lunch carts with the help of Girl Scouts and Boys Scout. We need to get the shed cleaned out and organized as well as complete overall beautification to school. Dad's Club is working on a Holiday Skate party on 12/10/2025. Dad's Club will have a booth at VP Halloweenfest from 4-7pm.

**Track updates/Fundraising Goal for 2025-2026: Kathleen Lim-Valle**

*Update:* Wall Tile's will be an upcoming fundraiser. HSL will sell the tiles in January and will work on a date in February to have families come to VPE to decorate them. Dad's Club will install the tiles once they are completed. If this fundraiser is successful, there is the possibility of having a second event. HSL will send out a survey to see if families would be interested in a soccer or baseball fundraiser. A parent suggested selling Bingo tickets for the HIVE in Anaheim Hills. The HSL Executive board will discuss this at the next meeting.

**Legislative Coalition: Jolin Lang**

The government shut down has resulted in 80% of the department of education staff being furloughed. Also discussed at the meeting was AB1264, which is a bill that focuses on phases out harmful processed foods being served in the cafeteria. They also discussed SB1414 EBT summer program which is a program that provides food benefits for eligible students in the summer months. AB1224 was also being discussed which is a bill concerning the days a substitute teacher can serve in a classroom potentially

extending it from 30 to 60 days. Another bill discussed was AB1348 that addresses school funding impacted by the immigration enforcement activities. The meeting also discussed Mahmoud v. Taylor ruling which allows families to opt out of materials that are offensive or against their religion and figuring out how to implement the ruling. In class dyslexia assessments have begun. TK is now all 4 year olds and they are working on toileting procedures. 20 minute consultations with school psychologists are available for free through the district website and district parent workshops are on-going.

**OTHER Q/A:**

A parent requested that a resource/guide for new families be created. They suggested that it include what to expect when joining the VPE community. Any tips/topics to include-please email Kathleen. It was explained that for Birthday Club each student receives a small goodie bag to celebrate their birthday. The marquee is also used for birthday club and Bobcat Run sponsors. Per Principal Arceo the Track Update is that it has gone to DSA for approval. They sent it back asking for corrections and corrections were made. It is now back to DSA and will go to bidding once approved. Picture of what the track would look like will be in the newsletter. It is tied to the new portable coming in and updates to certain bathrooms and pathways. Check the track updates tab on the HSL website for more info and it will also be in the newsletter. Additional questions email Kathleen.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**October 2025:**

- 10/27: Red Ribbon Week Starts
- 10/29: Fun Run kick off assembly
- 10/29: Trunk of Treat 5:30-8:00pm
- 10/31: Halloween Class Parties

**November 2025:**

- 11/1: Birthday Club
- 11/4: No School-Election Day
- 11/6: Prismatic Magic Assembly Day
- 11/7: Bobcat Run
- 11/11: Holiday-Veterans Day
- 11/14: H&SL Meeting- 8:15 am
- 11/20: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Staff Treats

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:21 am