

Hidden Valley School Council
 Minutes: January 14, 2026

Agenda #	Agenda Item	Key Discussion	Motions
Call to Order by Jennifer S. at 6:32	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land Acknowledgement 2. Introduction of guests 3. Meeting attendees' contact information via sign in sheet 4. Email is the primary way to contact Hidden Valley School Council 5. Quick overview of timekeeper role and use of parking lot for items not requiring immediate approval before the next council meeting on February 11, 2026 6. Appointment of timekeeper 	<p>Quorum established</p> <p>Andrew appointed as timekeeper</p>	
Motion	Motion: Approval of minutes from November 19, 2025 general meeting		Motion: CARRIED
Community Update Raye Lynn G		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Just had casino on Sunday and Monday -All volunteer positions were filled 	
Reports – Guest Speakers	Ms Faber, Ms. Kinvig, Ms. Natividad	Kindergarten (English): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Learning about senses -Identifying properties of an object like size, texture, shape and colour -Building number sense through quantity comparison -Becoming familiar with letter names and sounds 	

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		<p>Kindergarten (French):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Reading and writing letters-Practicing common phrases-3D shapes and how they move-Patterning with robots-Using 5 senses to explore the world <p>Grade 1 (English):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-working with manipulatives to understand numbers up to 100-Using FLAME program to develop math skills (similar to UFLI)-Addition up to 20-Shapes will be next-UFLI is being used for direct, explicit phonics instructions (supported with decodable texts)-learning about different cultures in the classroom <p>Grade 1 (french):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Literacy centers have begun! (Lalilo, read to self, listen to reading, word work, crayon magique)-Skip counting by 5's and 10's-Repeating patterns-Number talks <p>Grade 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Started FSL (French as a Second Language)-Daily UFLI practice with flexible groups <p>Grade 2 (French):</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Building with cardboard to make houses-Read 3 little pigs as an introduction <p>Grade 3/4 (French):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Working on comprehension after reading a text-Wrote short paragraph about their perfect winter day-Following a writing process that uses teacher modelling, sentence frames and peer feedback before completing a final copy-Addition and subtraction within 1000-Literacy and Numeracy centers-Esti mystery's first thing in the morning as part of the entry routine <p>Grade ¾ (English):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Exploring fractions and identifying and describing shapes, angles and spatial relationships-Hands on learning around matter-Experimenting with different materials and techniques in art <p>Phys Ed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Gymnastics unit started-Using mission impossible format <p>Music:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-beat and rhythm with the use of jump bands	
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		<p>-grade 1 are learning through the use of non-pitched percussion instruments and tone chimes</p>	
<p>Reports – School Admin: Principal Mme Michelle Assistant Principal M. Trevor Cassidy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal’s Report: school development plan ● - Grade 5: coming to HVS in 2026-2027 ● - After school care: now full days ● - New materials purchased from approved budget ● - Updates and upcoming events 	<p>School Development Plan is posted on the school website and on the bulletin board in the office</p> <p><i>“Students will become more accurate and efficient in computation through explicit instruction in basic math facts”</i></p> <p>-Teachers are noticing that students are continue to struggle in this area and demonstrating lagging skills across all grade levels</p> <p>-Using Harnessing the Science of Learning, CBE K-12 Mathematics Framework and Principles of Instruction to guide this work</p> <p>Science of Learning</p> <p>-Retrieval practice (use it or lose it)</p> <p>-Spacing (pacing learning to not overload)</p> <p>-Interleaving (mixing different but related topics or skills during practice)</p> <p>-Check for understanding (frequent progress monitoring)</p> <p>-Scaffolding (providing temporary supports and gradually fading back support)</p> <p>-Explicit instruction</p>	

		<p>Grade 5 is coming to Hidden Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Losing 3 communities (Ambleton, Starling and Morraine)-Keeping grade 5's next year-Projections will be shared when they are provided to the school (February-ish)-Current utilization is at 106%-Split classes are well supported through curriculum design and provide equitable class sizes <p>After school care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Offering full day kindergarten care off site (Buchanan School) <p>New materials purchased</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Music order-K-4 visual journals-Book exchange bags-Phys Ed equipment-Kindergarten center resources-FitSet Ninja and Alien Inline residencies booked <p><i>Please send questions for Admin Update to School Council in advance to hiddenvalleyschoolcouncil@gmail.com</i></p>	
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MOTION	Motion: Carnivale resources: Canadian Maple Taffy Candy (800 candies) - \$252, Effigies \$189. Total of \$477.74		
	Motion: \$1000 for reusable resources for future Carnivale celebrations		
Chair Report Jennifer S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quick overview of Agenda ● Other items managed by chair or questions about agenda 		
Treasurer Report Andrew H.	<p>Please email hiddevvalleyschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you would like to obtain a copy of the treasurer report in advance of the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) General Account Balance: \$34,270 (minus committed \$15,486 = \$18,784) 2) Gaming Account Balance: \$46,010 (minus committed \$-45,024 = \$985) <p>Insurance annual renewal has been submitted.</p>	Treasurer Report is emailed out to the people on this list, or you can request from hiddevvalleyschoolcouncil@gmail.com	
AGLC Coordinator Brandy L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on Casino 2027/2028 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booked at Ace Casino in the 4th quarter of 2027 ● Tasha Leavitt will be taking over at the end of the year ● Will get this years funds in April/May, anticipating it will be between \$80-85K 	
Fundraising Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General discussion ● Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purdys fundraiser made approx. \$930 	

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Raye-Lynn H.			
Valley Creek School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	
Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
Funtastic	<p>Upcoming activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Healthy Hunger initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fun lunches/Snack days - updates o Spirit Days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dates ▪ Pop-up shirt sale dates 	<p>-Healthy hunger went out this week</p> <p>ACTION: Michelle or Trevor to add a reminder to the Week Ahead about upcoming Healthy Hunger Deadline Friday at midnight</p>	
Activities Leah L.	<p>Winter Dance Event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New date and details 	<p>-T-shirt sales will be on site</p> <p>-Small scale concession</p> <p>-Limited decor - looking for anyone who has extra inflatables or</p>	
Traffic Safety Mandi L.		<p>-Sign will be coming up soon with traffic infractions</p> <p>-Can we have patrols with grade 5's at the school next year? Will look into this - there have been previous concerns about high traffic area and not having a teacher to run the program</p>	
Naturalization			
MOTIONS/ DISCUSSIONS from the Floor?		<p>Discussions:</p> <p>-Very slippery conditions where kids are moving from the busses to the door - has been gravelled, CBE facilities are not responsible for this area</p>	
Upcoming date to remember	January 12-29 - Gymnastics (please see HVS Highlights email from Jan 9th for		

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	<p>details)</p> <p>January 21 - Spirit (snack) and Career Day</p> <p>January 22 - No school for kindergarten</p> <p>January 22 - K-4 Open House 4:00-5:30 pm</p> <p>January 30 - No school</p> <p>February 2 - Ms. Faber & Ms. Kinvig classes to Sam Center</p> <p>February 6 - Winter Olympics - wear red & white</p>		
Next Meeting:	Wednesday, February 11, 2026		Carried
Adjournment	Adjournment		<p>Motion to Adjourn at 7:48</p> <p>CARRIED</p>