

Agenda
Alta Vista School Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2026 7-9 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction (Melissa Extross, Chair)

- Quorum: 7
- 10 in attendance

2. Approval of Agenda

- approved

3. Approval of last meeting's minutes

- approved

4. Chair's Report (Melissa Extross)

- Update re: Council and AV Play
 - Greater clarification provided from the Board regarding Council and third parties (like AV Play)
 - Board direction was that AV Play is a third party entity
 - AV Play cannot fundraise in the name of AVPS or Council. AV Play cannot apply for grants on behalf of AVPS or Council
 - AVPS or Council cannot fundraise on behalf of AV Play or vice versa, nor say that it is in collaboration with AVPS or Council
- Update re: donations to AVSC
 - All funds received, except for an amount from February
 - Government donation campaign is 6 months- 26-27 we should ensure that AVPS is included earlier on.
- Meeting with OCDSB Supervisor on May 21, 2026
 - Expect updates in the June meeting.
 - Melissa asked to send any questions/follow ups
- Traffic Safety around the school
 - Community group working diligently asking for a more holistic traffic review. Marty noted that it's hard to get enforcement when there's no reporting. Looking to have police presence during school drop off and pick up times.
 - The ask to report could be posted on the Council website, likely not directly from the school
 - Fence at the dead end was destroyed so a car was able to drive through it. Alina is working with Marty to determine ownership.

5. Administrative Report (Alina Orlea, Principal)

- Planning for next year is underway (staff movement, hiring, classes)
 - So far staffing cuts have not affected AVPS directly
- New Time Allocation
 - Current: 40 Minutes
 - Next Year: 60 Minutes
 - 5 big blocks of learning in the day

- FE for G1 will become 60% French
- Will loose G1 class: will be 2 classes of FE, 1 class of split ½ FE, same English class structures
- Staffing organization is ongoing
- Blending classes will continue: for music, math, possibly other courses
- Names of teachers, class layouts, etc. will be released the week before school starts
 - Last round of staffing end Aug. 31st
- Facilities Planning
 - Received mulch, soil, rocks for the garden in front of the school- Ms. Brown and gardening club maintaining. More coming because school received a grant
 - HVAC installation should start in June, result would be no portables
 - Primary structure is on time, but revisiting planning due to wanting to add accessibility
 - New Term custodian: Charles Gamache
 - Worked some nights & at Riverview
 - Will be off next week but will help with Spring Fair
- Kinder Open House
 - 5pm tomorrow
- Spring Concert tomorrow (May 14)- intermediate
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch for the teachers: June 19th

6. Teacher's Report (Teacher's Representative)

- Kinder
 - Display made by current students for open house
 - Field trip to Valleyview little animal farm- May 27th
 - Raising caterpillars- will release butterflies
- Primary
 - New R34 teacher getting into her groove and spending more learning outside
 - Using plasticine to practice geometry
 - Pingwheels outside, learning to jump rope
 - G2 got a presentation with a live bird on bird adaptation
 - Upcoming
 - Concert
 - Millennium Park
- Juniors
 - GR4 went to Museum of Nature
 - The glacier exhibit was a big hit!
 - LDA & EF1C are Learning Buddies
 - Korean Heritage presentation getting through all the classes
 - Wellness Survey- priorities for their own wellness
 - Most popular item was conflicts resolution
 - WITS program being rolled out as a support
 - assembly to discuss that conflict is normal, but how can we best manage it
 - May marathon month - kids running in the morning
 - Track & Field Day May 26th or 27th
 - Kids can choose 2-3 events they want to participate in

- Those who qualify will go on to regionals
 - Partnership with Jays Care Foundation
 - G6 - Montreal June 3rd
 - G5- Gatineau's McKenzie King Estate June 10th
 - Roots of Empathy
 - Ran it last year, not this year
 - No trained facilitator now
- Intermediate
 - "All Systems Go" workshop by Scientists in School
 - Part of curriculum, more in depth and more fun
 - "Finding Solutions" workshop for chemistry
 - Gr 7/8 wheelchair b-ball workshop so kids can see how it feels
 - Pickleball is a hit!
 - Flag Rugby Tournament
 - Canterbury HS + Bytown Blues Rugby Club came to teach AV students how to play.
 - Some students were chosen to play off-site, Students that haven't participated before were prioritized

7. Treasurer's Update (Kathy Wrye, Treasurer)

- Current Bank Account Balance: \$42,360.71
- Current Council Account Balance (see reconciliation below): \$41,746.07
- Net revenue to date: \$16,719
- Total amount allocated to date: \$44,895 (87% of budget)
- Total amount spent to date: \$28,657
- Funds remaining to be allocated: \$6,940

8. Committee/Event reports and updates

Anna and Jenn Kuss will work on comms to get more engagement & volunteers starting end of year, then into beginning of the school year.

- Grounds Committee Update (Jen)
 - Next meeting June 2nd
- Leaving Ceremony Committee Update (Steph)- Ceremony is scheduled for Jun 24, 2026
 - Grad shirts are on sale on School Cash Online, kids can buy one for their friends
 - Fundraising for party is via ticket sales, letters will be going out to families with sliding scale pricing
 - Next year looking to merge the Gr8 trip committee with leaving ceremony earlier as there's interest to have a larger trip in the future
 - Want to decorate the night before- need to submit a permit. Melissa will support
- Spring Fair (Melissa) May 23, 2026
 - Flowing effectively
 - Reminder: Class baskets are due Tuesday (will be picked up on Wednesday)
 - Needs for a successful event:
 - Adult Volunteers

- Plant donations
 - Deadline is Friday for pre-orders
- Felix & Norton fundraiser (Anna/Heather) - \$750 (2 weeks remaining)
- Deals on Wheels (Anna) - \$428 raised
- Family Movie Night (Dean)
 - Coordinator is stepping down; actively looking for a replacement as this is a very popular event
 - Need to find another coordinator before October
- Family Dance (Jen) Jun 11, 2026
 - Will sell whatever food/snacks are left over from Spring Fair
 - Anna and Heather volunteered

9. Discussion items and New business

- Reminder:
 - Volunteers needed to make Spring Fair a success!! Interested parties can sign up [here](#).
 - Spring Fair is on May 23, 2026
 - Grounds Renewal Committee meeting on June 2, 2026 at 8 pm (email sc-altavistaps@ocdsb.ca for meeting link)
 - PD Day on June 5, 2026
 - Family Dance is June 11, 2026
- Coordinators needed for the following events:
 - Silent Auction Coordinator for next year's Spring Fair
 - Movie Night Coordinator for next year

10. Next meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 (In person)

Social after the meeting at Hometown Penalty Box (private room).