



INDIAN VALLEY PTO MEETING

January 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm

In-Person & Virtual

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7:00 pm	Call to order & agenda review	Ashley Marsh/Sophia Faletese
7:02 pm	Meeting Minutes Minutes will be posted on PTO website	Ashley Marsh/Sophia Faletese
7:04 pm	President's Report - Fun Run Update - Book Exchange - Ability Awareness - Kindness Week 5th Grade Camp Fundraiser	Ashley Marsh/Sophia Faletese
7:20 pm	Principal's Report	Amanda Minnich
7:30 pm	Teacher's Report	Liza Nelson Wendee Lipnick
7:40 pm	Treasurer Update December Budget Review	Lauren Tipton
8:00 pm	Site Council Update Next meeting: (click here for agenda)	Taylor Culbertson
8:05 pm	Committee & Chairs Updates - IDEA Committee - After School Enrichment - Staff Appreciation - Volunteer Recruitment - Event Calendar Review (Family Involvement)	
8:15pm	WCEF Updates	Sandra Naughton
8:20pm	Open Forum	All
8:30 pm	Adjourn	Ashley Marsh/Sophia Faletese

President's Report :

- Fun Run Updates :
 - A flyer explaining the Fun Run and Online Auction is going home in folders this week. The same flyer will be in Hawk Happenings this week and the next couple of weeks
 - All supplies have been ordered for the Fun Run
 - A banner was hung in front of the school prior to the Holiday Break
 - The website is complete, and all students (not new ones that started after the break) and classes are in the system. Each teacher has their own class page and can personalize it. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money. Ms. Minnich will discuss this with teachers at the next staff meeting.
 - A deposit has been made on a balloon arch for the event.
 - They will be sending home a letter with an envelope attached to collect money in as well (like Turn up the Heat) to help raise funds at the beginning of March.
 - Tonya, Negar, and Ashley will be doing a trial run on Monday, January 19, at 1:00 PM, marking out the course with the agility poles and flags ordered (to make sure we have enough). If anyone is in town and wants to help, they are welcome.
- The Book Exchange will take place from January 26 to 30. It's being run by Kelle Murphy.
- Ability Awareness is next week. They need volunteers for hour-and-a-half shifts on Friday, January 16, to work at the stations. There is a sign-up genius in the Hawk Happenings. They also scheduled a school assembly with canine companions for Monday morning and another school assembly on Thursday morning with the wheelchair foundation. Teachers are being asked to lead classroom activities on Tuesday.
- Kindness Week is happening from January 26 to 30. The staff leadership and student council are in charge of this week and the activities. It is a district-wide event, and the district will provide swag.
- The 5th Grade is having a Camp Fundraiser on January 15. The teachers will be at Handles from 4 - 7 PM scooping ice cream. Any family that visits Handles that day between 4 and 10 PM and mentions IV will have 10% of their order cost donated to the IV 5th Grade Camp.

Principal's Report :

- Today we got some amazing news! Mrs. Lipnick and her 4th-grade class were nationally recognized for a Social Studies project they did earlier this year.

Teacher's Report :

- Thank you for the teacher's luncheon leading up to the winter break. Everything was wonderful, and everyone really enjoyed it.

Treasurer Update :

- Reviewed December's budget

Site Council Update :

- No real updates since there was no meeting in December.
- The next meeting is on January 14. They will be covering the school site safety plan.

IDEA Committee :

- Cultural Heritage Festival Updates :

- There will be a school assembly on the morning of January 27 to kick off the Cultural Heritage Festival. There will be a performer called the Kalimba King. Then, on January 29, each class will have the opportunity to pin where their ancestors are from on our hallway world maps, thanks to two IDEA committee volunteers.
- So far, they have almost a dozen cultural tables that families have signed up to host.
- They would like at least 6 to 10 more families to sign up. They will be closing the sign-up genius next week.
- If you know any families who are new to IV, please encourage them to check out the event. It is such a great display of our community. The event is on Sunday, February 1, from 2 to 4 in the MPR. We still need more volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. You can also find that sign-up genius in the Hawk Happenings.

Staff Appreciation :

- The holiday luncheon went well.
- They are working on plans for treats for the teachers in February.