



Valley Elementary School

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Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting Agenda

4/13/26, 12:00PM Via Zoom

Contact Bryan Thomas (bthomas@valleycollaborative.org) for a meeting link and more information.

Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions & Welcome**
- **Vision of PAG / Meeting Guidelines** (*see below*)
- **Staff Appreciation**
 - Looking Ahead: Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4–8, 2026 (plus the 1st)
 - 5/1 - Hydration Station / Snacks
 - 5/4 - Caffeination Station- Canned Coffees / Energy Drinks
 - 5/5 - Taco Bar (PAG in person)
 - 5/6 - Gift & School Field Trip Scheduled
 - 5/7 - Ice Cream Social (PAG in person)
 - Plan for a few big tubs of ice cream instead of many small ones.
 - 5/8 - Lunch
 - Other Ideas: Food/Treats From Families
- **Other Business: Open Discussion.**
 - Student Art Show Idea:
 - Potential Valley Elementary Art Show Follow Up.
 - Ishu K. developed a proposal
 - Therapy Dog Connections / Opportunities
 - Heather L. has a service dog who could visit
 - Ashleigh W - Has friend with service dog/connections
 - Hudson K9 - Local business that trains service dogs may be a good resource for events/connection
 - Valley Merchandise Store for Families - Currently one does not exist



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Relevant Items and Resources from Past Meetings

- Review of Parent's Notice of Procedural Safeguards. <https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/prb/>
 - Guidance on Parent Advisory Councils: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/pac/>
 - Resources for parents
 - Massachusetts Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Council (MassPAC) <https://fcsn.org/masspac/>
 - Listing of SEPACs: Special Child Mass Website <https://www.spedchildmass.com/special-education-sepac-massachusetts/>
 - Federation for Children with SPecial Needs: Free Workshops: <https://fcsn.org/news/#calendar>
 - Training & Workshops for Parents & Families – Federation for Children with Special Needs: <https://fcsn.org/training-workshops-for-parents-families/>
- Recreation & Library Programs:
 - <https://beyondtops.com/>
 - https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf5221/f/uploads/23_winter_-_youth_programs_update_0.pdf
 - Groton Bike Program <https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-groton-ma/>
 - Other towns may have similar programs. Parents can reach out to local libraries and recreation departments for information.

Parent Advisory Group mission statement:

The Valley Collaborative Parent Advisory Group works to support all children and parents with special needs in our community. We are committed to: Promoting a platform for discussion for parents to share information, discuss common concerning matters, and interests among the population of students; Communicate with local, state and national organizations that support parents and children with special needs; Meet with our administrators and appropriate Valley Collaborative personnel as needed, to participate in discussions regarding education, health and safety our students; Promote communication among our families in all of our programs; Provide informational and educational forums to parents, students, educators and all other professionals involved with children with special needs; Promote communication that encourages understanding, acceptance and inclusion of our students; Increase the involvement of parents of children with disabilities in district policy making and decision making; Recommend priorities to be addressed by the district in their annual and long term strategic plan.

Parent Advisory Group – Meeting Guidelines:

Valley collaborative parent advisory group meetings will be conducted with an administrator and officers using the following procedure: Meeting calendar and individual agendas and schedules will be set with parent advisory group parents and the administrator. Parent advisory group academic year calendar will be posted on- line to the Valley Collaborative website and sent home to parents. Agenda for each meeting will be posted on Valley Collaborative website one week prior that includes, time, location and content of meeting.