



# Valley Elementary School

135 Coburn Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 ☎ Tel: (978) 528-7843 | [www.valleycollaborative.org](http://www.valleycollaborative.org)

## Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting Agenda

**6/12/24, 12:00PM**

**Via Zoom**

Contact Bryan Thomas ([bthomas@valleycollaborative.org](mailto:bthomas@valleycollaborative.org)) for more information or to join the group.

### Agenda:

- Introductions & Welcome
- Review the Vision of PAG / Meeting Guidelines (included below)
- Teacher Appreciation Week: Review & Looking Ahead to Next Year
  - The week was a success and the events were very well received.
  - Idea for a staff appreciation event in the fall (maybe a PAG cookout)
- Look Back at the School Year
- Wants and needs for parents/guardians for next year:
  - Get to know classroom staff
    - Expand the “Who’s Who” dojo post to include classroom staff
  - Parents Appreciate the PAG as a forum to connect between the parents, the school and the administrators. They look forward to continuing next year.
- Other Ideas and Discussion:
  - Overview of the Extended School Year: Trips & Events



# Valley Elementary School

135 Coburn Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879 ☎ Tel: (978) 528-7843 | [www.valleycollaborative.org](http://www.valleycollaborative.org)

## Resources for Parents:

- 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/>
- Review of Special Education Rights and Laws
  - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ECSr7ulyV9T29QoBO1UnirkZ3--9gVtYglGi-Vz5icg/edit?usp=sharing>

---

## 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 concerns, 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 of our students; Promote communication among our families in all of our programs; Provide informational and educational forums to parents, students, and 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 Minutes's 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. Minutes for each meeting will be posted on Valley Collaborative website one week prior that includes, time, location and content of meeting.