Hidden Valley High School Site Council Meeting Notes September 18, 2025

Attended: Rob Saunders, Ben Bickle, Liz Elkins, Tammy Allen, Damian Crowson

Attendance is currently at **539 students**. Jennifer Wagner has agreed to return to full-time teaching, which allowed us to add an additional Foods class along with two English classes. A big thank-you to Jessica Skinner for doing a great job balancing class sizes.

The school year is off to a strong start. Loitering in the hallways has decreased, and our no phone policy continues to go well.

We have hired two new ERC staff members who will begin at the end of September to support the growing number of students in this program. In addition, a Life Skills position has been posted as one of our current staff members will be leaving.

Technology access has improved: we ordered more Chromebooks so that every student is covered, plus five extra devices have been placed in English classrooms to reduce library borrowing.

**Lunch update:** Our single-lunch schedule has been running smoothly. The kitchen staff is doing an excellent job moving students through the lines quickly. We are monitoring numbers to ensure financial sustainability and are also encouraging tardy students to grab a breakfast in the morning, which helps boost participation.

**Fundraising efforts:** We are raising funds for tables and benches in our Veterans Remembrance Courtyard. Flyers are being distributed to local businesses and community members.

- Tables: \$800–\$850 each (plus the cost of a sponsorship plaque)
- Benches: \$375 each (plus plaque)

**Facilities:** Our golf carts are in poor condition. We would like to purchase a side-by-side vehicle, but this will require district support.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Art Along the Rogue First weekend in October
- Veterans Day Celebration November 6
- TRSD Band/Choir Veterans Day Concert November 10, Downtown Grants Pass

**Other updates:** Keyless entry has been implemented. Staff, students, and visitors are adjusting well, and the system is running smoothly.