



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 9, 2024

SC Executive Members Present:

Tracy Brooker, Chair
Susan Brauss, Vice-Chair
Nadine Hof, Secretary

School Administration Members Present:

Shane Dempster, Principal
Taylor Grant, Teacher Representative
Fiona Gilbert, Rocky View School Division

Parent Council Members at Large

Michèle Bosse
Jochen Dimigen

1. Call to Order

Chair Tracy Brooker, called the meeting to order at *time* 7:03 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement – read by Susan Brauss

3. Welcome and Introductions

- Pass around sign-up sheet, consent to email notification

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion approved by Susan Brauss and seconded by Elizabeth.

5. Approval of March 14, 2024 Minutes

Tracy Brooker approved and seconded by Michèle as circulated.

6. Administrative Updates with Shane Dempster

a. Education Plan

- PL Day next Friday – working through the Education Plan, reflect on how the year went. Will bring adjustment during first meeting next year.

b. Budget

Operational Budget (government funds): 88% spent on staff

School Generated Funds (SGF): A lot of money in and money out. Trying to sort out finances. Trying to be transparent with fees – what are those being spent on.

Motion to pay off missing budget line (staff appreciation fund) = all in favour

Motion to cover Cross Country from Wrestling as it is no longer offered = all in favour

Motion to move budget from Subsistence, Recycling, Commissions, Concessions to cover staff appreciation budget deficit = all in favour

Action

7. Board of Trustees Update with Fiona Gilbert

a. Budget

- Getting close to divisional budget process
- May 30 goes to Rocky View School Division Board for approval
- Submitted to government by May 31, 2024
- Some increases but does not address inflation or increase in student enrollment.
- Process involves approving all sort of fees, which are on the admin report.
- All fees put forth by board with all approve.
- School fee component, transportation component – all kept the same as 2023-2024.
- Encourage parents to benefit from the early bird discount.
- While transportation fees are kept as is this year, they will likely rise considerably next year (2025/2026).

RE: Airdrie

- Another big decision taken during last board meeting was the restructuring of grade structures of most Airdrie schools, by one grade.

RE: Cochrane

- Conversation to come regarding growth, likely next year. Need help with modulars, etc. Figure out what are the gaps to accommodate growth. How can government help us

RE: SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

- Trustee elections are in 1 1/2 year. Might want to revise electoral boundaries. Public in-person meeting next Wednesday at 18:30 at CCA. Zoom meeting on May 27 as well. Important conversation to have to make sure we are well represented at the board

8. Business Arising from Minutes

a. ASCA Conference (summary report provided and enclosed)

- ASCA celebrating 95 years
- Minister of Education was there, answered numerous questions
- Flaws in the allocation of funds to school – Government recognizes this
- Government is all about outcomes, evaluations and metrics
- Cuts are towards mental health supports, kids with disabilities
- Formula used to allocate funds is extremely flawed
- Motion – to cover out of pocket travel expenses in the amount of \$181.00 for Nadine Hof and Tracy Brooker for Friday night dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Motion approved by Susan and seconded by Michèle

9. Bobcat Backers Fundraising Society Update

- a. Two individuals have stepped forward to be nominated for Chair and Vice-Chair.

10. New Business

a. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024/2025

- Keep status quo as far as meeting dates are concerned – second Thursday of each month – All in favour

b. Draft Chair Report & Recommendations for next year

- Attendees encouraged to come forward with ideas

11. Meeting Adjournment

- Chair Tracy Brooker adjourned the meeting at time 7:46 p.m.
- Followed by Special Presentation with Stepping Stones to Mental Health “Navigating the Parent – Teen Relationship”.