



**BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2025**

SC Executive Members Present:

Tracy Brooker, Chair
Nadine Hof, Vice-Chair

SC Executive Members Absent:

Vanessa Bilan, Secretary

School Representatives Present:

Shane Dempster, Principal
Ms. Maceachen and Mr Adam, Teacher
Representatives
Fiona Gilbert, Rocky View School Trustee

Members at Large:

Michele Bosse
Tinille Mckenzie-Wyatt
Devon Wyatt
Jochen Dimigen

Bobcat Backers Society Present:

None

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Tracy Brooker called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. **Land Acknowledgment**

3. **Welcome & Introductions**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Tracy Brooker declared the agenda approved by Nadine Hof and Michele Bosse with an amendment to move the administrative update ahead of the RVS Trustee Report.

5. **Approval of Jan 9, 2025 Minutes**

Chair Tracy Brooker declared the Jan 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes approved by Tracy Brooker and Tinille Mckenzie-Wyatt with the correct spelling of Tinille Mckenzie-Wyatt's name.

6. **Administrative Update - Mr. Shane Dempster**

- a) Presentation by Ms. Maceachen (Foods,Fashion.Art) and Mr. Adams (Phys ED, Sports performance, HLS)
 - Representatives for the PBIS committee (Positive Behavioural and Interventions and Supports)
 - Framework to support students' behavioural, academic, social, emotional and mental health
 - Encourages and supports the 3 BVHS beliefs: Engaged, Respect, Responsibility
 - House Team points- tickets given by teachers to gain points for their house team and be entered in a draw for swag weekly and monthly

- Golden Bobcat of year- one student at the end of the year with the most tickets submitted
- Bobcat Brilliance certificate- monthly- nominated by teachers- get certificate and lunch with teacher who nominated them
- Staff Tickets- students who submit a ticket they have earned can also submit a ticket for a teacher
- Total of 2591 tickets have been handed out so far this school year.
- Lessons are also given to students to incorporate the 3 beliefs above and discuss how to appreciate each other too

b) Mr. Dempster:

- Expansion on schedule
 - o Gym use next year -email sent March 12- will bus to SLS as gym to be demolished June 2025
 - o Majority of expansion to be done Fall 2026- minor things to finish in Fall
 - o September 1 2025- 1st section should be complete
 - o Video tour was shared with students
- Course Registration Pick sheets sent out last week
 - o Helps with staffing
 - o Students to meet with assistant principal and guidance counsellors- to be set up by school
- Grad class- prepping for their grad, meetings are happening
- Jochen asked about the Career Fair
 - o parents to present to students about their profession- April 30 2025 9AM-12PM- see email sent March 13 2025 by Ms. Thiessen
- o noted some off-site opportunities to tour some local businesses, ie; West Fraser, All Span and others

5. Rocky View School Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert

- Budget is not yet available for next school year- currently in the prep phase
- Provincial budget was tabled in February- RVS portion is to come (usually available in March)
 - o Will be a review of school fees
- Capital budget announcement to come March 14
 - o The capital priorities with RVS are to be discussed
 - o Rivercrest School (anticipated K-8) to be complete for Sept 2028
- New superintendent Ryan Reed to officially start role September 1 2025
- The AB School Council annual meeting and PL for parents will be announced soon- planned for end of April

6. Business Arising from Minutes

- Speaker Series Tuesday Talks:
 - Next topic is Prescription Awareness on March 25- sub-committee to prepare a poster for social media and the school to distribute for an advertising blitz- RSVP will be March 19 or 20
 - May 13th topic is Suicide Prevention and Awareness- to ask presenter about moving date to follow Council Meeting on May 8th instead
 - Noted attendance/RSVPs is very low- consider moving Talks to same night as the School Council meetings in future, Mr. Dempster to contact feeder schools to invite parents to Tuesday Talks as well
 - School to send out info to parents about upcoming talks instead of School Council
- David Irvine event - Tracy to follow up with payment to Wayfinders

7. New Business and Round Table

- Update- Vanessa Bilan has resigned from the executive (secretary) effective immediately
- How can we increase parent engagement?
 - Hybrid meetings? Plan to have a link sent to allow parents to join May meeting from home to trial
 - Possibly give house team points?
- Contact list for current Grade 9's and incoming Grade 9's - Noted emails can be sent through school and perhaps a better choice for privacy

8. Bobcat Backers Fundraising Society Update

- Tracy Brooker donated her 50/50 winnings back to the Society from the last draw (approx. \$80).
- Healthy Hunger is continuing to go well and running 3 times/week.
- The current 50:50 draw (for the grad class) is sitting at \$3820 (total) with the draw happening March 14 2025.

9. Next Council Meeting – May, 8 2025

10. Adjournment – 8:05 PM