



UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 29, 2025

SC Executive Members Present:

Tracy Brooker, Chair
Nadine Hof, Vice-Chair

School Administration Members Present:

Shane Dempster, Principal
Fiona Gilbert, Rocky View School Trustee

Members at Large:

Jochen Dimigen
Treena McMahon
Susan Brauss
Michèle Bossè

Bobcat Backers Present:

Maya Griscowsky, Vice-Chair

1. Call to Order

Chair Tracy Brooker called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
Meeting Minutes to be taken by Michèle Bossè

Action

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved as circulated by:
Michèle Bossè second by Susan Brauss, carried

3. Approval of March 2025 Minutes

Approved as circulated by:
Nadine Hof second by Michèle Bossè, carried

4. Rocky View School Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert

- Budget
 - Divisional budget was approved as shared at last Board meeting
 - \$330 million received from government to provide services
 - Board agrees that admins have found a good balance
 - Dollars received for transportation went to transportation and so forth
 - Within target but at bottom. Not a lot of flexibility in case of greater enrollment
 - RVS asked for 27 modular but received five (4 going to Airdrie, 1 going to Chestermere, a washroom unit going Chestermere)
- Core Policies
 - Defining roles (making sure that what policies are saying, board is doing)
 - Getting everything in order for upcoming elections

- Transportation fees increased (\$70/year)
- Teachers voted in favour of authorizing a strike vote
- Staggered entries approved:
 - Grade 9 - Sept 2, 2025
 - Grades 10-12 - Sept 3, 2025

5. **Administrative Update – Shane Dempster**

- Balanced budget for next year
 - 6.3 million allocated to BVH (5.8 million spent on staff)
 - Course fees accounted for \$153 799 (gathered most of these). Without these fees, they would be unable to provide food service, etc.
- Staffing is ongoing
 - Hired construction teacher
 - Still trying to hire mechanics teacher
- Expansion
 - Revamping of staffing quarters as of June 27
- TNT Event (Till Next Time) activities to include:
 - Grad breakfast
 - Hot dog lunch for students and parents
 - Friday June 13 (Fun award ceremony)
 - Monday June 16 (Traditional academic awards, sport awards, etc)

6. **Business Arising from Minutes**

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 - **Speaker Series – Suggestions for next year**
 - Move Speaker Series right after council meeting next year for greater attendance
 - Extend invitation to local schools
 - Advertise one speaker event at a time on newsletter, higher up in the letter, and closer to date of event
 - Offer events in person and via zoom
 - Offer “BVHS house points” to encourage parents to attend Council Meetings / Speaker Series
 - Rename Speaker Series (Workshops, Professional Development, Parental Development)
 - Parent advisory sessions - Think of a couple on which parents could be invited to provide meaningful inputs

- Find opportunities to create parent connections
- **Wayfinders Donation sent**

7. New Business and Round Table

- 2025/26 Meeting Schedule:

Sep 11, 2025

Oct 9, 2025

~~Dec 11, 2025~~ Nov 13, 2025

Jan 8, 2026

Mar 12, 2026

May 14, 2026

- Council is in favour of switching Dec 11 meeting for November 13

Council in favor of dates above with changes as noted, carried.

8. Nominations for New Executive 2025/2026

- Nomination for Chair
 - Nadine Hof
- Nomination for Vice Chair
 - Treena McMann
- Nominations for Secretary
 - Tinille Wyatt (subject to discussion)
 - Michèle Bossé (as alternate)
- Members at large
 - Open

Voting for new Council Executive will happen at the AGM on Sep 11, 2025.
Tracy Brooker to chair the final AGM before passing over the reigns.

9. Bobcat Backers Fundraisers Society Update

- 50/50 has been successful to raise money this year at events
- Healthy Hunger campaigns will run two days per week next year
- Bottle Drive – scheduled for June 8 in the community and at the school to drop off bottles for donation.
- Casino - coming in 2027!

10. Next Council Meeting & AGM - September 11th, 2025

11. Adjournment - Chair Tracy Brooker adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.