



## UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOW VALLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

### SC Executive Members Present:

Tracy Brooker, Chair  
Tinille McKenzie-Wyatt, Alternate  
Secretary

### School Administration Members Present:

Shane Dempster, Principal  
Fiona Gilbert, Rocky View School Trustee

### Members at Large:

Jochen Dimigen, Susan Brauss, Tanya  
Marshall, Tinille McKenzie-Wyatt  
Tracy Brooker, Kiran Moen, Michelle  
Finch

### Parent Member Attendance:

Elizabeth Orcutt, Devon Wyatt,  
Chelsea Fraser

### Bobcat Backers Present:

Andrea Pinter, Fundraising Treasurer

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Tracy Brooker called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes to be taken by Tinille McKenzie-Wyatt

#### 2. Introductions

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Tracy Booker declared the agenda approved as circulated with the following additions:

- Tour of school (before meeting started)
- Contingency plan for possible strike (RVS Trustee Report)

Approved as circulated by:  
Susan seconded by Andrea, carried

#### 4. Approval of May 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Approved as circulated by:  
Andrea seconded by Tinille, carried

### Action

5. **Rocky View School Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert**

- Welcome new parents
- Discuss Trustee role
- Trustees have had 1 board meeting- starting up school year, updates in schools reviewed
- Enrollment RVS- continues to grow- not as much as projected, Sept 30 cutoff for enrollment #'s for funding grants for year
- Strategic plan- finished year 3, starting year 4, report available for year 3 on website- 7 projects- anticipate opening 5 new schools in 5 years
- Changes to legislation- new forms to be filled out by parents possibly depending on student activities (female opt in sport etc.)
- Book bans- Minister requesting review of books available to students for visual graphics, noted RVS doesn't have many in place- more info to come in Jan.
- Questions from parents:
- Labour action- check school website for link for information- the most up to date information will be available here <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/labour-action>, noted parents will receive emails and texts
- Question- Parent asking about plan if extended period of time away from school- noted plans will be created to support students
- Question- Do min # hrs/ year exist? - #'s do exist for each grade, government will decide how to handle the situation
- Question- election- adding a trustee, how will this be handled? Oct 20<sup>th</sup> election, work will be divided between trustees- trustees to decide

6. **Administrative Update - Shane Dempster**

- Expansion update- every day improvements are being made and deficiencies found, excitement for space from staff and kids, staff packed up everything before summer- shout out to them from Mr. Dempster, Spray Lakes for physical education classes- going well, gym next phase- gym shell up by Dec, Cosmo/band etc. in next phase, existing classrooms to get updates
- Student #- 998 currently
- PBIS- tackling next week with students
- Career centre- more work experience opportunities coming, no students currently working on school expansion
- Started year with online learning- went well but best to have kids back in school
- This week was a reset with students- next week will be more focused
- Priorities are literacy, numeracy and inclusion (PBIS)
- Questions from Parents:
- Question- is there enough cleaning staff? RVS got extra cleaners in before students arrived to get it ready, school was evaluated today (Sept 11) to ensure there will be adequate cleaning staff for new space

- Question- any support needed from school council? Sept Thursday, 18- Open House 6-7 pm, council present if want- available parents- Tinille, Kiran, Tracy
- Question- do workers have a criminal background check? - yes, sign in and out of office, currently about 12 workers on site only

7. **Bobcat Backers Fundraising Society Update**

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting- Thurs Sept 18 at 7 pm at school
- Question- what do the Backers support? - entire school and student body- recently bought mascot, grad committee, football, cheerleading, band, music program
- Extra Info: Noted historically everyone supported themselves- in process of changing this, discussed Healthy Hunger program and how proceeds dispersed, money raised is to help the greater body, there is an application to apply for funding (ex last year Drama applied to get funds for the Rancho House rental for the play), kids do the volunteering, noted the Backers are trying to negate overlap of fundraising between groups
- Next Casino: 2027

8. **Next Council Meeting – October 9, 2025**

9. **Adjournment**

Chair Tracy Brooker adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.