

BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thursday, September 27, 2018 @ 7:00 pm-Learning Commons

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Jim Reilly (principal), Scott Bloxham (assistant principal), Fiona Gilbert (trustee), Valerie McCracken, Karen Packer, Kari Rose, Dan Swan, Judy Heck, Jason Ness, Paul Pointen, Susan Brauss, Linda Ross, Simon Ross, Twila Dzeryk, Candace Davies, Georgette Johnson, Tracy Paffrath

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 7:05 pm

2. Welcome & Introductions

Valerie welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year; a round of self-introductions followed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Georgette moved to accept the agenda as circulated, Tracy seconded. Carried.

4. Report from Bow Valley Administration

Mr. Reilly and Mr. Bloxham introduced themselves. Mr. Reilly indicated he values a strong parent community and a strong parent voice.

Feedback received from recent survey to parents-staff excellence, sense of community, struggling students well supported, communication is an issue for parents, parents requested access to educational materials in order to support students, some parents said struggling students need more support

Starting a student advisory group

Focus is evolution for the growing school population

Initiated weekly updates to parents via email

5. Report from the Board of Trustees

RVS enrollment has grown by approximately 1,000 students-close to expectations

The provincial government has changed some regulations (ECS, private schools, school councils, student records, establishment of separate schools)

Awaiting transportation regulation-expected in the fall of 2018 for service in 2019

The Board started a 4 yr Plan in May/18 called "2023 by Design"

The Board has an organizational meeting next week

The Board will be looking at policy regarding cannabis use

6. New Business

- a. Pumpkin Festival: Oct 26/18 at Cochrane Rancho - looking for parent volunteers, Info session at Cochrane High Oct 2/18 at 7:00pm
- b. Volunteer Co-ordination: Valerie is helping the school develop an on-line volunteer form and a "Share Your Expertise" form
- c. Joint Board/School Council Meeting: November 15/18 at the Education Centre
- d. Council Meeting Dates and Proposed Speakers/Topics
Suggestions: High school transition, scholarships and bursaries, update from our RCMP liaison Constable, cyber safety, mental health
- e. Other Items: None

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

- Meeting minutes by K. Packer