

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

In Attendance: Kari Rose (chair), Judy Heck, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Jaimie Anton, Susan Brauss, Erin Sturgeon, Shelley Horb, Lisa Wedderburn, Clint Frearson, Brian & Hilda Streeter, Ellen Easton, Brandi Rae (ASCA President), Jim Reilly (Principal), Ms. D. Sawby & Ms. K. Elliott (Assistant Principals)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Kari Rose.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Susan Brauss, 2nd by Jaimie Anton.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2021

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 School Council meeting were approved with addition: Award by Jaimie Anton, 2nd by Tracy Bruins. .

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

6. Special Presentation - *Award & ASCA 2021 Highlights*

6.1 It is with great pleasure that Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) president Brandi Rae, presented the Parent of Distinction Award 2021 to Kari Rose, Chair of Bow Valley High School Council. ASCA recognizes an individual who demonstrates ability to promote parental engagement and involvement in the public education system. Kari has spent many years as an engaged and active parent at elementary, middle and high school councils.

6.2 The ASCA School Councils Conference in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). was held April 23 - 25, 2021. Tracy Bruins, Judy Heck & Susan Brauss participated in the virtual conference and meeting. Some of the breakout sessions were recorded. For some ASCA highlights see:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ctZ9RkJ8xy6xzO_TJBjLFA9STo6RU9HVErHn_LmskUw/edit#slide=id.p

7. Administration Update

7.1 Covid Update: BVHS has successfully shifted to online learning. There had been concerns about health and safety within the community. This wave has been an easier transition than previous ones, although it is still a struggle to get students to participate in the online learning activities and attend Zoom classes.

7.2 Timetable: There are 858 students registered in Powerschool, this is an increase of approximately 70 students. Mrs. Sawby and Mrs. Elliott are working on Timetables and hope to get these to students by the end of June.

7.3 Expansion Consultation Update: Although funding has yet to be secured, the Bow Valley High School expansion project is moving forward and has transitioned to a visioning process with 3 architectural firms, who have put together rough expansion drafts and presented these to stakeholders this past Tuesday. During the second week of June, each firm will return with their formal proposal - to help meet current and future needs of the learning community.

7.4 Grad Update: Mikaela Murphy will be the graduation class valedictorian. Mikaela was instrumental in getting the American Sign Language option at the school. BVHS Admin received news today about canceling the in-person components of the graduation celebrations. There will be a meeting with staff and students & senior executive early next week to look at alternatives for graduation celebrations. May 29, 2021 was the origination graduation date, however, the celebration has been pushed back by a week or two. School admin recognizes that this is a challenging time for everyone but hopes to do something that commemorates the students accomplishments by the end of June.

7.5 Portable Update: Although not officially approved yet, Rocky View School District is moving forward with the assumption that portables will be approved and be up and ready for September. Six portables have been requested for BVHS, which would help accommodate students significantly.

7.6 Rocky View School District has approved 2 online schools - K-9, and 10-12. These will provide a full time online learning opportunity for students. Mr. Reilly encouraged everyone to read through the information that was circulated this week about online learning as it will be structured very differently next year.

7.7 Playbook: The Bow Valley Workbook is now online. This is the result of almost a year's work, consultations, and feedback.

(<https://bowvalley.rockyview.ab.ca/pdf/bowvalley-2020-21-workbook-public>)

8. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

8.1 Budget 2021

School funding has not been decreased for this next school year. Rocky View School District has seen an increase from \$1.3 or \$1.6 million in funding, but is also going to have 1000 more students. The Minister of Education has stated that school boards will receive at least the same funding as last year, and that lower enrolments due to COVID will not negatively impact funding for school divisions this year. The budget will be presented to the RVS Board next Thursday. Prince of Peace school has been closed. Approval of school fees (posted on BVHS website by end of June), community fees

(keeping them the same and hopefully can open schools for community use) and transportation fees (board has approved a reduction in transportation fees from \$375 to \$325). Please remember to register for bus service by the **end of June**, with an early bird discount being offered to early registrants.

8.2 Modularity: There has been a delay in information regarding the modular classrooms this year. The provincial government made changes and budgeted some additional dollars for school boards. Originally, RVS District asked for 18 modularity for the school division, and then requested 13 more, for a total of 31. BVHS is a priority in the school division for modularity and even 6 modularity will provide some relief in accommodating students.

8.3 Online Schools: New this year will be 2 online learning schools - K-9 and 10-12. It was emphasized that these will be separate schools, with their own school admin, school council, etc. Parents/students must decide between online and in person classes by the end of May, so that there is sufficient time to organize the schools. This is also why there will not be an opportunity to switch down the road. The online learning opportunity offers appropriate resources and continuity for learning for online students. It provides an alternative to learning and some students thrive in the online learning experience. Consider the decision carefully, talk to your students and their teachers. This type of school will be ongoing and will evolve in the future.

8.4 Draft K-6 curriculum: Please provide feedback for the draft K-6 Alberta Curriculum (https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sem&utm_campaign=K6curriculum&utm_term=curriculum&utm_content=v1). The curriculum is sequential and will impact future school years. Curriculum revision for K-6 is piloting this year, middle school next year, and our high schools will be in the next 2-3 years.

9. Bobcat Backers Society (BBS) Fundraising Update

9.1 Approximately \$988 was raised in our online Cash Raffle draw on St. Patrick's Day.

9.2 Currently have the Big Deal Box of Cards (All Occasion & Birthday Card Set) fundraiser for the month of May in progress. See Fridays BCT and the BBS Facebook pages for order details. There is also a display with the sample boxes of cards and flyer in the office at school. Please spread the word and generate sales. This will be our last fundraiser for this school year.

(<https://www.facebook.com/BBSBVHS/photos/a.122106139299305/313143920195525/>)

9.3 The Totem Charitable Foundation has donated a total of \$20,000.00 for the Wheels for Life Skills student initiative. However, there are going to be significant changes in how Rocky View Students are going to be transported for school activities and owning and operating a vehicle at BVHS is no longer financially feasible. BBS is going to approach Totem and Benevity (Shell Canada) to see how they would like us to handle their donations in lieu of this recent development.

10. New Business: None

11. Next Meeting:

Next meeting - **Annual General Meeting and Regular School Council Meetings** will be **Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by Kari Rose.