

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

BVHS Learning Commons

In Attendance: Kari Rose (Chair), Judy Heck, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Mia Kruger, Mandy Kellock, Susan Brauss, Jim Reilly (Principal), Mrs. Sawby & Ms. Elliott (Assistant Principals)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Kari Rose.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Tracy Bruins, 2nd by Mandy Kellock.

4. Special Presentation

everything you need to know about scholarships and bursaries with Larissa West, BVHS Guidance Counsellor and Shelia Bielert from Learning Support.

5. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2020

The minutes of the January 9, 2020 School Council meeting were approved by Mia Kruger, 2nd by Mandy Kellock.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

7. Administration Update - Mr. Reilly, Mrs. Sawby, Ms. Elliott

- Ms. M. Smith has been working on the food shortage in school. The Life Skills group has started a Coffee Cart program every 2nd Friday and once a month are selling hot dogs/grilled cheese sandwiches to students. The school is looking into the Healthy Hunger program (<https://healthyhunger.ca/>). A pilot of this program is being planned on March 31 in collaboration with Subway. Parent volunteers will be needed to help distribute the food. Mia Kruger volunteered to help, although more parents are needed. Healthy Hunger uses a simple online ordering system so parents can view menus, select options and pay for lunches for their students (through School Cash Online). It is accessible by the school coordinators, parents and restaurants and always free for schools to use.
- Feeder School Visits: School Admin visited the feeder schools at the end of February. There was an Open House for parents and students on March 5, 2020 at BVHS.
- Grade 9, 10 and 11 students will be meeting with staff and discussing Course selection for the next school year. This will occur March 17 during the Advisory Class period. Once students select their courses, they will be posted in PowerSchool.

- Graduation 2020. The 3 high schools are going to be discussing Graduation ceremonies and different ways of conducting Graduation activities in Cochrane. The hope is by hosting the event locally and in the community, this will lower costs for parents & grads and also support the community.

8. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

- Cochrane Accommodation Consultation
Rocky View Schools (RVS) held a second public consultation on February 25, 2020 @ Mitford School to share information and hear feedback on proposed accommodation options for K - Gr. 8 students attending Cochrane schools and the impact on our high schools. The full presentation can be viewed at:
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/studentaccommodations/assets/cochrane-public-meeting-feb.-25-2020>. Decisions about attendance boundaries will be made April 23, 2020.
- 2020 Budget Consultation
There is a Phase 2 Budget Survey available until the end of March. Parents are encouraged to complete the survey if they have not already done so. For details see:
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/2020-budget-consultation>
- Modularity
The government has notified RVS about the status of modulars. RVS asked for 29 and will be getting 2 - 1 at RancheView School and 1 at Bert Church school.
- COVID-19
Because of COVID-19, field trips, parent/teacher conferences, etc have been suspended for the time being. RVS continues to make the health and safety of all stakeholders a top priority and as such, it has made decisions involving field trips and implemented protocols to focus on containment of COVID-19 and keeping its communities safe. RVS recently sent out an important parent memorandum
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/news/assets/whats-new/march-13-2020-covid-19-parent-letter> regarding the Coronavirus. For up-to-date information, visit [alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-9) (<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-9>).
- Joint School Council Meeting
There will be a Joint School Council Meeting in Airdrie on Thursday, March 26, 2020.
Update: Cancelled due to COVID-19.

9. Bobcat Backers Society (BBS) Fundraising Update

- BBS made \$389 in Candy Gram sales in February. Student and staff participation and anticipation was excellent
- Upcoming fundraisers:

- D.C. & The Struggle will be donating their talents and performing as a fundraiser at the Iron Bridge on April 4, 2020. Band starts @ 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 each and available: at the school office, Two Pharmacy, Riverbend Interiors Floor and Decor, Iron Bridge, the BBS email (bobcatbackerssociety@gmail.com) and will also be available at the door. This information will be going into the Bobcat Tracks weekly until the performance.
- BBS will not be hosting the Gord Bamford 2020 #RedNek Music Fest Tour in Cochrane on Friday, June 19, 2020, but will serve as a partner for the event. The event is being hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Cochrane. This will be BBS's last fundraiser for this school year. Tickets are now on sale and there is exclusive pre-sale access for Bow Valley High School through the link (bit.ly/bobcatbackers). BBS will receive a percentage of all tickets sold through this link.

10. New Business - None

11. Next Meeting

There will not be a School Council meeting in April. The next School Council meeting will be **Thursday, May 14, 2020 @ 7 p.m.** in the BVHS Learning Commons. This will be our last council gathering for the 2019/2020 school year.

Presentation – RCMP Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Mr. Reilly will arrange.

The BVH School Council AGM will be held in September 2020.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Kari Rose.