

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 11, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

In Attendance: Kari Rose (chair), Judy Heck, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Jaimie Anton, Susan Brauss, Lisa Wedderburn, Clint Frearson, Sheila Bielert, Leigh Sands, Catrina (Owen) Osborn, Jessica Powers, Jim Reilly (Principal), Ms. D. Sawby & Ms. K. Elliott (Assistant Principals)

Regrets: Erin Sturgeon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Kari Rose.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Tracy Bruins, 2nd by Jaimie Anton.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2021

The minutes of the January 14, 2021 School Council meeting were approved by Jaimie Anton, 2nd by Clint Frearson.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

6. Special Presentation - *Everything you need to know about scholarships and bursaries* was presented by Sheila Bielert from Learning Support. Mrs. Bielert has compiled a very comprehensive list of scholarship and bursary information for students & parents. This information is available on the BVHS website & includes a Scholarship Directory, a powerpoint presentation, list of scholarships and bursary sites, etc. The full list of resources can be found at: <https://bowvalley.rockyview.ab.ca/career-center/scholarship-information/>

7. Administration Update

7.1 Covid Update - BVHS had an outbreak of COVID last week. There were no reports of serious illness, and no positive cases reported since Saturday a.m. Students & staff are due back in the building either Monday (March 15, 2021) or Tuesday (March 16, 2021). There was no indication that the outbreak was due to an exposure through school, it was initially an exposure in the community.

7.2 The Registration process is in progress. Admin and Guidance have had meetings with the Feeder schools, and there will be a meeting for Gr 8 parents on March 16. Registration for students already attending BVHS is in process.

7.3 Parent/Teacher interviews last evening (March 10, 2021) via Zoom.

7.4 Playbook: The Playbook is a combination of two reports that were previously done by the school. The Playbook 2020/2021 (still in draft) includes feedback from the students, parents and staff insights. Valuable information is gathered so the school can reflect and plan for the years ahead. Mr. Reilly reviewed some of the highlights from the draft Playbook, including plans for strategies going forward, outcomes based assessment, collaborative problem solving using a team approach, prototypes, improving communication and inclusion. Budget highlights are included. There was an opportunity for School Council feedback (feedback session link to form <https://bit.ly/3qBTPTe>) re: what resonates or inspires you, what questions do you have, what parts of the plan do you find tricky, how can parents play a more active role in its implementation?

7.5 Financial Updates and Requests: When performing financial audits, it was found that there could be opportunities and areas to reallocate some funds that were found during the audit. Mr. Reilly brought this to the attention of School Council and asked for approval from School Council on the following: \$35K from transportation fund to be moved to a general sports account to offset fees in the future (unanimously approved by School Council), \$1278.38 interest from a BVHS Interest account be moved to the BV Awards account (unanimously approved by School Council), dormant fundraising account of \$1270.43 to be moved so it can be put to an appropriate use in the future (unanimously approved by School Council). There was also some money in a School Council account and Kari Rose will be following up with MJ Lafond about utilizing it in the future.

8. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

8.1 Budget 2021

The provincial budget was tabled in the legislature on Thursday, February 25th. At first blush, it appears that funding for K-Gr 12 education remains the same as last year. 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. This is good news for RVS. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

8.2 Capital Announcements

Fiona was very disappointed to share that RVS did not receive any capital funds from the Government of Alberta for new school projects. There were 14 capital school projects approved for construction, modernization or additions in Alberta's 2021 capital budget on March 10, 2021. As you know, RVS' top priority was an expansion onto BVHS to add much needed student spaces. We have not yet heard about modulars for next year and hope to hear soon.

8.3 Joint Board School Council Meeting

Invitations and registration information went out on March 1 to School Council chairs regarding the Joint Board School Council meeting to be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (via Zoom).

9. Bobcat Backers Society (BBS) Fundraising Update

9.1 The current fundraising campaign is an online Cash Raffle draw on St. Patrick's Day. Ticket information is posted on the BBS, BVHS FB page, CochraneNow.com and tickets can still be purchased until March 15. Mr. Reilly will be including information about the raffle in tomorrow's BCT.

9.2 BBS met March 9, 2021. BBS is working on an Instagram and Twitter platform. Suggestions for fundraisers - Dieleman's Big Box of Cards, partnering with a local business such as Incredible Florist, and MacKays Ice Cream to see if they would be agreeable to donate a portion of sales on a certain day. Mia Kruger will contact the office manager at Two Pharmacy to see if BBS might be eligible for their Community Roots program.

10. New Business - The ASCA Conference in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). is being held April 23 - 25, 2021. Tracy Bruins will represent BVH School Council and be participating in the virtual conference and meeting.

11. Next Meeting:

The next School Council meeting will be **Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** There will not be a School Council meeting in April due to Spring Break.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. by Kari Rose.