

## **Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 14, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Online via Zoom**

In Attendance: Kari Rose (Chair), Judy Heck, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Shelley Horb, Lisa Hill, Jennifer Maa, Mandy Kellock, Susan Brauss, Jim Reilly (Principal), Mrs. Sawby & Ms. Elliott (Assistant Principals)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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

RCMP Drug Recognition Expert - Was not available for this evening's presentation.

5. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2020

The minutes of the March 12, 2020 School Council meeting were approved by Susan Brauss, 2nd by Mandy Kellock.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

7. Administration Update - Mr. Reilly

- Mr. Reilly acknowledged how staff, parents, students have been very accommodating during the school shut down because of COVID.
- Learning Continuity Plan: Teachers have moved everything over to online learning, taking their direction from Alberta Education/Learning. Schools were in a crisis response mode in March with the focus of not having students in the building. Initially, curriculum took a backseat to student health and well being. The resumption of classes started with the roll out of Core Classes, then Options. The school has taken steps to make sure that students could successfully progress. Staff needed to embrace technology and learn how to adapt rubrics and assessment outcomes during this time.
- School Re-entry Survey: Alberta Education is seeking input from the education community regarding school re-entry planning for K- Gr. 12 students in the 2020-21 school year. The survey is seeking feedback on school re-entry planning, elements for consideration and/or areas of concern in local school communities. Three possible school re-entry scenarios are being considered by the province, with the health and safety of students and staff remaining a top priority. Deadline to complete the survey is today, May 14, 2020.

- There will be no major changes to the way the curriculum is being delivered from now to the end of this school year. Admin is now working on the *Adapting Stage*, thinking about the future and transitioning into the “new normal.” There is no new information about schools in September, just what has been made public regarding the 3 scenarios by Alberta Education
  - For schools to be open as much as possible under normal conditions
  - For schools to be generally open but with some health restrictions in place, such as physical distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE), etc.
  - That teacher-directed at-home learning continues.
- Admin is working on the timetable, being cautious and moving courses that may be impacted in September by putting them in the 2nd semester (eg Sports Performance), where facilities or service providers are needed.
- PowerSchool numbers have increased = 803.
- Boundary Changes: Boundary changes did not impact BVHS much. A small number of Heartland and Heritage Hills students did transfer to CHS.
- Numbers for September: Again, BVH is over capacity for September 2020 and Admin is looking at options for accommodating students.
- Staffing Changes: Grant Ho will be leaving and going to Bert Church School. New staff members: Jasminka Kovacevic, Brian Morgotch (Learning Support) and more to come as the budget allows. There will be 2 full time LS teachers and the Life Skills teaching position has been increased, and possibly a few more staff will be hired for the most needed areas,
- Graduation 2020: Students will be informed Monday about the decision to conduct a Virtual Grad. Formal graduation ceremonies had to be cancelled for June because of COVID. The school has purchased the entire grad package for students - caps, gowns (i.e. grad in a box), lawn signs, etc and students will be receiving these items in June. There will be videos & recordings from dignitaries, the Premier’s message, however, it will not be a live event. There will still be somewhat of a grad night - June 29 - all pictures, videos, etc from grads, etc will be aired and live on the YouTube channel. Students will still be celebrated. Students/Families will share a Google Classroom where baby photos, etc. can be uploaded. AHS have set parameters to follow for large events like grad. LifeTouch photographers are still on board to take grad photos as safely as possible and when able to do so. 100% of grad fees have been refunded and grads will not be charged for anything related to the virtual grad.

#### 8. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

- Schools will remain closed for the remainder of this school year.
- Re-entry discussions are ongoing. See above re: Alberta Education re-entry update. Government is circulating a draft re-entry plan with education stakeholders and we anticipate this will be shared publicly in a couple of weeks. Unsure of what the restrictions would be as it is too early to tell. All we can anticipate is that the next school

year will look and feel quite different. Schools will take direction from Public Health and Alberta Education. The Board doesn't know if schools will reopen in September - it is a matter of wait and see how things are going.

- Budget: A lot of work has been done on the budget at various levels. The Board will be deliberating and approving the budget May 21. Then, the budget has to be submitted to the Government by the end of May. The budget was very challenging to do at this time.
- Board Meeting Today: The Board approved the school fees, transportation fees as well as community user fees.
  - Transportation fees will be going up - \$375 per student and as done in the past, different fees depending on # of students taking the bus from the same family.
  - Community Use Fees - our schools are in high demand by community users, however, it will be a cost recovery program. Many of the fees have increased.
  - School Fees - option courses, field trips, etc.... Approved as submitted from school principals. No increase to fees from principals.
- Consultation Around Designated School Boundaries: On April 23, 2020 decisions were made regarding high school boundaries. Heritage Hills students will be switched to CHS unless current students decide to stay at BVHS. For some families, the choice to move to CHS was made now.
- Expansion of BVHS is at the top of the Board's capital list and has been submitted to the current government (expansion to double the student capacity at the school --- from 700 to approx 1400). The Board is hopeful the expansion plan will be approved. The Board asked for 4 portables for BVHS, which were not approved. There are portables on the horizon for BVHS for September 2021 until the expansion can be completed
- Save the Date: There will be a Joint Board School Council Zoom Meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 28, 2020**, for those interested in participating.

#### 9. Bobcat Backers Society (BBS) Fundraising Update - Tracy Bruins

- Fundraising events/initiatives have been on pause. The next BBS meeting will be June 11, 2020.
- D.C. & The Struggle fundraiser on April 4, 2020 had to be postponed.
- The Gord Bamford #RedNek Music Fest Tour has been postponed until June 2021. The event will still be hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Cochrane and unless something changes, BBS will take part in ticket sales.

#### 10. New Business

- Facebook: It was suggested that there be more postings to inform parents of meetings, events, etc on the BVHS FaceBook page. Admin will be looking at the school's digital presence as an area to address for the next school year.

#### 11. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting via Zoom will be **June 11, 2020 at 7 p.m.** Mr. Reilly will arrange and will invite Grade 8 parents. It was suggested that the BV CARES program be reintroduced at this meeting.

AGM will be in September 2020. Presenter/Presentation for this meeting TBD (eg "Grade 9 - 101", "Welcome to High School" or something similar).

#### 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by Kari Rose.