

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

In Attendance: Kari Rose (Chair), Judy Heck, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Jaimie Anton, Susan Brauss, Dionne Green, Shelley Horb, Rosie Qu, Lisa Weatherburn, Hilda & Brian Streeter, Jim Reilly (Principal), Ms. D. Sawby & Ms. K. Elliott (Assistant Principals)

Regrets: Mia Kruger, Erin Sturgeon

1. Call to Order - Zoom Etiquette

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 September 10, 2020

The minutes of the September 10,2020 School Council meeting were approved by Jaimie Anton, 2nd by Tracy Bruins.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

6. Administration Update - Mr. Reilly

- A. SSP/PPs : Two new learning support members have been added to the team. Student Success Plans (SSP) have been worked on, looking at student's goals, strengths and needs in the classroom, focusing on Gr 9 English & Math. Most SSPs have been done & reviewed with students for all grades. Students will have the same advisory teacher during their time at BVHS..
- B. The teaching staff have taken a collaborative approach to working with students.
- C. The topic at the Admin meeting this week was the Playbook. Playbook 2.0 will include feedback from the students and school community.
- D. November 23 - Professional Learning Day with Outcome Based Assessment as the focus.

7. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

A. Organizational Meeting

The Board held its annual Organizational Meeting on Sept. 24, 2020, where Fiona Gilbert was re-elected to serve as Board Chair and Shali Baziuk was elected to serve as

Vice-Chair for the 2020/21 school year. The Board also approved the 2020/21 Committee Appointments and Representatives membership.

B. School Start Update

The 2020/21 school year has had a positive start with RVS staff, students and families adapting to new in-class and online learning environments. RVS' has had 13 confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the division since the start of the school year and we continue to learn and improve protocols for notifying impacted families and the school community.

RVS continues to review and refine its COVID-19 related protocols, practices and tools based on new information and guidance from the Alberta government as well as feedback from schools. Since the start of school, scenario plans 1 and 2 were updated and a new Student Flowchart was included to provide clarity on when students should stay home and when they are safe to return to school. Stakeholders can view up-to-date COVID-19 information for the 2020/21 school year at

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan>

C. Government of Canada Safe Return to Class Fund

On August 26, 2020, the Government of Canada funding to support schools to cover additional costs for COVID-related measures. From this fund, \$9,285,850 is being directed to Rocky View Schools (RVS). Trustees approved the jurisdiction's spending plan as follows

- \$2.8 million in additional teacher staffing to support online offerings and address class pressures now and in February 2021
- \$2 million directly to schools for the principal, in consultation with their school community, to decide how to best address local issues related to COVID-19
- \$2 million for additional substitute teachers resulting from COVID-19 related absences;
- \$1 million for centrally funded personal PPE and sanitizer;
- \$900K to maintain bus routes (that could be combined) to minimize the number of riders on the bus;
- \$400K for additional online curriculum resources, technical support and equipment to better support those working from home; and
- \$200K for Education Centre staff to support schools and departments with additional hiring needs as a result of COVID-19 and to help schools with confirmed COVID-19 cases.

D. Enrolment Numbers Summary for 2020/2021

As of Sept. 30, 2020, RVS had a total enrolment count of 25,289 students, a decrease of 348 students (-1.36%) from the previous school year. This is a new phenomenon for RVS as historically we have grown 3-5% annually. The Sept. 30 enrolment count includes:

- 21,264 in-class students;

- 3,074 online students;
- 629 Community Learning Centre (CLC) students, of which 307 are homeschooled and 322 Gr. 9- 12 are in outreach or other CLC option

E. Board Advocacy Priorities Updated

As publicly elected officials, Trustees are advocates for public education and work to identify, address, and seek resolution to educational issues while working with the government to continually improve Alberta’s K – Gr. 12 system. The Board updated its advocacy priorities, to reflect the belief that student success requires:

- Space for Students
- Funding for Students
- Support for Students

Full information on Board Advocacy Positions can be found at https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board_policies/advocacy

F. New Inclement Weather Policy Approved

Given the feedback RVS has received in previous years, the Board decided to review Board Policy 20 – Emergency Closure of Schools and School Programs at Off-Site Facilities. After careful consideration, it was approved to be replaced with the new Board Policy 20 – Inclement Weather that provides more clarity to families and stakeholders regarding the decision-making process and protocols for closure and cancellation decisions across RVS.

The new policy can be viewed on RVS’ website at https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/board_policies/board-policies/policy-20-inclement-weather/view

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

BBS will be having their Annual General Meeting and election of new executive members on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 @ 7 pm** via Zoom. All parents/guardians are welcome to participate. “Bottles for BBS” drive in association with the Cochrane Bottle Depot raised approximately \$350. BBS has also recently been informed of a grant they were awarded through the Shell Foothills Legacy Fund.

9. New Business

- A. Steps to Secondary** - Jaimie Anton reported on a local registered charity in Cochrane that was formed to support Cochrane and area youth transition to post secondary education/training by providing financial help for students application and deposit fees. For more information - Mr. Reilly will include contact information in the BCT and Jaimie can be contacted by phone (403) 466-8670.
(<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/steps-to-secondary-limited/>)

10. Next Meeting:

The next School Council meeting will be **Thursday December 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by Kari Rose.