

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2020 @ 8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

In Attendance: Kari Rose (Chair), Judy Heck, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Mandy Kellock, Erin Sturgeon, Jaimie Anton, Charlotte and Richard Tuck, Leigh Sands, Kristen Bullock, Colin Cheverie, Susan Brauss, Susan Ivy, Ellen Easton, Clint Frearson, Lisa, Jim Reilly (Principal), Ms. D. Sawby & Ms. K. Elliott (Assistant Principals)

Regrets: Mia Kruger

1. Call to Order - Zoom Etiquette

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Kari Rose.

2. Welcome and Introductions - New Council Board

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2020

The minutes of the June 12, 2020 School Council meeting were approved by Tracy Bruins, 2nd by Erin Sturgeon.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

6. Administration Update - Mr. Reilly

- A. Mr. Reilly shared pictures of the school entry with the new TV monitors installed, BV Cares posters, Welcome poster in all languages spoken at BVHS, and the reconfiguration of the Learning Commons, which houses We Connect and contains a quiet study space. The entry will serve as a rotating gallery for student works throughout the year.
- B. Ms. Sawby and Ms. Elliott worked very hard to finalize timetables and changes. Ms. Sawby oversees Grade 9 & 11, Ms. Elliott Grade 10 & 12.
- C. It has been a week of challenges with the start of the school year, providing for online learning, timetable and scheduling challenges.
- D. There are 6 new staff members.
- E. Staggered entry for September 2020 went well.
- F. Questions to Mr. Reilly from parents: 1). There was a question about students participating in school/non-school sports and if this will be allowed. There are potential

changes coming to the guidelines from the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) re: sport protocols. RVS is going through these now and will let schools know shortly how these will impact school sports for Rocky View. See <https://www.asaa.ca/> for the latest information. Information about school sports will be communicated to parents via the weekly Bobcat Tracks. 2) Question re: what if substitute teachers have been exposed to COVID in another school? AHS will work directly with RVS regarding exposure measures. 3) Will RVS be receiving more Government funding to directly help with class sizes, instruction, etc? Fiona Gilbert stated that RVS has just under \$9.3 million in funding and will be figuring out how best to use federal monies. The first priority was to get schools up and running, then the Board will look at gaps and where help is needed, i.e. extra teachers, staffing, additional cleaning, should money be used towards transportation, professional learning of online teachers, etc. Stay tuned for updates. 4). Where can we find descriptions of courseOptions? There is course description information regarding Grade 9 Options posted under the *Registration* tab of the BVHS website. 5) What is the 'fogging' that is happening in school? Information can be found on the Parent Q&A section of the RVS website (<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan/parent-q-a>). Caretakers fog each room at the end of the school day, it takes a minute to disinfect the surfaces. 6). What is policy re: masks, are masks necessary in Phys Ed., are mask breaks allowed, etc? Information on mask use can be found on the Parent Q&A section of the RVS website. Also included on this page are links to Alberta Government Guidelines 2020-2021 School Re-Entry Plan and COVID-19 Information & Resources provided by the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services:

- G. *CONNECT LAB 10* course will not be running as it did last year with a cohort of Grade 10 students. It was not feasible to offer it as a course, however, Mr. Thompson is teaching it as a single class (includes Leadership, Humanities, Options, etc)

7. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

- A. Re-Entry Planning: Fiona reported that RVS has done Scenario 1 for the re-entry, including in person school attendance, online learning or home schooling options. There are 22,500 students enrolled for in-class learning in RVS district - about 85% of students are doing in person learning, 11%-12% of RVS students are doing online learning and 2% are homeschooled. Reopening has been successful to date.
- B. Outbreak Protocols: AHS & the Government of Alberta have developed an Outbreak Guidance Document for Schools. Outbreak protocols will be implemented in any school that reports 2 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19. Information about Alert Status, Close Contact, Cohort and Outbreak can be found at the following link (<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/f3b954c8-7ec4-42ea-a6f5-0a10d08cbbac/resource/49512d1b-a192-46ac-ba05-12ffadebef4/download/covid-19-resource-guide-for-covid-19-in-school.pdf>). Parents/Guardians will be communicated with if any of the scenarios occur. Educators will work with provincial health officials to monitor for signs of a possible outbreak and whether the school should close.

- C. There was a Joint School Council Meeting via Zoom August 29, 2020. The next Joint School Council meeting will be November 12, 2020.
- D. Fiona reported they had their first Board meeting today, September 10, 2020. It was an informational meeting. The new Westbrook school is completed and is up and running.
- E. Fiona directed parents to the RVS website ((<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/>) for current information about reentry, parent Q&A responses (<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan/parent-q-a>), etc. Parents/Guardians can post questions to the website.

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

BBS has postponed their first meeting until October, when we will be having our Annual General Meeting and election of new executive members. Date and time of new meeting date - to be determined. Fundraising events/initiatives have been on pause because of COVID and the summer, however, BBS is hoping to do a soft relaunch of fundraising activities such as a "Bottles for BBS" drive in association with the Cochrane Bottle Depot in the near future or possibly an online 50/50 raffle.

9. New Business - Q & A for BVHS Administration

See #6 and #7 above.

10. Next Meeting:

The next School Council meeting will be **Thursday October 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** (likely via Zoom).

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by Kari Rose.