

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes
Learning Commons Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Jason Ness, Judy Heck, Susan Brauss, Valerie McCracken, Kari Rose, Tracy Bruins, Fiona Gilbert, Jim Reilly (Principal)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Jason Ness.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Kari Rose, 2nd by Tracy Bruins.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2018

The minutes of the November 8, 2018 School Council meeting were approved by Tracy Bruins, 2nd by Kari Rose.

4. New Business

a. Parent/Teacher Interview Nights

Parent/Teacher interview evenings were discussed. It was a good idea to have the School Council representatives circulate at the last parent/teacher conference evening.

b. Meal Prep for March 6th Interviews

It was suggested that parent volunteers provide a pot luck meal for staff prior to the parent/teacher interviews on March 6. Sign Up Genius could be used for this.

5. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

- a. Prince of Peace School Consultation Process: The lease for the Prince of Peace School expires August 2019. There are 467 students attending this school. There will be a Public Consultation Meeting next Wednesday Jan. 16, 2019. RVS will provide attendees with a summary of the feedback received and give stakeholders another opportunity to provide input. The Board will deliberate its decision on the future direction of the program

on Feb. 7, 2019. A notice will be issued to all stakeholders regarding the decision following the adjournment of the public meeting.

- b. Board of Trustees Meetings: There have been 4 Board meetings since November 8, 2018. The financial statements are closed for the year.
- c. Cochrane Christian Academy: There will be an open house for Kindergarten parents. Online Kindergarten registrations starts next week.
- d. Board of Trustees Advocacy Priorities: The Advocacy priorities are reviewed every year. RVS Board of Trustees Advocacy priorities 2018/2019 were approved before Christmas. There are 3 main Advocacy Priorities (for details see: <http://trustees.rockyview.ab.ca/advocacy-communicue>):
 - 1. Equitable Access to Funding: Identified as one of the lowest per student funded jurisdictions in the province, our Board believes that the Ministry should engage school authorities in a collaborative process to evaluate and redesign Alberta Education's funding formula to ensure equitable access to funding.
 - 2. New Schools for Growing Jurisdictions: As one of the fastest growing and fifth largest school boards in the province, the Board calls for capital approvals that are transparent, predictable and in alignment with a provincial 4-year strategic program that clearly articulates the priorities in which school projects will be approved.
 - 3. Provincial Review on Inclusion: With an increasingly diversE student population, the Board advocates for a provincial review of funding and supports afforded for the implementation of inclusive education.
- e. There was a Board meeting today with a presentation by Mitford School entitled "Making Good in the Neighbourhood."
- f. The Board approved changes to professional learning/operating guidelines.
- g. Board Meeting Highlights: Fiona will work on incorporating the highlights from Board of Trustees Meetings into her Trustee report at School Council Meetings.

6. Report from Administration

- a. Signing Authorities: New signing authorities are needed for the Buddies of Bow Valley fundraising society to access the funds in the Buddies account. Susan Brauss, Tracy Bruins and Mia Kruger expressed interest in getting things going for a new fundraising committee. It was suggested that an email be sent out to all parents to see who is interested in participating and maybe including 3 of the top school needs to stimulate interest.
- b. School Annual Results (SAR) Reports: The SAR report is in and will be posted online once approved by the Superintendent. Mr. Reilly provided an overview of achievements. Goal 1 - Learners are successful. BVHS has an 87.2% completion rate & a low drop out rate. Goal 2 - Learners are engaged. CALM has been embedded into the curriculum to help find ways students can become meaningfully engaged. Goal 3 - Learners are supported. Mr. Reilly reviewed the Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Overall Summary. Examples of actions include: outcomes-based assessments, looking at Numeracy and Math (Math 9-3 will be offered next semester to help students get ready for Math 10-C, Math 15/10-C will be offered over the entire year).
- c. Guidance, Learning Support and Career Centre Rooms: These rooms will be relocated upstairs in the 2nd semester and called the Student Success Centre.
- d. Rebranding: The current plaques and trophies will be retired/relocated and input from students and parents will be solicited to see what to do with the space.
- e. Breakfast Club: The Breakfast Club program is a go. It will be Tuesday mornings (8:30-9:00 a.m.) at the Kiosk. Items such as toast, yogurt, granola bars, etc will be available. The Cobs Bread donations will be repurposed for the Breakfast program.
- f. School Education Plan: The School Education Plan will be coming out in the Spring.

7. Admin Q & A:

- a. BV digital resources (PowerSchool, Google Classroom, Moodle)

Mr. Bloxham showed parents how to access the PowerSchool App, which is a great tool for parents and students. Mr. Reilly will communicate with staff to encourage them to post marks

10 days to 2 weeks after assignments are done. If parents have questions about their students assignments/test results, they can communicate with the teacher.

b. Exams, School Trips, Lice Policy

Exams and tutorials were discussed. School Trips and Lice Policy were deferred.

8. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 @ 7 p.m.** in the Learning Commons. Note the change in date.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.