

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Learning Commons Thursday, March 14, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Tracy Bruins, Kari Rose, Mia Kruger, Scott Bloxham

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jason Ness.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended: move Alberta School Council Resolutions to New Business and Open House to Report from Administration. The agenda was approved by Susan Brauss, 2nd by Valerie McCracken.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 12th, 2019

The minutes of the February 12,, 2019 School Council meeting were approved by Valerie McCracken, 2nd by Susan Brauss.

4. New Business

- a. Parent/Teacher Interview Night - Mr. Reilly included a Thank You to all parents/guardians who contributed to the Potluck meal in his March 8 Bobcat Tracks. The teachers/staff were very appreciative. It was suggested that a lunch potluck for teachers/staff could also be done the day after classes formally end for the school year.
- b. Fundraising Society (formerly Buddies of Bow Valley) - The Buddies of Bow Valley bank account has been closed, the funds released and the committee dissolved. The \$2500 in the account was deposited into the Bobcat Sports fund. A new fundraising committee will need to be created. Opportunities for fundraising initiatives such as Papa John's Pizza Night during sports evenings could be considered. Also, Mortgage Architects has offered an initiative for our school fundraising for anyone who buys, renews or refinances a mortgage with them. **Action:** Mr. Reilly will send an email to all parents/guardians asking for interested parents to participate in the new committee. He will highlight 3 funding need areas for the school. A new name will be needed for the school fundraising committee when it is recreated and a renaming contest was suggested.

- c. School Trip Information and Lice Policy - There was some feedback from parents regarding the costs of school trips, especially when some of the trips are an extracurricular activity and not part of the curriculum. **Action:** Mr. Reilly suggested parents talk to the school if they are having trouble raising all of the funds for their student. There is no official Lice Policy at the high school level. This information is usually communicated at the elementary/middle school level.
- d. Alberta School Council Advocacy (ASCA) Resolutions 2019 - The ASCA resolutions were discussed. See Appendix A.
- e. Joint School Council Meeting - The next Joint School Council Meeting in Airdrie will be on April 4, 2019.

5. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

a. Prince of Peace Lutheran School

The Board of Trustees voted, March 7, 2019, to accept SAGE Properties' five-year lease agreement with an 18-month termination clause, subject to approval of the lease by SAGE's Directors. Although this allows RVS to maintain the program for the near future, a long-term solution is required given that the property owners intend to eventually sell the building. Trustees also voted to begin managing the number of students at Prince of Peace, given that Chestermere's current schools are full. Effective immediately no new non-resident students will be accepted.

b. Approval of RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan

Trustees approved the goals, outcomes and design principles identified in RVS' DRAFT 2019 – 2023 Four Year Plan, Innovation by Design. The new plan is based on the hopes and desires of multiple stakeholder groups who provided direct input into the development of a learning narrative and the plan's goals, outcomes, design principles and strategies during an extensive 10-month consultation process.

- Goal 1: Connect to passions, interests and people
Outcomes: Students engage in real-world, hands-on learning experiences that matter to them. Students demonstrate ownership of their learning.
- Goal 2: Achieve their potential
Outcomes: Students are literate, numerate, and acquire core competencies. Students meet high expectations and learning outcomes, tailored to their individual capabilities.
- Goal 3: Navigate successfully as global citizens
Outcomes: Students are healthy, safe, resilient and value diversity, cultures and traditions. Students make a positive difference in their life, school, community and the world.

Over the next five months, RVS will identify performance measures for the plan with the intent to find a balance between required provincial measures and local measures that will chart the jurisdiction's progress towards achieving the plan's outcomes. The full plan will return to the Board Table in November 2019 for final approval and submission to the Ministry of Education.

c. Approval of Locally Developed Courses

Pending approval from Alberta Education, high schools in RVS will have the opportunity to offer two new Locally Developed Course (LDC) streams beginning in September 2019, as well as continue to offer 29 other LDCs related to the performing arts, creative writing, paleontology, yoga and more. Locally Developed Courses are developed by school authorities to provide students with opportunities to explore a range of interests in subject areas that complement provincial programs of study. LDCs also can address a unique community priority and engage students who may be at risk of leaving school early. The two new options are:

Leadership in the Arts, a cross-disciplinary study that will encourage critical thinking, creativity, entrepreneurial and innovative learning. This LDC will have a strong community focus and will help prepare students to be leaders in the Arts.

Design Thinking for Innovation, provides students with an opportunity to engage in longer-term, increasingly complex and personally relevant design, innovation and invention projects.

d. 2019/20 Budget Priorities

Students continue to be the primary focus of RVS' Board of Trustees, as evidenced by the 2019/20 budget priorities, which emphasize direct classroom instruction, inclusive education, mental health supports and balanced literacy and numeracy skills. Approved by the Board March 7, 2019, the budget priorities are driven by the goals and strategies of RVS' Four Year Plan, to foster innovators in their learning journey while supporting the operational needs of the jurisdiction. RVS' complete 2019/20 budget will be presented for approval in the spring.

e. Memorandum of Agreement

Rocky View Schools Board of Trustees and ATA Rocky View Local 35 have recently ratified the local bargaining sections of the collective agreement for September 2016-August 2018. Central table negotiations are currently ongoing for the next central table collective agreement.

f. ATA Induction Ceremony

Congratulations and welcome to the 71 teachers who were inducted into the Alberta Teachers Association Local 35 on March 7, 2019, three of them being from Glenbow School. These are recently graduated new teachers on their first teaching assignment or new to RVS teachers who have not been a member of the ATA Local 35 before.

g. Modular Approvals

Back in November, the Board approved the request to the Government for 39 modular classrooms to support the growing enrollment needs across RVS. RVS has recently been

notified that 7 have been approved. Administration is currently working on a plan on how best to use these modulars to accommodate students for the 2019/2020 school year

6. Report from Administration

- a. Open House: Mr Reilly reported that the March 7 Open House for Grade 8 students and parents was well attended and received. The format for the evening included a 20 minute presentation, information about new courses and opportunities for students next year and a tour of the school.
- b. School Stats: Mr. Reilly reported that there are 672 students enrolled at BVHS. It is projected there will be 702 students attending in the next school year.
- c. High School 101: It was suggested that an introduction to high school information session be done for parents during the week of welcome.
- d. Football Meeting: It was suggested at the February Football meeting that Adopt a Bobcat be considered as a fundraising activity. People could make a donation to the school, it would be available for students and a charitable donation receipt would be issued to donors.
- e. Timetable for Next School Year: Mr. Reilly discussed Timetabling for next school year. There will be more flexibility with Grade 9 options. Grade 10-12 students will have a host a new courses/programs to choose from and registration will occur next week. There will also be more cross school opportunities with Cochrane High School. A Flex block has been incorporated during the day. There may be a change to the start and end times of school day. Sports Academy officials approved P3 programming today. **Action:** It was suggested that Admin present the new timetable at the next School Council meeting. Cell Phone Usage and Health Effects (known and unknown) of Vaping were 2 other presentation topics suggested.
- f. Scholarship & Bursary Presentation: Mr. Reilly was unable to have Jan Higgins present information on scholarships and bursaries to parents at this meeting. **Action:** Mr. Reilly will try to arrange this presentation for the April School Council Meeting and invite parents and students.

9. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be **Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 7 p.m.** in the Learning Commons.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Appendix A

Bow Valley High School Council's Advocacy Resolutions 2019 Voting Decisions

Resolution #	Title	Decision (support or oppose)
P19-01	Funding for Appropriate Physical and Facility Environments to Support Daily Physical Activity Policy Expectations	Oppose
P19-02	Preservation of Locally Elected Boards of Trustees	Support
P19-03	Increased Dedicated Funding for Accredited Mental Health Professionals	Oppose
P19-04	Education Assistant Quality Standards (EAQS)	Support
P19-05	Policies and Regulations for use of Seclusion Rooms	Oppose
P19-06	Funding for Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program	Oppose
P19-07	Ongoing Funding for Math Enrichment through the Canadian Mathematical Society	Oppose
P19-08	Maximum Ride Times for Bussing	Oppose
P19-09	Change to Funding Model for Schools with Low Student Populations	Support
P19-10	Guaranteed In-school Access to Mental Health Programs and Counselling for Students	Oppose
P19-11	Communicating Information Regarding Presentations within the School	Oppose
P19-12	General Permission Form for Students Participating in GSA Activities Off School Property	Oppose

P19-13	Student Education Advocate	Oppose
P19-14	Regional Collaborative Service Delivery	Oppose
P19-15	Student Record Regulation	Support
P19-16	Playground Supervisor Ratios, Identification and Communication	Support
P19-17	Standard Student Injury Protocol	Oppose
P19-18 REVISED	Comprehensive Education Funding Framework Review	Support
P19-19	Counselling	Oppose
P19-20	Identification of, and Penalties for, Traffic Violations around School Buses	Support
P19-21	Equality of CEU Funding for Special Needs Students	Oppose