

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Learning Commons

Attendees: Jason Ness (Chair), Judy Heck, Kari Rose, Tracy Bruins, Anita Malchow, Susan Brauss, Fiona Gilbert, Jim Reilly (Principal), Scott Bloxham (Assistant Principal)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome & Introduction of Executive Members, Administration, Parents/Guardians

Jason Ness welcomed attendees and each attendee introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Kari Rose, 2nd by Susan Brauss.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2018

The minutes of the September 27, 2018 School Council meeting were approved by Kari Rose, 2nd by Susan Brauss.

5. New Business

a. Empathy Interview or Attendees (Aims and Aspirations for Council)

Jason Ness facilitated a round table discussion about why parents/guardians attend school council meetings, what do parents/guardians see as school council's role? School Council is key to advising School Administration about what they need to work on, what they have done well, etc. Together, School Council and Administration is a partnership. Discussion revolved around 3 main reasons why parents/guardians participate in School Council:

Information Dissemination	Spirit of Service	To Express Ideas/Concerns
Communication with the school & to be informed about what is going on in school & with their students. Be a voice for their children/students.	Become involved in their child's learning. To become more involved in the school community and contribute to the school. To forge a relationship with Administration	Meetings are a good way of communicating ideas/concerns, etc. to Administration.

b. School Tour - postponed to a future meeting.

c. Reflection and Gallery Walk - postponed to a future meeting.

d. Other:

Parents suggested that Grade 9 students receive a weekly email from Administration to help engage them more in School Activities/Clubs, etc since they are new to the school and may not know what is available. Mr. Reilly indicated they may have a Trade Show or Club Day to help inform and involve Grade 9 students more. Mr. Reilly indicated that Bring a Student to Work day

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will be November 14 instead of November 7. A parent suggested they have a “Bring your parent to school” day.

6. Report from Bow Valley Administration – Mr. Reilly/ Mr. Bloxham

a. Breakfast Program

Mr. Reilly has been approached by some community service groups/organizations to see if the school would be interested in a Breakfast Program. The program would be free, available on a daily basis for students (from approx. 8:15-9 am), and run out of a kiosk (eg. toast, granola bars, etc). Chartwells is in agreement and Mr. Reilly hops to get the program up and running soon. Parent volunteers are welcome to help with the program and can contact Val McCracken (Volunteer Coordinator) if interested.

b. CALM

Mr. Reilly spoke about the Career and Life Management (CALM) program of study that was recently initiated. The aim of CALM is to help students to make well-informed, considered decisions and choices in all aspects of their lives and to develop behaviours and attitudes that contribute to the well-being and respect of self and others, now and in the future. It emphasizes knowledge, attitudes, behaviours, competencies and values, and provides students with opportunities to enhance their capacities in problem solving, critical thinking and reflection. CALM builds on core curriculum and makes connections across the curriculum. Some topics include Budgeting, Goal Setting, etc. CALM is a high school requirement. It is taken from Gr 9 -11 and in a variety of formats such as: guest speakers, modules, booklets, computer programs, etc. A CALM refresher is available for Gr 12 students if needed.

c. Principal's Student Advisory Committee

Mr. Reilly and Mr. Bloxham are facilitating a Student Advisory Committee comprised of 17 students with representation from all grade levels (9-12) and held their first meeting October 5. The advisory committee is a way of giving the students a voice in the school & promote a sense of community within the school. The group brainstormed about 4 main areas at the first meeting & some of the responses were:

What do we do well?	What do we need to tweak?	What do we need to throw away?	What do we need?
team atmosphere, sense of school community, leadership program, caring and respect	better communication, new speaker for announcements & use students for announcements with applicable, air conditioning in the gym, better vending machine snacks	air dryers in the bathrooms as they don't work well, assignments should have priority & want authentic assessments, tests are stressful, a therapy program prior to exams, weird bell times, class times being structured in an alternate way	student supports, more connection with post-secondary options, ½ lockers with shelves, more flex blocks so students can get help with specific subjects, water fountains with an attachment to easily fill water bottles.

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Note: Mr. Reilly has a complete list of responses.

7. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

a. RVS 4YP Process:

The 2018/19 school year marks the fourth year of RVS' current plan and identifies the need to engage its stakeholders in the development of a four-year plan for the term 2019 – 2023 (what do we want learning to look like at RVS over the next 4 years). The 4-year planning process is premised on the desire to inspire, gain insight, and build capacity, with all stakeholder groups through the introduction of a learning narrative, that defines how RVS teaches, learns, and assesses student learning, as well as solidifies an evaluative framework in which to monitor and assess the jurisdiction's progress. The plan builds on the success of the previous 4 years. Fiona reviewed the 4 year consultation activities at a glance, the draft narrative, goals and objectives. Complete information including a brief video is available at <http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/four-year-plan>.

b. Feedback & Reflections:

Fiona collected feedback from attendees at the meeting on the Draft Narrative - Innovators by Design, the Draft Goals and Outcomes, etc. Fiona invited all parents/guardians to register, login, provide feedback and participate in the next 4 year plan accessible through: www.2023bydesign.com. This website is a great source for gathering feedback from stakeholders.

c. Other Updates:

Fiona reported on recent Board decisions.

d. Prince of Peace Consultation:

In accordance with Alberta Education's School Closure Regulations, RVS will be holding a public consultation from November 14, 2018, to February 7, 2019, to explore the viability of relocating the Prince of Peace Lutheran School program prior to RVS' lease expiration on August 31, 2019. RVS is currently leasing the school from Sage Properties, which intends to subdivide the property and sell the building once the lease expires.

Revised Capital Plan: RVS Board revised the 2019/2022 Capital Plan and removed K-5 school in Heartland and K-9 school in Chestermere from first year priorities as school sites are not yet "shovel ready". Bow Valley High School expansion remains as priority 3. The Capital Plan will again be looked at in April 2019.

e. Modular Request Submission:

The Board will be submitting a request for 39 modular classrooms to help accommodate the enrolment growth across RVS. The request includes 6 free-standing portable classrooms for Bow Valley High School and 4 attached modulares for RancheView School. Even with the addition of these modulares, both of these schools will be at capacity for the 2019/2020 school year.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm.

Agenda item - how can we make School Council meetings more inviting to parents?

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.