

Bow Valley High School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. Learning Commons

In Attendance: Kari Rose (Chair), Judy Heck, Susan Brauss, Fiona Gilbert, Tracy Bruins, Mandy Kellock, Kim Lowe, Janet Bellett, Anne Hayter, Erin Sturgeon, Jim Reilly (Principal), and Ms. Elliott (Assistant Principal)

Regrets: Mia Kruger, Mrs. Sawby, Julia Grohn, Janet Cheverie, Jason Ness, Pauline Hymus

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Kari Rose.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Kari mentioned the School Council email - bvhschoolcouncil@gmail.com as one way for parents to communicate with School Council.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Tracy Bruins, 2nd by Mandy Kellock.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2019

The minutes of the May 9, 2019 School Council meeting were approved by Susan Brauss, 2nd by Tracy Bruins.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Food Services: The school has expanded the "Food for Thought" program to include a breakfast program, which will ensure that all students have the fuel they need to get through the day. The breakfast Food for Thought program is in full swing and if any parents/guardians who would like to come out for an hour or so in the morning, serve up some toast, fruit and other simple breakfast food and meet a bunch of really great kids, send Mr. Reilly an email and he will connect you with Mrs. Grant, who is handling the scheduling. The Breakfast program runs from 8:15-9:15 am. Admin sent a survey about food services to parents and there were over 200 respondents. The school still hasn't found a nutritious and affordable food service vendor. Action: It was suggested that this may be an opportunity for the Bobcat Backers Society to do some fundraising within the school, since they are not competing with a food service vendor.

6. Administration Update - Jim Reilly

Mr. Reilly congratulated Fiona Gilbert on being elected Chair of the Rocky View School Board of Trustees.

- A. **Report on recent school threats and subsequent protocols:** This has been a challenging time at BVHS due to the recent threat made to the school. The protocols and procedures for the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) that RVS has in place were followed. A threat assessment was done by the school admin and RCMP. There have been 4 similar incidents in the RVS district of late. A formalized process for ERP is being developed. Mr. Reilly received feedback from many parents re: communication with parents/public about the incident. A summary of the Plan can be found at https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/assets_parents/RVS-Parent-Summary.pdf/vieu. Mr. Reilly mentioned that Cst. Nathan Moore has been filling in as Youth Liaison RCMP officer while Cst. Bonnie Sauve is on leave.
- B. **Name Change of IPP to SSP:** There has been a name and philosophy change to IPP's. These will now be known as Student Success Plan's (SSPs) and is a strength-based tool. The change has been initiated by the new Director of Learning Support for RVS, Sherri Black. The focus is now looking at what are the students strengths and smart goals are set. The SSP should be completed by the end of October 2019. For more information or clarification please email Ms. Melissa Smith (head resource of the Learning Strategies team) mesmith@rockyview.ab.ca

7. Report from the Board of Trustees - Fiona Gilbert

The Board met with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange on Monday, September 16th as part of her commitment to meet with as many school boards as possible throughout the legislative summer break. After a tour of RancheView School, the Board had the opportunity to discuss with the Minister our top three advocacy priorities of equitable access to funding, new schools for growing jurisdictions, and a provincial review on inclusion.

At the Organizational Meeting held on September 19, the Board elected a new Chair, Fiona Gilbert, and a new Vice Chair, Melyssa Bowen. The elections also saw trustee representatives elected to board committees, professional associations and advisory and recreation boards. Board Committee membership and Terms of Reference are available on RVS' website under 'Board/Policies'.

A new Committee that the Board established this year is the School Councils Committee. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate the efforts of the Board of Trustees to support and enhance the work of the school councils in the jurisdiction. This includes the Joint Board School Council meetings as well as supporting council members to attend the Alberta School Councils Association Conference and AGM in April.

Save the Date! The first Joint Board School Council meeting of the year is being held on Thursday November 7th from 5:30-7:30 at the Education Centre in Airdrie and 3 council members from each school council are invited. Agenda is being confirmed and invites will be

sent in a week or two. As an FYI, the second joint meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 26, 2020.

The Provincial legislature gets back to session as of October 8th and we do now know that the Provincial budget will be tabled on October 24th. Government is holding two telephone town halls on the budget, as well as asking for feedback on ways to “get Alberta finances back on track”. Information can be found on GoA website at <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultation.aspx>.

8. Bobcat Backers Society Fundraising Update

The Bobcat Backers Society has officially been incorporated. A bank account at ATB has been set up. There is a BBS tab on the BVHS website, to the right of the School Council tab (<http://bowvalley.rockyview.ab.ca/bobcat-backers-society>). Check us out! The Society can be reached via email at bobcatbackerssociety@gmail.com. There will be a movie fundraiser showing *Charlies Angels* on Friday, November 15, 2019. Movie house doors will open at 3 pm, movie starts at 3:30. We will start advertising and promoting the movie fundraiser after the Thanksgiving holiday. Stay tuned for additional fundraisers and how you can help!

9. New Business

A. Revising bylaws from 8 meetings per year to 6, etc.

Kari mentioned that the current SC Bylaws (2003) should be reviewed and revised, possibly at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). For example, the current bylaws indicate there should be 8 meetings a year, but this may not be feasible. **Action:** Bylaw review and revision should be an action item for next year.

B. Renaming School Council to reflect the benefits of receiving news and current events directly from administration and school trustee. It has been suggested that possibly a name change - from School Council to something else, e.g. Parent Council or Parent/School Information may make meetings and involvement in school council more intuitive for parents. It was suggested that a Live Feed or similar be looked into so that parents/guardians can ‘attend’ the meetings without physically needing to be at the school. It was also suggested to have links to the Minutes and Agendas in the Bobcat Tracks.

C. Proposed agenda themes

November 14, 2019 – Cannabis 1 year later / Vaping - Guest Speaker?

January 9, 2020 – Scholarship/Bursary Information, Building Futures / The Farm Information Session for parents.

March 12, 2020 – Healthy Relationships – Guest speaker - FCSS? Stepping Stones to Mental Health?

May 14, 2020 – Tech Neck – Dr. Tulk

Additional topics of interest suggested were:

- **Telus Wise** - workshop and resources to help students and inform parents on how to stay safe online (<https://www.telus.com/en/wise> or email wise@telus.com if).
- **Kids These Days** speaker, Dr. Jody Carrington, a clinical psychologist who addresses a variety of topics including connecting/reconnecting, parent superpowers, leading greatness, relationships, etc. (<http://www.drjodycarrington.com/>). It was suggested this might be a potential 'fundraising' event.

10. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be Thursday, **November 14**, 2019 @ 7 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Kari Rose.