

**BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 6, 2016 – Learning Commons**

Attendees: Fiona Gilbert (Board Trustee), Georgette Johnson, Valerie McCracken, Karen Packer, Amanda Schultz (Assistant Principal), Dana Stephenson, Francine Wieliczko (plus several parents from Mitford School that stayed only for the Guest Presentation)

Regrets: Rob Kimura (Principal)

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 7:02pm

**2. Guest Presentation – High School Redesign Initiative for Grade 9 (BVHS Staff)**

- Teaching staff Mr. Ness, Mrs. Karlson and Mrs. Cholach explained that how the grade 9s will learn their cores will change next year
- Cores will be combined into a large block of time with students having fewer different teachers. Include wrap-around projects. Options accessible outside the core blocks
- Goal is to strengthen relationships and cross-curricular opportunities. Teachers will get to know students well due to lasting connections over time. Teachers will be able to collaborate closely with other teachers to be more effective teachers
- “Lines” that separate teachers and students will be “removed” which will improve relationships and increase a sense of community
- The teaching team that will instruct the Grade 9s will know what students need to know in future grades. This will ensure students are ready for grade 10
- Currently a team of 8 teachers are developing clear plans and learning objectives, determining assessment tools, and where to “house” the students
- Mr. Ness is the team lead and will teach grade 9 fulltime (Math/Science); Mrs. Karlson and Mrs. Cholach will teach Humanities; plus 5 other teachers involved

**3. Welcome & Introductions**

Everyone welcomed and Dana introduced

**4. Approval of Agenda – April 6, 2016**

Motion: Karen motioned to approve the Agenda as circulated. Georgette seconded. Carried

**5. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2016**

Motion: Karen motioned to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2016 as circulated. Georgette seconded. Carried

**6. Old Business/Outstanding Items**

**i) On-Line Volunteer Form**

- No new action taken. Plan to include some community and parent engagement that goes beyond traditional volunteer opportunities
- Will have form ready for September 2016 school year

**7. Report from Bow Valley Administration**

- Close to completing 2016-17 time table. Students will enter their time tables on-line soon
- Some teaching openings for next year. Conducting interviews in April
- Draft of SEP is complete. Will be presented to staff and school council
- Scholarship Committee has started reviewing portfolios. 14 applications received to date. Number of applications received is fewer due to more grade 12 students than usual taking a gap year next year
- Staff from Mitford, CCA & BVHS meeting by end of April to discuss transitioning of students
- April 28-30 – “Beauty and the Beast” by Performing Arts students at Cochrane Rancho House
- May 6 – Evening of Hope: “Hope Takes Flight”. Airport theme. Kimmett Foundation will be the recipient of funds raised
- Have started planning Blue & Gold celebration (beginning of June)

**8. Report from the Board of Trustees**

- \$2.2 million budget surplus in 2015-16 across RVS - \$1.4 million allocated to furniture and equipment in older schools (e.g. CTS equipment)
- RanchoView School will open in stages due to construction delays. K-2 will reside at the new school in September with the rest of the grades joining in January 2017
- Fireside School – principal will be Thomas Elbel (currently at Manachaban). Slated to open in September 2017
- Don Hoium announced his retirement commencing at the end of August 2016. A new superintendent will be hired with the hope that there is some transition/overlap with Don
- Expect provincial budget to be released next week
- Approved a change to the school calendar for 2016 – the last day of school for high schools is June 29 rather than June 28 due to the government scheduling of a Grade 9 PAT and a Grade 12 diploma exam on June 28. K-8 will finish June 28
- 2017-2020 Capital plan approved. Year 2 will see an addition built at BVHS to increase capacity to 1,000 students

**9. New Business**

**i) ASCA Conference & AGM - April 22-24, 2016 (Edmonton) – Discuss 5 Resolutions**

- 5 resolutions discussed and a decision made on how BVHS Council will vote:
  - #1 Consent as an addition to Alberta sexual education curriculum – YES
  - #2 Visual resources related to provincial assessments - NO

- #3 Individualized Program Plans (IPPs)/Instructional Support Plans (ISPs) and other outcome based tools - ABSTAIN
  - #4 LGBTQ access to information - YES
  - #5 Provincial Support for Transfer Station development in regionalized transportation systems - NO
  - Fiona will act as the proxy for BVHS Council
- Action: **Karen** to provide council's voting decisions to Fiona in writing and send proxy voting form to ASCA before April 20/16.

**ii) Cochrane Community Awards**

- Award nominations close on Saturday, April 9. Valerie encouraged staff and parents to nominate BVHS students and initiatives for various award categories
- Action: **Francine** to put forth a nomination by Saturday for Building Futures under the "Education Initiative of the Year" category

**10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

**Future Meetings:** May 4 – 7pm (AGM)