

**BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2015 – Learning Commons**

Attendees: Jaimie Anton, Amy Armitt, Mark Forbes, Fiona Gilbert (Board Trustee), Georgette Johnson, Julie Legg, Valerie McCracken, Karen Packer, Kim Poulsen, Amanda Schultz (Assistant Principal), Paul Smith, Deborah Smith, Byron Smyke, Roxanne Smyke, Francine Wieliczko

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 7:05pm

2. Guest Presentation – RCMP (Trends & Teens)

Constables Rai and Shea provided information on current trends among Cochrane teens and answered questions from parents

3. Welcome & Introductions

Everyone was welcomed

4. Approval of Agenda – December 2, 2015

Add under New Business “iii” – Steps to Secondary

Motion: Karen motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Kim seconded. Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2015

Motion: Georgette motioned to accept the Minutes of November 4, 2015 as circulated. Kim seconded. Carried

6. Old Business/Outstanding Items

i) Volunteer Coordination – Conference meals for staff, December 10

- Email sent out to parents asking them to bring a food dish for the staff prior to the start of conferences on December 10. More volunteers are needed

ii) On-Line Volunteer Form

- Valerie continues to work on this

7. Report from Bow Valley Administration

- Performing Arts performance on December 3 and 4 at 7pm and December 5 at 1pm
- Christmas band concert on Tuesday, December 8. Food donations welcome
- Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, December 10. Any teachers who are not available or are solidly booked – parents can arrange with the teacher to meet another time
- Reindeer Tag started yesterday
- Helping Hampers program has started whereby classes are supporting families in the community with food and gifts for Christmas

- Leadership students matched with Kindergarten kids that will be visiting BVHS to do Christmas activities
- Candy-grams – students and staff acknowledged
- Tacky Sweater and other activities will also be part of the week long activities
- SARR report submitted and discussed. Final copy will be posted on the website soon
 - Key celebrations – graduation rate, diploma exam results, low dropout rate
 - Key focus area – grade 9 PAT
- Basketball, wrestling and curling have started
- Formula 1 race track donated to BVHS from Bert Church (value of about \$7,000)
- PL Day – Teachers from both high schools watched the movie “Beyond Measure” – generated good discussion regarding assessment in high school and re-design work

8. Report from the Board of Trustees

- ASBA AGM was at the beginning of November in Edmonton
- Bill 8 introduced to Legislature – concerns collective bargaining between teachers and government and boards. Passed first and second reading. Will change the process on collective agreement negotiations
- Fall budget approved at last meeting. Approximately \$2 million more than anticipated due to an increase in student numbers in RVS. About \$600,000 went to high schools (primarily to support the increase in enrolment in grade 9)
- AERR (Annual Education Results Report) – tabled. Will submit to Alberta Education

9. New Business

i) Joint Board School Council Meeting – November 19, 2015

- Karen and Valerie attended on behalf of BVHS. Formula 1 presentation by Bert Church students was very well done
- Discussed engaging parents in council meetings
- Springbank speakers – spoke about curriculum
- Next meeting – April 2016

ii) School Council Emails

- Valerie still receiving emails and access to the website. No further action necessary.

iii) Steps to Secondary

- Amy Armitt and Jaimie Anton introduced their new program called “Steps to Secondary”. It is a non-profit organization that supports local youth moving to post-secondary by providing research and financial support to apply to post-secondary institutions; mentoring is also provided
- \$500-700 can be provided to local (Cochrane) students
- there is no cost to the students/families

- grant money is currently available; currently there at 2 students benefitting from the program and up to 3 more can be accepted
- Action: If **parents** know of students who could benefit from the program, they are asked to contact Amy or Jaimie

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Future Meetings: January 6 – 7pm, February 3 – 9am, March 2 – 7pm, April 6 – 7pm, May 4 – 7pm (AGM)