

# **Bow Valley High School Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**February 3, 2016 - Staff Room**

Attendees: Andrew (student presenter), Lauren Curry, Fiona Gilbert (board trustee), Georgette Johnson, Michael Kerfoot, Rob Kimura (principal), Valerie McCracken, Andrew Nicholson, Karen Packer, Amanda Schultz (assistant principal)

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 9:03am

### **2. Guest Presentation - QSA - student Andrew and Mrs. Curry (teacher sponsor for the QSA)**

The QSA (queer straight alliance) began this year - it belongs to the Calgary GSA Network.

Goal is to provide a safe and comfortable space for LGBTQ youth at BVH. They meet weekly and have hosted many events to increase awareness and to raise funds (bake sale to assist homeless LGBTQ youth, Christmas advent calendars, water bottles, movie night, button design contest, conferences)

### **3. Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed

### **4. Approval of Agenda - February 3, 2016**

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

### **5. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2016**

Motion: Georgette motioned to accept the Minutes of January 6, 2016 as circulated. Karen seconded. Carried

### **6. Old Business/Outstanding Items**

i) On-Line Volunteer Form

Valerie continues to work on this. It was also mentioned BVH will be hosting an Open House March 3, 2016 and the next Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held March 10, 2016.

Parent volunteers will be providing a potluck meal for the Parent-Teacher Interviews

## ii) Yearbook Follow-up

The yearbook committee has acquired more volunteers

## **7. Report from Bow Valley Administration**

There have been some staff changes at BVH - Mr. Brooker is now assistant principal of Cochrane High School - filling a secondment, new teacher Mr. Battistone ("Building Futures", humanities)

The Safe Couch program funding has shifted from the Boys and Girls Club to FCSS

Psychologist Mrs. Ditrack will be providing counselling 1d/wk for students with anxiety/depression

February 10-18 - science trip "Science in Hawaii" - 35 students and 5 adults going

February 25, 2016 - BVH giving a welcome presentation to Mitford School

The grade 9 teachers will be using PD time to work on cross-curricular projects set to launch next school year

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

The Board developed a new Board Policy Handbook regarding the roles of Board and Administration and a new Administrators Procedures Handbook

Grade 10 parents are receiving a survey from Alberta Education and there will be more surveys coming soon

The ministry is looking for nominations for excellence in teaching awards

The Board is beginning to look at the budget for next year

## **9. New Business**

Parent-Teacher Interviews March 10, 2016

## **10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

**Future Meetings: March 2-7pm, April 6-7pm, May 4-7pm (AGM)**