

**BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2016 – Learning Commons**

Attendees: Bill Bileski, Monique Bileski, Fiona Gilbert (Board Trustee), Rob Kimura (Principal), Valerie McCracken, Karen Packer, Barb Pelkman, Francine Wieliczko

Regrets: Amanda Schultz (Assistant Principal)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 7:04pm

2. Guest Presentation – SOS-Q by John Burger

- John Burger is an Area Director in RVS who designs surveys and collects data
- SOS-Q stands for Student Orientation to School-Questionnaire and focusses on how schools can re-engage disengaged students
- BVHS was one of the first schools to use SOS-Q. Current grade 12s at BVHS first completed the SOS-Q when they were in grade 9. BVHS will complete another survey this year. Has been a very valuable tool
- can identify students by their student number and then develop a profile to determine how the school can support the students to be successful, with a particular emphasis to target students who are disengaged
- it is important for teachers to be able to identify students who show signs of lack of engagement with school and work with them individually before disengagement takes firm root
- questionnaire has sub-scales for upper elementary and Jr-Sr high: 1) safe and caring school, 2) peers, 3) self-confidence, 4) internal resilience, 5) external resilience, 6) utility of school, and 7) extracurricular activities (last 2 constructs for Jr-Sr High students only)
- tends to be that the longer students are in school, the more they don't like school
- level of engagement affects academic achievement
- Mr. Kimura shared some examples of how BVHS has used the tool to identify dis-engaged students and how they have re-engaged them

3. Welcome & Introductions

Everyone was welcomed and introductions made

4. Approval of Agenda – March 2, 2016

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

5. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2016

Motion: Karen motioned to accept the Minutes of February 3, 2016 as circulated. Francine seconded. Carried

6. Old Business/Outstanding Items

i) On-Line Volunteer Form

- Valerie continues to work on this

ii) Potluck Supper for Staff – March 10, 2016 Parent-Teacher Interviews

- Notice sent to parents today requesting them to sign up for a meal item

7. Report from Bow Valley Administration

- “Science in Hawaii” trip was very successful. Positive feedback by students, teachers and trip guides. Included 35 students in grades 10 to 12 and 5 staff. There is potential to do another one next year but in a different location
- Open House on March 3 for new students coming to BVHS next year. Anticipate the school population to grow by at least 30 students next year
- Scholarship Committee has started to meet. Application process for students has been streamlined

8. Report from the Board of Trustees

- Legislation from the fall re: bargaining between teachers and the board will be a 2-tiered bargaining process. The provincial-level negotiations have started and board-level negotiations will follow
- Education Act was to come into effect last year but has been delayed with a new government being elected. There are significant changes and parents are encouraged to become aware of what they are
- ASCA AGM will be Sunday, April 24 in Edmonton
- Fiona attended Middle School Leadership Conference and was very impressed with what she saw. The conference was led by high school students from the Leadership Academy
- First round changes to assistant principals and principals have been announced. Mr. Brooker will be staying at Cochrane High next year
- Budget – transportation service costs exceed the funding received from the government. Board is trying to find efficiencies in order to try to prevent an increase in fees to parents

9. New Business

None

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Future Meetings: April 6 – 7pm, May 4 – 7pm (AGM)