

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

Attendees: Fiona Gilbert (School Trustee), Georgette Johnson, Valerie McCracken, Rob Makkreel (Assistant Principal), Karen Packer, Francine Wieliczko

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 7:05pm

2. Guest Presentation – Constable Jennifer Brewer, RCMP (Teens & Trends in the Community)

Constable Brewer provided information on current trends among Cochrane teens surrounding on-line activity, drugs, alcohol and harassment. She answered questions from parents

3. Welcome & Introductions

Everyone welcomed

4. Approval of Agenda – November 2, 2016

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

5. Approval of Minutes of September 29, 2016

Motion: Francine motioned to accept the Minutes of September 29, 2016 as circulated. Georgette seconded. Carried

6. Old Business/Outstanding Items

i) Council Meeting Times and Speakers / Topics

- The times and presentation topics are as follows:
 - December 7 – 9am, Andrew Nicholson (Therapy groups, particularly Equine Therapy)
 - January 11 – 7pm, Jan Higgins (Scholarships & Bursaries)
 - February 1 – 7pm, Speaker TBC (Safe Coach (now being run by FCSS and AHS))
 - March 1 – 7pm, Speaker and Topic TBD
 - April 5 – 7pm, Speaker TBC (Building Futures)
 - May 3 – 9am, Students for Change (Service Trip to San Diego)
- Action: **Rob Makkreel** to arrange and confirm speakers as above

ii) Pumpkin Lantern Festival (October 28)

- Next time, more advance notice from Cochrane High and a commitment from other schools will be sought. Does BVHS want to be involved again next year?
- Lots of potential to create community among schools in Cochrane

7. Report from Bow Valley Administration

- Grade 9s participated in the Pumpkin Lantern Festival – it was a great project and lots of talent was displayed
- Sports:
 - Girls Soccer – came 2nd in Division; 3rd in Zones
 - Jr Boys Volleyball – came 8th in Division
 - Jr Girls Volleyball – came 3rd in Division and now going to Zones
 - Sr Girls Volleyball – came 4th in Division and now going to Zones
 - Football – came 4th in Division; won B Championships. Playing Canmore this weekend
 - Cross-country – 4 students went to Zones; top BVHS student was Amy Miller (4th place finish)
- Halloween Havoc – successful
- QSA - held a successful bake sale. Strong group and meets regularly
- Students for Change – upcoming bottle drive to fund Drop-In Centre and San Diego trip
- Building Futures – Ground breaking ceremony with chain saw. First house well underway and 2nd one just starting. Teachers are Monty Smith and Matt Chomistek
- Take Your Kid to Work Day – Grade 9s participated today
- Upcoming:
 - Last day of Term 1 on Nov 3; First day of Term 2 on Nov 4
 - Band concert – Nov 8, evening
 - Academic awards – Nov 9, afternoon
 - Remembrance Day ceremony – Nov 10, morning

8. Report from the Board of Trustees

i) Ward Boundary Review

- Need to be done by end of February 2017
- Growing by 25,000 people across the constituency
- Ask: Do 7 trustees still work for RVS? Do the current boundaries work?
- Public consultation on Nov 29 at RancheView School, 7-8:30pm. Can provide feedback regarding the board structure
- On-line survey accessible from Nov 7 to Dec 9

ii) Other

- Colleen Munro and Todd Brand re-appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of Board, respectively
- Enrolment as of Sep 30, over 1,145 new students to RVS for a total of 22,712 students. That is an increase of 5.3%. Cochrane increased by 6.1% (about 300 kids). Growth is mostly from the lower grades. RVS is the first or second highest growing school division in the province as a percentage
- Government of Alberta – Future Ready
 - This is a curriculum re-design from grades K-12
 - On-line survey – links to the survey are available on the gov.ab.ca website. Parents and other stakeholders are invited to complete all or portions of the survey. There are 2 parts. Open until Nov 18
 - Nov 8, 7-8pm at St. Paul Centre (Calgary) – Provincial curriculum development engagement session to provide face-to-face opportunity for education stakeholders, including parents, to meet and discuss future directions and current curriculum

- Nov 17 – Joint Board School Council Meeting. Will include an opportunity to provide feedback on curriculum re-design. Valerie and Karen will attend on behalf of BVHS Council

9. New Business

i) ASCA

- Release of New School Council Resource Guide – 20pgs (vs over 100 pgs!) with many links within. Available on the ASCA website
- Future Ready – on-line survey – already discussed

ii) Conference Meals for Staff (December)

- Parents will provide supper for staff at Parent-Teacher Conference on December 8
- Action: **Valerie** will meet with Gemma to arrange on-line sign up by parents

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Future Meetings: Future Meetings: December 7 – 9am, January 11 – 7pm, February 1 – 7pm, March 1 – 7pm, April 5 – 7pm, May 3 – 9am