

BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2016 - Staff Room

In Attendance: Roma Dac-Nelson, Fiona Gilbert (School Trustee), Georgette Johnson, Rob Kimura (Principal), Valerie McCracken, Laura Newman, Amanda Schultz (Assistant Principal), Francine Wieliczko

Regrets: Karen Packer

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion: Francine approved the agenda as circulated. Georgette seconded. Carried.
3. Minutes of BVHS Council AGM (October 7, 2015) – Review & Approval
Motion: Georgette motioned to accept the AGM Minutes of October 7, 2015. Roma seconded. Carried.
4. Chair's Report of Council Activities 2015/2016 – see attached
Motion: Georgette moved to accept the Chair's report. Laura seconded. Carried.
5. Nomination & Election of Board Members for 2016/2017
Motion: Francine nominated Valerie McCracken to be elected as Chair for BVHS Council. Valerie accepted. There were no other nominations. Valerie became the 2016/17 Chair by acclamation.

Motion: Francine nominated Karen Packer to be elected as Vice Chair for BVHS Council. Karen accepted. There were no other nominations. Karen became the 2016/17 Vice Chair by acclamation.

Motion: Georgette nominated Francine Wieliczko to be elected as Secretary for BVHS Council. Francine accepted. There were no other nominations. Francine became the 2016/17 Secretary by acclamation.
6. Other Business
No other business.
7. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

Council Chair's Report

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Meetings

We held 8 meetings, starting with our October meeting and AGM and ending with our final meeting in May. Meetings were changed to Wednesdays, we held two morning meetings (November and February) and six evening meetings (October, December, January, March, April and May) were held.

Major Meeting Topics:

- Student Presentation – Outdoor Leadership Program – Damion, Kya and Jessica. (November)
- RCMP - Trends & Teens – Constables Rai and Shea. (December)
- Scholarships & Bursaries – Jan Higgins and Jackie Hatton, BVHS Guidance Department. (January)
- Student Presentation – QSA (Queer Straight Alliance) – Andrew and Mrs. Curry. (February)
- SOSQ (Student Orientation to School Questionnaire) – Dr. John Burger, RVS Director of Schools. (March)
- High School Redesign for Grade 9 – Mr. Ness, Mrs. Karlson, Mrs. Cholach. (April)

Council Activities:

- Volunteer Coordination: volunteer sign-up sheet for parents/guardians, including the development of an online volunteer form still an objective.
- Staff Meals during Collaborative Conferences (December 10 & March 12).
- Year-end Staff Appreciation Lunch (June 28)
- Information station for School Council at Bow Valley Open House (March 10)
- Engagement with RVS:
 - Attendance on behalf of Bow Valley School Council at two RVS Joint Board of Trustees and School Council Meetings (November 19 & April 21).
- Review of ASCA resolutions for vote by proxy at AGM (April)

Challenges:

- Parent engagement in Council remains a high priority. We average approximately 4-8 parents at Council meetings and would like to increase these numbers; we will focus on encouraging the new Grade 9 parents to participate in council meetings.

- Volunteer Participation and Coordination remains a priority, we will continue to refine our methods to better identify and connect opportunities with volunteers. A more thorough understanding of what needs exist within the curriculum and support areas that could be supported by parent and community members would enrich the volunteer program.

I would like to thank Karen Packer for serving as Vice-Chair and Francine Wieliczko for continuing in the role of Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie J. McCracken, Chair