

BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 7:15pm – Learning Commons

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Fiona Gilbert (School Trustee), Rob Kimura (Principal), Valerie McCracken, Karen Packer, Winona Lafreniere, Bill Litousky

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Valerie at 7:23pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed and roundtable introductions were conducted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2017

Approved.

5. Old Business / Outstanding Items

A.) Buddies of Bow Valley – is a fundraising arm for Bow Valley and has been inactive for some time. Need new board members in order to activate the program. Valerie to contact individuals who might be interested in joining. It was agreed to maintain the BBV and continue to explore whether or not a gaming grant can be accessed. The Society status for BBV remains active.

6. Report from Bow Valley Administration

Administration reported an increased in student population to 635 and 8 new staff hired to accommodate the growth. BVH reporting one of the lowest drop-out rates and one of the highest graduation rates. In preparation for PAT's, Grade 9 math students will be provided with additional supports. Since its inception, the Leadership Program has been positive for BVH. Mr. Nicholson working on developing a Wise Guys support group for boys. BVH working in partnership with the RCMP to have more of a physical presence in the school.

7. Report from Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Fiona on her win as she was acclaimed for a second term as School Board Trustee. There are a total of 8 Board of Trustees with 5 newly elected.

The School Board reported growth in the Rockview district by 1,050 students. Proposed modular requests for 8 schools in the district. The capital plan has gone through minor revisions and awaiting approval for some time in 2018. Alberta Education conducted province wide consultations that wrapped up at the end of September. Changes to the School Act are

forthcoming and some of those changes include: transportation fees, walking limits, age of entry for kindergarten, education agreements between Boards and Aboriginal communities, etc.

8. New Business

A.) Council Meeting Dates and Proposed Speakers / Topics

Valerie will connect with other council/staff members to discuss future meeting dates and proposed speakers/topics.

B.) Sports Programs

Bill raised a concern with BVH hosting sporting events on Sundays. Principal assured parent that sports events/programs are strongly discouraged on Sundays.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm