

Meeting Minutes

Bow Valley High School Council

December 8th, 2022, 7 PM

Learning Commons

1. Call to order - call to order at 7:02 pm
2. "Rocky View Schools acknowledges and recognizes all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples, and all peoples, for future generations" read by Susan Brauss, Vice-Chair
3. Welcome and Introductions: Nicola Wright (left early), Tracy Brooker, Shane Dempster, Andrea Pinter, Susan Brauss, Mandy Kellock, Fiona Gilbert.
4. Approval of Agenda - Approved by Andrea Pinter, Susan Brauss
5. Approval of Minutes from Oct 13, 2022; Approved by Nicola Wright, Susan Brauss
6. Business arising from minutes
 - A) The presenters from Stepping Stones and AHS provided feedback on the various topics presented in an email from Bob Wilkie. Parents shared what kind of educational speakers they would be interested in. There has been a good amount of interest in the presentations currently scheduled. Some parents have expressed interest in bringing their children. All welcome.
 - B) Fiona and Tracy reported on the Rocky View County School Division joint council meeting that took place on October 27, 2022 in Airdrie.

Rocky View urgently needs more schools. RVS grew by 91% between 2001 and 2021.

Bow Valley is currently at 105% capacity. Projection show that in 2026 RVSD will have 882 more students than spaces available for K-8 students. Fiona did say that 330 spaces will be added by the purchase of the former Holy Spirit location.

Utilization projected for 22/23 is at 96%. Utilization for 2026 is projected at 111%.

Capital Priorities in 2023

1. Airdrie K-8; 900 spaces
2. Cochrane K-5; 600 spaces
3. Chestermere K-9; 900 spaces

4. Airdrie High School; 1500 spaces

It's time to contact the decision makers and advocate for more schools for our students/children.

[Advocacy Priorities - Rocky View Schools](#)

7. Administration Update

Students and staff are working on PBIS - Positive Behavioural Interventions and Support which includes a rebranding of school culture. The design team of 9 staff members are working together with an advisory board of 50 students. They are working on a new mission statement which focusses on connection and caring. Feedback from the parent group will be requested in January.

The assistant Principal is working on a short survey to send to parents requesting feedback on what kind of communication parents want.

Grade 9 PATs are happening in 2023. Social and Science will be in January and June, LA and Math only in June.

8. Report from Board of Trustees – Fiona Gilbert (see section 6 B).

9. Bobcat Backers Fundraising Update - Andrea Pinter

Andrea met with stakeholders of the football field to see if a collaboration to assist with replacing the bleachers is possible.

Bobcat Backers ran concessions for the first high school dance.

10. New Business:

Breakfast Program:

Tracy Brooker has managed to get a \$5,000 donation from Cochrane Toyota and \$5,000 donation from Green Drop for a much necessary Breakfast program. Both businesses are located within the school neighbourhood.

The Breakfast Club of Canada website is currently not accepting proposals, but hopefully applications for funds/grants will reopen in September of 2023.

11. Next Educational Speaker Presentation: Dec 15, 2022

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7:00 PM

12. Adjournment 8:12 pm