



MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOW VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2023

SC Executive Members Present:

Tracy Brooker, Chair
Susan Brauss, Vice-Chair
Nadine Hof, Secretary

School Administration Members Present:

Shane Dempster, Principal
Taylor Grant, Teacher Representative

1. Call to Order

Chair, Tracy Brooker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Rocky View Land Acknowledgement

Read by Susan Brauss

3. Welcome and Introductions

Parent sign in sheet circulated.

4. Additions and Approval of Agenda

Chair, Tracy Brooker declared the agenda approved as circulated with the following additions:

- Rocky View Bus transportation concerns and guidance on escalation of unresolved issues

5. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Chair, Tracy Brooker declared the September 21, 2023 summary approved as circulated.

- Susan Brauss approved with future amendments
- Wendy Renneberg
- Jochen Dimigen
- Michele Bosse

6. Administration Update

Principal Shane Dempster provided update

- **Student Advisory** – initiative developed as a desire to employ some student voices and hear what's on their mind. There was an election process developed with 4 students from each grade. Nominations received from all grades. Monday will be the election day and 16 students all together will be a part of the Advisory team and have a portfolio assignment. Hoping to have representation on our Parent Council meetings as one of the portfolio assignments.

Action

Parent attendee names to be added to Parent Council email list

- **School Education Plan** – RVS switched to the education plan handout that was circulated around. Highlights include:
 - I. Our Student Advisory will be a part of the plan.
 - II. Trying to match the RVS Education Plan with what Bow Valley High School is doing.
 - III. RVS Assurance Results – accountability pillar/assurance model. Only 24 parents filled out the government survey (see page 10)
 - IV. Our goals (page 11) reviewed advancing numeracy, literacy and comprehension skills. Grade 12's will be excluded.
At our December meeting, we will have the data to show the results of these tests.
 - V. Building Futures – will be making adjustments to the way kids learn.
- **Career Counsellor** – new for Bow Valley High. Comes with a lot of expertise and has been very busy with our students. Data to be shared in December with regards to frequency of usage and subject areas/themes.
- **Inclusion Health Learning Opportunities** – With the 3 R's of our high school philosophy. Teachers nominated 2 students per grade that up hold those values in our community. The House teams are taking on a competitive streak which is exciting to see.
- **Celebrating diversity** – Teaching Quality Standards to up hold to ensure that we uphold the values in understanding Indigenous issues.
- **Parent Workshops** to explore “The Blanket exercise”
- **ASCA focus group** for parents on October 30th 7-8 pm via ZOOM. Seek to update the former “My Child Learning: Parent Resource” through AB Education.

7. Board of Trustees Update

- Fiona Gilbert, Chair absent due to meeting in Edmonton, she sent her regrets.

8. Additional Business

- **Stepping Stones Speaker Series** – Ashley Meagher

Background: Stepping Stones to Mental Health funded by AHS and works for Rocky View School Division. Our work is with the teachers, school staff, members of the community.

Ashley is here Tuesday and Wednesdays at Bow Valley High School and works with the school counsellor. Runs the “Chill Zone” to hang out and have conversations about mental health. Also offers day programs like hikes in Kananaskis for example. Do a lot of CALM classes that focus on mental health and addiction information sessions.

Also offer parent/caregiver sessions and were done last year. Learning about the teen brain development, relationships with parents, nutrition workshops as well. Sessions that were held in 2022-2023 school year included:

1. Parents Navigating Technology
2. Body Image – link with nutrition and exercise
3. Survival for the 21st Century

4. Self-harm / Suicide Awareness

What's next? Want to bring in more local connections to speak to students and parents.

9. **Bobcat Backers Fundraising Society update** – Andrea Pinter

The email address to connect with us is: bobcatbackerssociety@gmail.com

Fundraising Status

- Opening balance is approximately \$1,000
- Had an inaugural year and some funding challenges. But, excited about the prospect of attracting new members.
- Instructors of the Cheer Team – request funding considerations

10. **New Business**

Rocky View Bus Transportation Concerns

A parent raised concerns about an ongoing and unresolved transportation issue. Mr. Dempster indicated that he can provide some guidance. But if left unresolved parents need a way of channeling concerns to the appropriate representatives. Southland Area Director, Ryan Reed would help to facilitate any outstanding issues that can not be addressed at the local Southland Transportation.

11. **Adjournment**

Next Parent Council Meeting December 14th at 7:00 pm

Chair, Tracy Brooker adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Mental Health Topics:

Develop a calendar of activities for the 2023-2024 school year that parents may want to attend.