

**Minutes**  
**Banded Peak School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**Banded Peak School Learning Commons**

**In Attendance:** Trisha Gizen, Cara Haar, Sicco Dekker, Simon Pols, Jessie Seymour, Amber Tsoi, Tova Schaefer, Rob Latta, Judi Hunter, Solita Burke, Darryll Pedersen, Tammy Neid, Phil George, Faith McLean, Nicole Martin

**Welcome** Trisha Gizen welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Approval of Agenda** 1<sup>st</sup> motion Solita Burke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Faith McLean, all in favour

**Approval of Minutes from last meeting, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017** 1st motion Solita Burke, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Faith McLean, all in favour.

**RMCA and BCCA Updates** No news from RMCA at this time, as they were not represented at the meeting. For the BCCA, there has been discussion about updating the reciprocal agreement between BCCA and Banded Peak School for facility usage and reduced rates/free times for both facilities. The BCCA intends on modifying how that is handled because Rockyview had it organized and their side of the agreement needs to be updated. There was an agreement regarding the climbing wall that expired in 2014. A BCCA member will make a motion at their next meeting to look at community group usage of the climbing wall at Banded Peak again.

**Teacher Representative** Phil George, 'Writer's Workshop'

Mr. George showed a video from Muriel Clayton Middle School with grades 5/6 and 7/8 students that highlighted key aspects of the Writer's Workshop approach to literacy. There were comments from teachers and students who have used the program. He described this work as research based practice that builds thoughtfully literate critical thinkers. We participated in a variety of activities in pairs and small groups to demonstrate the process of this learning experience. The feedback from attendees was very positive.

**Trustee's Report, Judi Hunter**  
**Happy New Year to All!**

I had the wonderful privilege of attending Christmas concerts at Bearspaw School, Banded Peak School, Westbrook School and the "Alice in Wonderland" production at Springbank High School. The talent in our schools is amazing. Music and arts programs are vital and alive in West Rocky View Schools.

2018 promises to be a very busy year, with many issues that require some resolution.

The first and most important is the current and projected deficit in transportation funding. This year the deficit is \$500 000. Next year is projected to be \$1 000 000.00. The Board will be

soliciting public input into this process. There will be three open houses, one in each of Cochrane, Airdrie and Chestermere. As well all Trustees will be presenting to school council for feedback vis-à-vis the projected deficit in transportation funding. The Board will be presenting several cost-saving initiatives for feedback from parents.

The Board already uses a number of cost-saving initiatives such as routing software, student tracking, joint use buses with separate school system, electronic payment services.

The Teachers' Contract Agreement is ending and negotiations have begun.

The Board will be looking at funding equity across the grade level divisions.

In late December, Rocky View School Board Centre had a major leak, requiring moving of departments in order to allow clean-up and repairs. The cost and insurance coverage has yet to be determined.

The Province will be conducting random phone calls to parents seeking direct feedback on satisfaction on a number of items as part of the province's effort to ensure quality education for students.

As in previous years, the Ministry of Education will be conducting its annual stakeholder satisfaction telephone surveys to collect public and other stakeholder perceptions of Alberta's education system.

The surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the general public, high school students, teachers, principals, superintendents and school board trustees in the province. The total number of completed surveys will be over 6,000, ensuring that survey results for each of the 10 respondent groups are statistically representative. The survey responses are completely confidential, and only aggregate data will be reported.

In addition to telephone surveys, this year Alberta Education is piloting online surveys of teachers and the public using the same survey instruments. This is being done to examine alternatives to the existing telephone survey methodology.

The purpose of the surveys is to determine stakeholders' satisfaction with:

- the overall quality of the education system;
- the education system meeting the needs of students and supporting our society/ economy;
- schools providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment for students;
- preparation of students for lifelong learning, employment and active citizenship;
- the education system having effective working relationships with partners and stakeholders;
- leadership and continuous improvement of the education system;

- knowledge, skills, abilities and other related attributes of recent high school graduates; and
- facilities and equipment in the education system.

Your participation is important, as it provides valuable information to help the ministry identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, thus helping provide a more effective and accountable education system. Some survey results are also used in specific business plan performance measures and will be reported in the ministry's 2017/18 annual report.

**Mechanics Training Centre/Cam Clark Ford Partnership** Program is run by a licensed mechanic. School operated out of Cam Clark Ford and consists of 4 bays 3 hoists does a variety of mechanical work. Appointments booked through the school. Small business that is run through the teachers. Work is done to accommodate student learning. Anyone can book, more complex jobs are done elsewhere. Stephen Teasdale, is the Teacher/Licensed Mechanic, Melanie Gilliland provides Administrative Support

Safety is a critical issue, shop safety, including use of tools and hoists. Students take a used vehicle and disassemble it in order to understand components and their interaction. They also disassemble the motor.

The school offers free vehicle inspections, contact and informs customers. The program's intention is to create opportunities for students. Students learn to appraise vehicle values. In surface preparation projects, students repair dents, sand, prime, paint and design. The program uses Alberta Education Programs for student enrollment, for tracking, and theory instruction. The program uses video and audio supplements to accommodate learning styles. Mechanics 30 has specialized independent projects. An example was a motorcycle that needed to be rebuilt. Students had to source parts, and initiate all repairs.

Mechanics 30 students can work independently and focus on their individual learning needs. They do one independent vehicle assembly and disassembly. Wheel alignments and alternative fuel systems are part of this program.

After graduation, students can enroll in a mechanics apprenticeship program. Thank you to Cam Clark Ford for their willingness to engage in this partnership.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students from four Airdrie-based high schools (Bert Church, George McDougall, W.H. Croxford and the RVS Community Learning Centre) currently attend the program. **January 24 is open house from Noon to 8 pm.**

The Board will be involved in school tours during the months of January to March. These tours will be enormously helpful in preparing our budget priorities for next year.

There are two school openings planning for January 31, Windsong in Airdrie and Fireside in Cochrane.

The Board will be meeting with Education Minister the Honorable David Eggen on February 1<sup>st</sup> who will be attending the Grand Openings of Windsong and Fireside schools.

**Fun Lunch** Solita Burke shared that there will not be a fun lunch in January. February's fun lunch is Edo Japan on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The profits through Healthy Hunger from the Little Caesars lunch were \$445.

**Playground Committee** The playground needs to be replaced by 2019, so many fundraising efforts are underway to make that happen. The Cupcake fundraiser at the Christmas Concerts was successful with approximately \$800 in profit. The Bavarian Inn dinner fundraiser is coming up on Friday, with 79 tickets sold already. There have been 37 silent auction items donated, which is fantastic and much appreciated. A reminder to people attending the dinner that auction items can be paid for by cash or cheque and that gratuity for the servers is not included in ticket prices.

### **Administration's Report**

- **SOS-Q** (Student Orientation to Schools Questionnaire Report) – Mr. Pedersen
- **Fine Arts Day:**
  - We would like to recognize our parent volunteers and local artists for once again stepping up to assist in Fine Arts Day. As you will know this year we welcomed 30 artists who shared their gifts and talents with our students.
- **New Teacher:**
  - Ms. Leith Monaghan has joined our Grade 5/6 team. Ms. Monahan comes to us from the Calgary Girls' School where she has taught for the past five years in grade 6. Leith has a strong background in assessment, mathematics, and humanities. She has travelled and worked abroad in both Ghana, West Africa and Vietnam, and was the successful recipient of BP Energy's A+ for Learning grant last year. Ms. Monahan has a background in experiential and outdoor education working for Camp Chief Hector, the University of Calgary, and Riverwatch.
- **"Sock it to em":**
  - Thank you to everyone for making this fundraiser such an enormous success. Students delivered each of our donations to the Mustard Seed on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Thank you to Rebecca Larocque for donating her time and the bus to drive our students
- **Yoga:**
  - We would like to recognize "Yoga within the Heart" for working with our students again this school year.
  - So far, our 1/2, 5/6, and 7/8 students have participated. With the 3/4 and Kinder students participating in March
- **Cross Country Skiing:**

- has begun and will continue until February 2<sup>nd</sup> for students in grades 3 through 8
- **School Conferences:**
  - will be held on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00.
  - The format will remain the same for our teachers in Kinder through Grade 6 with scheduled interviews with teachers and student work showcased in the hallways. Teachers in grade 7/8 are working to redesign their interviews to accommodate for 1:1 interviews and 3:1 interviews. Additional information will be shared next week with parents.
  - Parents will be able to sign up for interviews beginning Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **University of Calgary Student Teacher Placements:**
  - Ms. MacFarquhar (Kari Lee) and Mr. Churchill (Craig Hyslop)
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Accountability Pillar Survey:**
  - Information on the APORI has been sent by Alberta Education to each family with Children in Grades 4 and 7
  - The survey runs from January 5<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Families of students in these grades will receive a letter from the school in addition to the letter from the province encouraging them to participate
  - Families will also receive a personal email from the school over the coming weeks encouraging them to participate.

**Life at Banded Peak** Darryll Pedersen showed highlights from December and January in a short slide show.

**Chair's Report** Trisha Gizen shared that the next Casino date for Banded Peak has been set for the third quarter of 2020, so July, August or September again. Rockyview has sent out the draft calendars for the next two school years, requesting input from parents and families. Those in attendance this evening agreed that spring break in April, rather than March was preferred and were encouraged to respond to Rockyview with that feedback.

**Treasurer's Report** Deferred to the next meeting as Catherine Watson was unable to attend.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27 by Cara Haar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Solita Burke, all in favour. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.