

Minutes
Banded Peak School Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 27th 2017
Banded Peak School Learning Commons

In Attendance: Trisha Gizen, Joni Pepperkorn, Tracey Lynch, Cara Haar, Sicco Dekker, Catherine Watson, Colleen Munro, Jesika Ffraser, Amber Tsoi, Mike Moore, Simon Pols, Darryll Pederson, Laura Johansen, Sarah MacFarquhar, Andrew Spelrem, Kelsey Wicktor Neumeister, George Allen, Sonja Allen

Welcome Trisha Gizen welcomed everyone to a new school year

Amend Vice Chair Position Trisha shared that Kristyn Schmidt is running for school board trustee and cannot hold both that position and vice chair on the Banded Peak School Council. Attendees agreed to delay potential election for vice chair position until after the October 16th municipal election is held.

Approval of Agenda Simon Pols requested the addition of introductions to the agenda, Jesika Ffraser motioned to approve the agenda, 2nd motion Joni Peperkorn, all in favour.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting, May 24th 2017 1st motion Cara Haar, 2nd motion Catherine Watson, all in favour.

RMCA and BCCA Updates Catherine Watson, representing RMCA, shared information about Paint Nite on this Friday evening. The Sports Swap will be held on October 21st; drop off gear and tag it Friday afternoon and evening prior to the swap. Craft Fair is in November with a Friday evening event for locals, public sale Saturday and Sunday. RMCA is always looking for new members. Trisha Gizen, representing the BCCA, spoke about the AGM set for October 24th. All positions are open and you don't need to live in Bragg Creek to join but you do need a membership to vote.

Trustee's Report Colleen Munro represented Rockyview School Division with the untimely passing of our trustee Helen Clease. The Minister of Education did not approve the trustees transportation fee proposal and they are now implementing what they consider a two-tiered bussing system (as a result of Bill 1, many families are not required to pay for bussing but those exercising choice ie. French immersion or religious schools will have to pay). The changes to the Education Act were required to take place within a certain period of time, which runs out this fall. New aspects of the Education Act will be introduced this fall and the provincial curriculum review is ongoing.

Teacher Representatives: Grade 3/4 Team Andrew, Sarah and Kelsey spoke about this year-long project entitled 'The Gift of Time'. This exploration focuses on civic engagement, community initiatives, students as agents of change and embracing concepts of empathy. They began with teambuilding activities, run by Camp Horizon earlier in September. The bottle drive

raised over \$2000, \$1000 of that was gifted to Feed The Hungry. There will be a West Bragg Creek Trails day in October where the children will be of service in a variety of ways. In November, the grade 3/4s will view the movie Wonder in Cochrane, they are currently reading the book in class. There will be a clothing and toy drive on April 10-13 and other opportunities for hands-on experiences and fieldtrips to downtown Calgary later in the year.

Fun Lunch Trisha, for Solita who couldn't attend the meeting, shared that the fun lunch this Friday is Jugo Juice. The October 27th lunch will be Subway.

Playground Committee nothing to report, the committee hasn't met yet this year. We did receive a \$5000 grant to use for the playground.

Administration's Report

SCHOOL UPDATES:

- Thank you for your help and support over the past few weeks as we have welcomed back students to Banded Peak
- We have welcomed 31 new students to the school; our numbers have increased from 291 in the early Spring to 306 at the end of September
- Budget:
 - School budget is being finalized. Final number of students is due to the Province at the end of September
 - Current budget indicates a \$50,000 carryover from the previous school year
 - Focus of expenditures for this school year aligns with our School Education Plan presented in the Spring – largely on Learning Support and providing assistants and support for students across the school, school based literacy programs, and collaborative time for staff to work together within the school day.
 - School budget will be finalized by the middle of October and will be presented to the Council at that time

CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

- One time funding provided to each school for the 2017-2018 school year
- Discussions were to use funding to support literacy throughout the school, fund extra time for early literacy teacher, or to hire a new assistant
- Decision was made to use allocation to hire a new 1.0FTE assistant to help in our grade 7/8 and 3/4 classrooms

STAFFING

- We are happy to welcome Mrs. Carla Murray back from her time away.
- We are also happy to welcome Mrs. Shannon Young and Mrs. Stephanie Audet to Banded Peak as two full time assistants working at Grade 5/6
- New Child Development Advisory - TBH

LEARNING SUPPORT

- Mr. Pedersen and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and ongoing efforts of our Learning Support team who continue to provide tremendous support to our students. They have been working diligently since last school year to program for each of our children, in particular our more complex students. Their efforts have had an extremely positive impact on the school and the school culture

POWERSCHOOL GRADEBOOK – MAKING ASSESSMENT VISIBLE

- Each teacher from Kindergarten through 6 will be responsible for updating Language Arts at least once every two weeks. Teachers in grade 7/8 will be responsible for one of their CORE subjects.
 - These assessments will not be available to parents until after the first report card. This will be an opportunity for teachers to become familiar with the program
- In the second trimester teachers will be responsible for updating Math at least once every two weeks, as well as Language Arts. These will be live for parents to see.
- In the final semester teachers will be responsible for updating Math and Language Arts at least once every two weeks, as well as either Social Studies or Science
- Teachers of Options A,B,C and Band will be asked to enter their assessment data beginning in the second trimester
- The expectation will be that come September, 2018 all staff are entering their data for all subject areas
- To access your information please visit <https://ps.rockyview.ab.ca/public/>

INDIGO FUNDRAISER

- Banded Peak will be hosting a fundraiser at the Westhills Indigo store on Wednesday, October 11th from 6:30 to 9:00
- The grade 7 and 8 students will focus on selecting current “Young Adult” novels in memory of our much-loved teacher, Mrs. Carmen Harford, who was an avid reader and literacy advocate.
- Please RSVP to pkemp@rockyview.ab.ca

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

SCHOOL ANNUAL RESULTS REPORT

- Each year schools across the province are required to submit an Annual Results Report which reflects upon the previous year and/or three years of achievement at their schools.
- Rocky View Schools uses information from both the APORI (Accountability Pillar Online Resource) and the RVS Accountability Pillar Survey
- The APORI is divided into FOUR major subdivisions: Safe and Caring Schools, Student Learning Opportunities, Student Learning Achievement, and Preparation for Life Long Learning
 - Preliminary results indicate that overall satisfaction remains high in the area of citizenship and provincial achievement results

- Preliminary results indicate a decrease in overall satisfaction in the area of safe and caring schools and parental involvement
- The RVS Satisfaction Survey assess student satisfaction related to the success of learners, student engagement, and student support
 - Preliminary results suggest that we remain high in relation to learners being numerate and literate, students taking responsibility for their learning, school/community partnerships
 - Preliminary results suggest that we can improve in the area of student-centred decision making, learning being individualized, accessible, and challenging, and innovation in teaching
 - In virtually all measures parents have reported improved satisfaction over the previous year

Chair's Report Trisha Gizen shared that the House Clothing order forms will be going home soon, with deadline for orders on October 20th. The clothes will be delivered to the school on November 10th. The Casino was very successful. Our next casino will be in the last quarter of 2020. We will find out our date in May 2020.

Treasurer's Report Catherine Watson; \$34,200 in Friends of Banded Peak account and \$32,190 in the Banded Peak School Council account.

In the interest of time, the **motion to adjourn** was made at 8:15pm by Jesika Ffraser, 2nd Joni Pepperkorn.