

Minutes
Banded Peak School Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 26th, 2018
Banded Peak School Learning Commons

In Attendance: Kristyn Schmidt, Faith McLean, Trisha Gizen, Cara Haar, Simon Pols, Solita Burke, Darryl Pederson, Sicco Dekker, Krista Reiach, Judi Hunter, Kelly Lepard, Janelle Fortmuller, Cayley Webber

Welcome Trisha welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2018-19 school year.

Approval of Agenda 1st Cara Haar, 2nd Solita Burke, all in favour

Approval of Minutes from last meeting 1st motion Faith McLean, 2nd motion Kristyn Schmidt, all in favour.

RMCA and BCCA Updates The Bragg Creek Community Church will be using Banded Peak school space for Sunday services on two occasions coming up.

Trustee Judi Hunter

I trust everyone had a fabulous summer break, the weather was super and summer is such a good time to reconnect with family and friends. As we head back to school, I have seen parents and children out buying new clothes, school supplies and getting their heads around the early mornings and changes in routines.

Rocky View administration has been busy as well, a flood at Prince of Peace School necessitated the moving of resources to try to get the building ready for September opening. When that was not a possibility, administration had to find an alternative site. The Board was thankful to both the Calgary Public and Separate School Systems willingness to accommodate our students until the school is ready. Our thanks go out to the staff who was more than willing to do whatever to ensure a smooth opening for students.

Minister of Education Eggen has put out some new regulations for private schools and Early Childhood School. Essentially the focus is to have more financial accounting around those programs. The government also focussed on the importance of School Councils and the need for each school to have one and the efforts that will be made to ensure that every school has one.

The Springbank Fall Fair was a success and Rocky View Schools had both with tried to encourage School Council participation at all of our West Side schools.

Some websites that will be of interest:

The following is a great website for information relating to anxiety

<https://www.anxietybc.com/>

It offers videos that kids may identify with and advise on how to cope with anxiety.

Please visit this website to get the full report on the most recent findings on young people and social media.

<https://www.common sense media.org/research/social-media-social-life-2018>

Teacher Representatives Grade 5/6 Team presented on what they are currently focusing on in their classrooms. They spoke about the 'big idea' of systems made of small working parts. There was some time spent at the beginning of the year designing the layout of classrooms, in which students were active participants. The team shares a Blog at the end of each school week. Children are encouraged to think of themselves independently as well as an individual with a role to play in the community; overarching studies of government and forests, ecosystems. They provided an overview of their math program, which follows the Rockyview numeracy framework and embeds mathematics in all learning that takes place. Students are required to self-select math mindsets (abstract, balanced, concrete). The team works on number sense, number operations, patterns and relationships, and space and shape in a rotation during each month. There is a component of individual programming where students are encouraged to advocate for themselves. The teachers provide opportunity for enrichment as well as support and students participate in weekly mathematics challenges.

Chair's Report Trisha Gizen shared that our insurance policy, the same one we have had for years, was paid at a \$790 annual premium. There was a motion to pay that cost out of the Friends of Banded Peak account; 1st motion Cara Haar, 2nd Kristyn Schmidt, all in favour. Trisha has spoken with Eric and Bavarian Inn about hosting the same fundraiser as we did last year, with dinner at the restaurant and a silent auction. The event will take place on the evening of February 1st.

Vice Chair's Report Kristyn Schmidt reported that school clothing sales are ongoing until October 12th. There are samples in the school foyer, same prices as last year and the clothing will be available in November.

Treasurer's Report Catherine Watson was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator Imke Ryder was unavailable to attend as well, but it was stated that Sign Up Genius is up for volunteer positions. There was some discussion about coming up with a new way to show appreciation for teachers that is different than meal preparation during collaborative conferences. More discussion to follow on this topic.

Fun Lunch Solita Burke shared that the Extreme Pita fun lunch for September 28th brought in \$197.50. The next fun lunch in Little Caesars on October 26th. We will also look at the Café idea for December, similar to what we did last year.

Playground Committee The committee is waiting to hear back from Rockyview, the project is stated as 'pending' in the Superintendent's report. They are looking at landscaping as well as the playground, with a landscape plan estimated cost of \$7000. Things will get started in the spring, and we continue to wait on grants that will be announced later this year.

Administration's Report, Simon Pols

Classroom Numbers:

| Grade | Numbers |
|--------|----------------|
| Kinder | 17 |
| 1/2 | 23 23 23 |
| 3/4 | 26 25 25 |
| 5/6 | 26 25 25 |
| 7/8 | 27 27 27 |
| Total | 319 |

School Start Up Feedback Request

- Grade 7/8 Homerooms?
- "Take a Peek at the Peak"
- Options
- Questions/Concerns

Alvin Law Presentation:

- We were very pleased to have had Alvin Law present to our students on the topic of "Perseverance".
- Alvin was born in Saskatchewan in the late 1950s with no arms and has worked tirelessly throughout this life to overcome numerous obstacles and challenges.
- For more information on Alvin please visit: <https://alvinlaw.com>

Artist in Residence:

- Banded Peak will be welcoming Michelle Minke as our Artist in Residence this school year.
- Michelle will be visiting Banded Peak during the week of October 15th to 19th.
- She will have the opportunity to work with all of our students from Kindergarten to Grade eight
- She will be hosting "workshops" over the lunch hour that students will be able to sign up for or be recommended to by teachers

Staffing Update:

- Jolene Siemens has accepted a temporary Teacher Psychologist assignment with Rocky View Schools. Her position begins on Monday, October 1st.
- We have posted the position and will be interviewing next week.

- We are in a position to hire a part time learning assistant to provide support for our students in grades 3/4
- Additional time will be given to learning support, especially on Friday in light of some of these changes.

Three-Way Conferences:

- A reminder that our Three-Way Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th between 4:30 to 7:30

Funding Requests:

- Student Leadership
- Fine Arts Day
- Artist in Residence
- SOGO Running
- Field Trips – maintain the form!
 - Present at the October Meeting
 - \$17K – 3000 per team, \$1000 kinder

Iceland

Next Month: Sharing information on our School Results from 2017-2018

Life at Banded Peak Darryll Pedersen showed highlights from the last few weeks in a short slide show.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm by Solita Burke, 2nd Kristyn Schmidt, all in favour. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, October 17, 2018.