

# MINUTES OF THE BANDED PEAK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**OCTOBER 23, 2019** 

#### SC Executive Members Present:

School Administration Members Present:

Simon Pols, Principal

Trisha Gizen, Chair Kristyn Schmidt, Vice-Chair Solita Burke, Secretary Catherine Watson, Treasurer Imke Ryder, Volunteer Coordinator

Also In Attendance: Susanna S, Rebecca Parzen and Sicco Dekker.

### Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Trisha Gizen called the meeting to order at 1:08pm

### Motion to Add to Agenda

1st Rebecca Parzen – adding to community/school input #14 on agenda; 2nd Solita Burke

# **Approval of Agenda**

1st Sicco Dekker: 2nd Kristyn Schmidt: All in Fayour

#### **Approval of Minutes**

1st Motion Catherine Watson; 2nd Imke Ryder; All in Favour

## **RMCA & BCCA Updates**

BCCA: Halloween party for kids coming up on Sat Oct 26th, and they have a Casino coming up. RMCA: Nov 15th, 16th, 17th is the Kananaskis Christmas Craft Fair; and their AGM is on Nov 28, 2019 if anyone is interested in going.

## Ward 5 Trustee Report - Judy Hunter

Hard to believe that it is already the first of October and that we have had our first 12 inches of snow.

All schools are well into their school year with curriculum being taught and sports teams in progress.

The transportation department continues to modify routes and respond to transportation queries. Transportation issues are being discussed at the provincial level. While Boards are now able to implement fees, your Board will likely not due that mid-year as it has had no consultation with stakeholders and still has not received the Provincial guidelines and funding formulas for transportation.

Action

The Board has elected a new Chair, Fiona Gilbert, and vice-chair, Melyssa Bowen. We also welcome Sandy McDuffe as our new area director for the West-side schools.

The Electronic Recycle Association has announced a poster contest for waste reduction week. www.era.ca We are extremely excited to announce our **2nd Kids Poster Competition** in a year.

We are asking students between the age of 6 and 12 to create a poster that best represents ERA mission:

- To reduce electronic waste and the negative impact it has on our environment, and to reuse unwanted computers and related electronic equipment through recovery, refurbishment and computer donation programs
- Waste Reduction Week

There will be one winner from each school that participates, and the winning student will receive a laptop and an extra laptop to donate to a charity of their choice.

Their artwork will be showcased on our blog and social media throughout the month of December.

Westbrook School Construction is well underway. Staff and students are adjusting to the complexities of working in a construction zone

September 30, all schools demonstrated their support for and recognition of Indigenous reconciliation by wearing Orange shirts.

Celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) by:

- Promoting increased participation of Albertans with disabilities in our provincial economy
- Celebrating workers living with disabilities, their skills, successes and achievements
- Recognizing that, as Albertans, we all have unique skills and interests that make us valued members in our workplaces
- Supporting employers in promoting inclusive hiring practices and demonstrating their ongoing commitment to Albertans with disabilities

The Board is looking forward to receiving the provincial budget allocations to schools October 31, 2019.

# • Chair Report - Trisha

Simon, Catherine and Trisha met with Janelle from RVS Finance. Basically, we can leave things as is. We can fundraise as a school council, and Friends of Banded Peak will remain just for Casino. The other account that was for Fundraising will be shut down. We don't need to completely revise our bylaws and we can use schoolcashonline.

The playground is done, so what are we fundraising for now? What Fundraisers do we want to have this year? Clothing – yes. Fun Lunch – yes. Bavarian Inn – yes. Walk a Thon – yes.

In the past when distributing money, we tried to make it equal per grade grouping, and mostly STEAM related items. We asked that the teachers come to our School Council meetings and present their proposals for amounts. But we've realized this is tough, as sometimes teachers don't know exact amounts or what field trips, etc., they are going to do at the start of the year. Wondering if it can all go through Simon and he can be our gatekeeper and we just approve the amounts? He said yes.

Where is our Casino money going to go to? It could as an example go to a Math Literacy thing, as it's come up time and again in the meetings. Would it go to resources, materials or professional development? It was decided that we would put it out to teachers for their opinions first, via a google forms survey from Simon. Then possibly out to the school community if there is not a clear "winner" from teachers.

Talked about doing a playground opening, but we got a dump of snow and didn't hear back from any vendors. What should we do with the chips, etc. that we received for the build/grand opening? We will find a chance to give them away, possibly even at Christmas Concerts.

Joint Council meeting on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Simon will not be there, and Trisha is not available. If any of the executive is available to attend, that would be great. Darryll Pederson will attend for the Administration.

Motion to give \$13,000 to classes/grade groupings, and to do a survey with the teachers about how to use Casino money.

1<sup>st</sup> Trisha Gizen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristyn Schmidt; All in Favour

# • Vice Chair Report - Kristyn

• Clothes are in; we are going to put samples of the sizes out at tonight's Collaborative Conferences so that parents can have kids try them on or get an idea of the sizing for ordering online (to follow).

### • Treasurer's Report - Catherine

• When we reported on what he had in our bank account back in May 2019 we thought we'd have only around \$12,000 left, minus the amount for clothing which hadn't come out yet. This was based on our projected spending for how much we were giving to classrooms, etc. Our projected spending never happened, and we did not pay the portion that we thought we were for these items. When we got the actual printout from accounts, we had \$38,418.22 (revenue and expense accounts).

We have \$41,748 in school council accounts including the Fun Lunch Account (we have accounts for everything school council and then one for Fun Lunch).

We are still \$960 short for Walk A Thon because we think that some people who were paying online might have accidentally donated to Rockyview in general, rather than to Banded Peak, by clicking on the wrong tab. So, unless they made a note that said "for Banded Peak Walk A Thon" on their donation, or unless they wrote down the transaction # on their sheet, there is no way for us to retrieve that money from Rockyview Schools general donation account.

### • Admin Report - Simon

After discussing communication issues between the school and parents, Simon has decided to change
the blog to both an email AND a blog. Many people don't read the blog as they either can't get
connectivity or they forget the password, and it may make things easier if the info just gets sent out in

the body of the email.

#### Iceland: Updates

School Ambassadors: Matthew Conaboy, Chelsea Trainor, Tristan Parker, Hannah Gilchrist

### Real Time Reporting Discussion

 As a follow up to our discussions on Friday please take a few minutes to discuss your insights, questions, concerns related RTR. This information will be used to help gauge future PL and Support.

#### Valuable Links:

- Literacy and RTR:
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/IMiwFdl9GFcrxbb5JljRHet889WZdlZp42Ql9NZwKzL4/e dit?ts=5daOb560
- RTR Outcomes:
  - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18QacTH3JvAhWdCdhqOcpxsndwuFWufWL
- RTR Learner Outcomes Kinder through to Grade 9
  - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/lalB-TfpVLdemx3XMRYE-0-kEnQCyQO-7

### School Budget:

- Please be aware that this year's school budget will remain tighter than previous school years
- The following factors have had an influence on this year's school budget:
  - Elimination of CIF (\$41,000)
  - Elimination of Tier One funding for Learning Support (\$10,000)
  - Increase costs associated with Assignable Time for Part Time staff
  - Additional costs associated with increase in school-based positions (\$30,000)
  - \$20.00 per child held by the school division in response to provincial cutbacks next week. (\$6000)
  - o Total: +/- \$90,000

#### Student Teachers:

- Craig (Joshua Denison), Kelly (Tina Shields), Leith (Rachel Shemeliuk) (University of Calgary)
- Sarah (Mount Royal University)
- Fun Lunch Coordinator's Report Solita
- Mucho Burrito is this Friday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, we have made approximately \$225.65 (less \$13 for expenses).
- Solita to investigate why some people get email reminders from Healthy Hunger and why some don't.
   Might consider going back to manually sending the emails out.
- Rebecca Parzen suggested that we send out little notes each month in the kid's backpack's as a reminder, but we will start with fixing the error on the emails and go from there.

• Next Lunch is Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and it's Tim Horton's.

Friends of Banded Peak Meeting Tabled until next month due to time.

# Motion to Adjourn

 $1^{\rm st}\,$  Kristyn Schmidt;  $2^{\rm nd}\,$  Solita Burke; All in Favour at 3:02pm.