



BANDED PEAK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MAY 19, 2021

SC Executive Members Present:

- Trisha Gizen, Chair
- Rebecca Parzen, Vice Chair
- Imke Ryder, Volunteer Coordinator
- Solita Burke, Treasurer
- Willow Carriere, Secretary

School Administration Members Present:

- Simon Pols, Principal
- Darryll Pederson, Asst Principal

School Trustee Present:

- Judi Hunter

Also, In Attendance: Kara Loy/Tova Schaefer

Absent: N/A

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA:

- **Call to Order & Welcome** – Trisha Gizen > Called the meeting to order at 6:51PM
- **Approval of Agenda** – Trisha Gizen > Approved by unanimous consent
- **Approval of Minutes** – Trisha Gizen > Approved by unanimous consent
- **RMCA & BCCA Updates** – RMCA/BCCA Representatives
 - RMCA (Rebecca):
 - Thank you to the seedling sale supporters. It was very successful and they were able to raise over \$1000 for the community garden.
 - Canada Day: We are organizing a parade through Redwood Meadows to bring residents out and support local businesses/organizations.
 - Community Clean-Up: Informal clean up by residents. Participate by bringing a bag of garbage to the bin behind Redwood House and receive a free treat/drink on the next three Sundays (May 23/30/June 6).
 - BCCA (Trisha):
 - Lots of courses and opportunities to participate in activities through the BCCA. Please contact BCCA to register for any of the programs or for more information.
 - Trail Runs
 - Diverse and sustainable planting
 - Birdhouse Building
 - Vermicomposting
 - Summer Camps for ages 5-12 (nature camp)
 - Music for young children program
 - Rain barrel sales
 - Ladies Auxiliary > Covid 19 relief fund (contact the group directly)
 - They are also looking for new members. Also running a community clean-up June 26th in Bragg Creek. Banded Peak families have had

some close ties with the auxiliary and their support has been very much appreciated.

- Food Bank > contact the community center or Bragg Creek Church

▪ **Teacher Representative** – N/A

▪ **Trustee Report** – Judi Hunter

○ Meeting Notes

- Funding from Provincial government received > similar to last year
- Starting two online schools for grades 1-9 & 10-12 > the deadline is May 21st
- Revamping the education center due to capacity limitations
- Survey has been distributed to gather information of a 4-year plan > provide input on how this is coming along
- Busing fees are going to be reduced by \$25 per student for the first two students and \$12.50 for additional students.
- No in person graduation ceremonies are able to happen this year
- \$10 million will be used from reserves for next year

○ Report Highlights

- Hard to believe we are beginning the second last month of school. Middle and High Schools are planning their end of year celebrations. Once again, there will be no traditional ceremonies, which presents a loss to students as these are earned rites of passage events. School staff and parents are working creatively to rise to the occasion and despite all the restrictions make this year's graduation as wonderful as possible.
- The past month has been a busy time for the Board of Trustees. It is budget time which requires focusing on what is most important in our system and then prioritizing dollars to those areas, while maintaining services that keep the system running. In addition to establishing this year's budget, the Board has been engaged in a school closure process with Prince of Peace school. The Board submitted its capital plan highlighting the expansion needs of Bow Valley High School as its number one priority. The Board is awaiting news on its request for 31 new portables. The Board has revised Policy 1 which is the Foundation Statements. These statements reflect the vision, purpose, and values of the district.
- The weekend of April 23-25, I and six members of the Ward 5 School Councils attended the Alberta School Councils Association Conference. The opening speaker was Minister Andriana LaGrange. The plenary session on Saturday was given by the students at Lacombe Composite High School. The students provided an overview of the Eco Vision Program. The following outcomes were reported:
 - Bee keeping business
 - Geodesic greenhouse supplying produce
 - Three aquaponics strategies showing differing results
 - Partnerships with Alberta Agriculture, Native community, and community business
 - Did a recycle project
 - 15 major environmental projects
 - Agricultural leaders in the province
 - Has had multiple awards

- Has had community impact
 - Sell their products at the farmer's market
 - Youth environmental grant by Alberta Emerald Foundation
 - The link below is work watching and gives a look at the project.
 - <http://lchsecovision.weebly.com/>
 - The teacher impressed the importance of student leadership and community support
 - The student indicated that Grow Alberta was giving out garden projects
 - I also attend two "Leader in Me" sessions that focus on helping each student see the power in themselves and helping them become contributors to their communities and developing the self-worth that comes from participating and giving. "The Leader in Me" concept began in a Medicine Hat School and had spread world-wide.
- **Administrations Report – Simon Pols**
- **Flower Deliver Thank You/Video** - School council organized flower deliveries for staff at their homes and student at the school and created a thank you video for the staff from students of Banded Peak.

2021-2022 School Year			
Grades	Total Numbers		Class Distribution
Kindergarten	+/- 20		20
Grade 1/2	Grade 1	Grade 2	17
	17	33	17
			16
Grade 3/4	Grade 3	Grade 4	19
	25	32	19
			19
Grade 5/6	Grade 5	Grade 6	21
	31	33	21
			22
Grade 7/8	Grade 7	Grade 8	28
	32	24	28
Total			247

Budget Overview/Staffing Update

- Based on enrollment of 247
- Focus of our school is to maintain teacher staffing levels where possible, improve accessibility to learning support, limit accumulation of resources, and budget responsibly for the coming school year
- Decrease of 1.0 FTE or a full-time teacher
- Learning Support Assistants remain the same (Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Huet, Mrs. Gibbs @0.2FTE)
- Teacher Changes:
 - Mrs. Lepard will move to Learning Support in the Fall
 - Mrs. Webber and Mrs. Fortmuller will be returning to Banded Peak in September
 - Mr. George will be moving to grade 5/6
 - Ms. Behnia will remain at grade 3/4 in Mrs. Sudar's position until which time that Mrs. Sudar returns from her leave
- Maintenance of CDA position at 0.8 (funded at 0.34 FTE)
- Possible decrease in Literacy FTE from 0.8 to 0.7 FTE (funded at 0.2 FTE)

Outdoor Space:

- Three new tables from Moose Mountain Log Homes have been purchased and installed behind the Learning Commons
- Staff will be doing more work on the space on Friday morning
- We are trying to purchase new trees to be installed at this time as well.
- Discussion: Rebecca > Are there funds from Council that will be needed for these? Simon > there has been some donations over the years that were to be allocated to outside equipment. These donations should cover the costs and there is no ask to council for funds at this time.

Class Lists/Moving on Up

- Parents were provided the opportunity to request a peer/class for the coming school year based solely on “academic, social, emotional needs”.
- This information has been carefully considered and shared with teachers who are working on class lists for the 2021-2022 school year.
- We will be foregoing Moving on Up once again this school year. Teams will be asked to once again produce a video to share with students and our school community. More information on this will be shared at a later date.

Student Recognition:

- Students in Grade 5 through 8 will also receive a certificate to recognize their ongoing efforts, resilience, participation... this will be sent to each student in their report card.
- Maureen McCashin awards will be given to recipient on the last day of school. This will be part of our Grade 8 Farewell.

Grade 8 Farewell:

- Grad Pictures:
 - Official LifeTouch Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, May 25th
 - “Fancy” pictures will be taken on Friday, June 4th – a schedule has been provided to students. This will remain as a regular school day, although parents may opt to keep their children at home if they so choose.
- Hoodies:
 - Craig will take on the hoodies
 - Working with students to determine size/colour
- Video:
 - Craig will follow through with students to make sure they answer their video questions
 - Craig will follow through with MCs and Valedictorian to get them to start their speeches
 - Staff speeches will be filmed around the school and Back 40.
 - Craig will have the video completed by June 18th
 - Video will be shared with families on June 18th via YouTube at 6:00. Families will be encouraged to host a viewing party online on the 19th as part of a virtual farewell
- Class Photos Books
- Gift Basket Update
- Legacy Gift? Discussio : Legacy Gift > is there an option to have a bench reproduced. Imke > are we able to ask the students/grads about what they would like as a legacy gift. Craig will further discuss with the grads for feedback. Rebecca > are there restrictions placed on the donation? Simon > not specifically/just to a certain aspect of the school (for example grad or outside space but not specifically one item).
- Discussion: Grade 8 Grad > Simon received a donation offer of \$5400 for the graduation farewell. Through the Skip the Depot (\$579) and \$350 from Springbank Bottle Depot + \$120 worth of donations.

- **Chair's Report** – Trisha Gizen > Nothing additional to report following the AGM Chair Report
- **Vice Chair's Report** – Rebecca Parzen
 - Thank you for the support from council on the flowers and thank you video for school staff.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Solita Burke > See AGM report for details
- **Volunteer Coordinator's Report** – Imke Ryder
 - Nothing to report as Walkathon has been cancelled.
- **New or Other Business**
 - Trisha > Grade 8 Grad > Baskets and hoodies are in the works and will be complete and ordered soon. High School survival kits are being created. Photobooks are being produced. Formal photos will be taking place at the school on June 4th. Legacy gifts are still being decided on with feedback pending from students.
 - Simon > Does Judi or a representative from council want to add a clip to add to the video for the students. Judi will produce a video and council will try to get one organized by June 8th.
- **Motion to Adjourn** – Trisha Gizen > Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 2021