

Banff Community High School – Council
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2008

Present:

1. Dave Brazeau
2. Dale Martin
3. Sharon Phillips
4. Patty Glover
5. Alison Milroy
6. Linda Schultz
7. Stephanie Kuxdorf
8. Margarete Moar Bell
9. Deb Hornsby
10. Curtis Doherty
11. Connie MacDonald
12. Arlene Rheaume
13. Karen Sorensen
14. Lynn Calvert

- 1. Call to order at 5:10 pm**
- 2. Approval of agenda**
- 3. Minutes from last meeting approved**
- 4. Old Business**

- a) School Dance Report – Shelley MacAulay is too busy right now, but will present a report to us in September
- b) Fundraising – appropriateness of how to fundraise, etc. Mary is going to do some research and get back to the Council.

5. Reports

- a) Principal
 - Core selections are mostly done.
 - Improving school climate and culture for next year.
 - Awards Ceremony being held this week.
 - Honour Society will be held on June 26 for Honour Roll students. Dave wants to ask the students to dress up to fit into the Banff Springs Hotel environment.
 - Commencement June 27.
 - Margarete asked how we as a Council can better help the principal and teachers? Some ideas resulted: lots of support in the community, school wants parent involvement, kids want independence as well as support, parents must sign in at office. Dale would like to see more local representation for career opportunities instead of resources coming from far away – perhaps Council and parents could be more involved. Dave would like to see more character and leadership development. There's a disconnect between values and teaching expectations and

appropriate behaviour. We need to get kids to behave the way we talk. Karen pointed out that it's difficult to do this because of different values that people have. Margarete suggested we celebrate the positive at dances. Dave said we should establish a code of conduct to work with the school. Karen mentioned that the Town of Banff is working on a Code of Conduct for the Community that might be interesting for us to look at.

- President and Vice President have been chosen for Senior High already (Shannon Booth & Jordan Smythe).
 - Enrollment is down 120 students in the region; 21 – 25 students at BCHS and we're down half a teacher.
 - Dale is retiring this year and her replacement will be a .6 position.
 - The school is hiring a new music teacher – good candidates being interviewed.
 - Some kids are going on exchanges next year, or to Canmore for drama, families moving.
 - Football players from Banff can only play non-competitively in Canmore.
 - Dave doesn't think enrollment is down because people are unhappy.
 - Alison pointed out that she has heard some negative comments from the community about the school, in particular from the elementary school parents. Margarete said that we are doing well in terms of the provincial testing. Dale thinks the culture will improve next year. The independent learning program we had in the past was definitely a concern for a lot of parents.
 - Grade 6s coming over – 40% will need some extra support coming to Grade 7. Transition meetings at student level will take place. SRC (Student Representative Council) will help as well. Karen suggested that we meet with the students instead of having them attend our meetings. Deb suggested we have a potluck lunch for the SRC early in the year.
- b) Junior High – no reps present.
- c) Senior High – Curtis Doherty reported:
- .Senior Rugby Team won the home tournament and the Junior Rugby team placed second.
 - SRC Sadie Freeman is Vice Chair and Ian Schultz is the Chair. Senior high reps as noted above.
 - Green Team is selling painted rainbarrels for \$175 each to raise money (they have 18 to sell). Karen will check with Dougal at the Banff Housing Corp to see if they need them for new Middlesprings neighbourhood.
 - Grad plans are going well.
 - After grad is ready as well.
 - Grade 9s having Grad on June 20.

6. Committee Reports**a) Futures Committee Report**

- Final report is now posted on the website. They've hired a coordinator to help with implementation.

b) Treasurer's Report

- Is something coming for transportation from the band trip?
- Currently remaining \$5700 restricted to arts, and \$519 unrestricted monies plus approximately \$500 from school fees.
- Patty would prefer the funds to go directly to the school instead of through Council. Karen feels that we should continue to manage the funds. Discussion ensued. School is not able to give us an accurate report on books right now. Yvonne to get an assistant in the fall. Karen pointed out that the MacTaggart fund is not being spent so we need to help the teachers spend it and be clear on what we need it for. Connie made a motion: "To move MacTaggart Third restricted funds (\$5700.00) into a separate account line at the school, and the remaining monies (\$1000.00) stay in the School Council's account." The motion was seconded by Linda – approved and passed. Council will still be involved with decisions on how money is spent.

7. New Business

- None.

8. Next Meeting

- Sept. 2008.

9. Adjournment – 6:00 pm.

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Margarete presented the year in review, noting it was a year of change.

New Council:

1. Deb Hornsby – voting member
2. Connie MacDonald – voting member – new Chair
3. Linda Schultz– voting member
4. Stephanie Kuxdorf – voting member or member-at-large TBA
5. Margarete Moar Bell – voting member
6. Sharon Phillips – voting member – Fundraising
7. Alison Milroy – voting member
8. Patty Glover – voting member – Treasurer
9. Karen Sorensen - voting member or member-at-large TBA – Fundraising
10. Judy Eshenko - voting member TBA
11. Lynn Calvert - voting member – new Secretary
12. Tanya Bouchard – Community Member
13. Principal
14. Teacher
15. Senior High
16. Junior High

First meeting to be held on Monday, September 15 at 4:00 pm (3rd Monday of each month)

Dave will ask the teachers who might be interested in joining the Council