

Banff Community High School – Council Meeting Minutes January 21, 2008

Present:

Dave Brazeau, Chris Macdonald ,Sharon Phillips, Lynn Calvert, Karen Sorensen, Alison Milroy, Linda Schultz , Stephanie Kuxdorf, Margarette Moar Bell, Deb McLean Tanya Bouchard, Deanna Ladouceur (Jr High Rep), Kathy Drury, Sheila Snowsell

Absent:

Dale Martin, Sr. High Student Rep/s, Patty Glover, Sharon Oakley, Roy Goulet
Deb Hornsby, Connie MacDonald, Lorraine Widmer-Carson

1. Call to order at 4:12 pm

2. Approval of agenda

3. Minutes from last meeting approved

4. Old Business

a) Fund-raising Policies – Sub-Committee

- Karen will work on this for next year.
- She will need someone to help her work on this committee.
- We need to set up a framework ahead of time for the fund-raising needs at the school.
- We want to avoid bombarding all the same people when asking them for donations.

5. Reports

a) Principal

- Little to report this month.
- There was still once incident resulting from the dance that has come back to the school, but it's being handled without the school's involvement.
- We will not discuss it at this meeting since there are no representatives from the Senior High students present.
- On-line Homework – there are no future prospects for this from the school district.
- What is new is that all parents in the school's database will receive an email that day if their child is late or absent.
- Attendance at the school is good; however, 10% of the students are late every day, which is a great concern and will be mentioned in the newsletter.
- There have been issues of inexcusable absences such as parents taking their children out of school to ski, for vacations, etc. The teachers are not obligated to allow students to make up for missed assignments and tests unless the absences are excused. The school and teachers continue to be as understanding as possible knowing the unique schedules of this tourist town.

- b) Junior High
 - Deanna reported that the Jr Boys were 3rd in the basketball tournament last weekend.
 - Everyone is currently busy with midterm exams.
 - There's an upcoming Band Camp for the music students.
- c) Senior High
 - No representatives present
- d) Teacher's Report
 - Dale was absent

6. Committee Reports

a) Futures Committee Report

- Deb Hornsby was unable to attend today's meeting but wanted to remind everyone to attend Wednesday's talk by futurist, Ruben Nelson.

b) Treasurer's Report

Budget

- Patty was absent but sent through the latest financial report (handed out at the meeting).
- We have an extra \$3000 from the MacTaggart Foundation.
- Karen said that we have \$6200 remaining from the Benefit Ball (Community Foundation) and \$1000 from the Town of Banff for joint use of the gym, plus an additional \$1800 from the Town.
- Rotary has already contributed and we may get more money for additional microscopes from them.
- Dave will approach the Community Foundation for an extra \$5000
- Sharon Phillips questioned whether we should be funding items such as microscopes that should be part of the school's budget as essential items.
- The reality is that they need replacement and the school doesn't have money in the budget to purchase new ones – these microscopes have already greatly enhanced the science program.
- Karen can apply for a Community Initiative Program Grant but the rules are that you need matched funds and need to hand in receipts.
- She was thinking of upgrading Purkis Hall with furniture, for example.
- There's no deadline to apply for these grants, but it needs to be appropriate.
- \$2500 has already been approved for a theatre trip to Calgary and another \$2000 is leftover for the arts.
- Dale has said she would get back to Karen re. additional funds that may be needed and she and Carol Beaton will be clearer on the budget for this year.
- We need to explain to the MacTaggart Foundation (by writing a letter) how we spent the \$3000 we have left.
- Karen thinks we still have \$4000 remaining.
- Some things to consider are: Band Camp, Artist in Residence, local theatre group, etc.

- Karen is confused about all the different accounts we have and how much money there really is remaining.
- Margarete suggested that she, Dave, Karen, Patty and Yvonne Spence get together for a meeting to get a better handle on this
- Sharon P. asked again whether we should be funding essential items.
- Dave pointed out that the textbook budget alone was eaten up by new Physics textbooks (\$5800 out of \$6000).
- Everyone gets the same grant money, but each board has different expenses. For example, 80% of CRSD budget goes to salaries.
- Margarete pointed out that concerned parents should write letters to the government.

7. New Business

a) Meeting with the School Board

- The trustees want to know our goals and have our input
- Margarete suggested that we all think about it and discuss it at our next meeting.
- Any parents that want to attend with her are welcome.

8. Correspondence – Margarete will send it out to us all later

9. Newsletter Input

- Nothing new.

10. Questions

- **Band Camp** – Lynn asked who approved this? BCHS approved it (CRSD approval not required because it's not an out-of-province trip). She has some serious concerns, which she'll raise with Dave directly.
- Parent Chaperones are needed (both sexes) and criminal record checks will be done.

11. Next Meeting

- Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 4:00 pm

12. Adjournment – 5:00 pm.