

**MINUTES**  
**BANFF COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2007**

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- 1) Call to Order 4:10 pm
- 2) Approval of agenda and additions
- 3) Minutes from last meeting approved
- 4) Old Business**
  - a) School Dances
    - Grad Presidents wanted to provided their input on the first dance - generally a success, RCMP were requested, but could not attend due to other commitments
    - Grad Presidents stressed that our school is unique and small and they felt is helped provide a positive environment to have dances for both Junior and Senior students together
    - New dance was announced for Wednesday, December 19, 2007 Run by students and parents
    - New policies introduced by Shelley Macaulay (Parent committee working with Grads:
      - i) Intoxication needs to be anticipated
      - ii) Door to close at 9:00 PM
      - iii) No guests
      - iv) RCMP to be in attendance as in Canmore – Town of Canmore pays for police attendance – TOB currently looking into this.
      - v) Looking at the idea of searching students, but will not occur for this dance
      - vi) Zero tolerance for alcohol – any student identified as drunk, or to have drunk alcohol will be asked to step into the “Drunk Tank” and parents will be called to pick them up, if parents are not available, they will be handed over to RCMP
      - vii) Drunk students will also face a fine of \$135
      - viii) A follow-up letter will go to parents to inform them that these students will not be able to attend future dances
      - ix) Mary B. will be checking with possible options for security guards as well
      - x) Grad and parent will oversee the coat check
      - xi) Washrooms will be monitored – need Male and Female chaperones
      - xii) 3 shifts for volunteers identified – 7 – 9 PM / 8 – 10 PM / 9 – 11 PM – parents still needed for late shift**
      - xiii) Canmore has dances Thurs 7:30 – 10:30 PM to help curb alcohol use. Banff will try both weekdays and Fridays
    - Grad Presidents asked if School Council is supportive of future dances – now run by Parents and Students. School Council was supportive and applauded their work organizing this dance.
    - Deb H. - also wanted to reflect on Kim Bater’s comments from the last meeting that indicated that few Alberta schools have school run dances, instead dances are run by parents/students
    - Dave B. - Because of liability issues, it may be that the era of school run dances may be coming to an end.

- Dale M. added that current liability issues and activities such as going into purses is likely beyond what teachers want to do.
- Mary B. added that the Grad Reps and Parent committee are meeting with RCMP to review Policies and Procedures for the dance
- Debra H. asked if we should move to pay for off duty police.
- Mary B. – TOB will look at the possibility of sponsoring this, and she realized that our resources were limited and may be better utilized for other needs.
- Connie M. – Students have 10 x more influence than adults to communicate the message of zero tolerance
- Mary B. – students need to communicate the message and use peer pressure / create a handout with point by point rules so student understand the rules
- Dale M. – suggested an announcement followed by a message from the Grad class and committee that could be read with rules in the first period class

## 5) Reports

### a) Principal

- i) Met with Debra Hornsby and Jim Olver about partnerships with the Banff Centre
- ii) Honduras trip is confirmed with 12 students in May
- iii) Grade 7 students working on “Locative Learning” project with Banff Centre – seem very enthusiastic
- iv) Voice Mail system – “Big Mouth” will not go ahead this year, but there is the ability to enter emails for security needs. – can also send out late or absent notifications
- v) Need to address process piece for future meetings – better clarification for what the role of a School Council plays, so we don’t venture into areas that are not appropriate
- vi) Student Council currently not well attended – (Lorraine W. suggested that possibly a transition piece needs to take place since Grad Class traditionally has taken leadership role and has mandates set out last spring they are following)

### b) Junior high

- i) Bake sales taking place for African fundraiser
- ii) Taco bags for French Trip fundraiser
- iii) Junior Boys and Girls Basket Ball teams have started

### c) Senior high

- i) Volley Ball
  - (1) didn’t make it to Zones – sad
  - (2) Difficult without leagues
  - (3) Senior Boys had difficulty with \$ and Senior Girls didn’t make it
  - (4) Girls traditionally do well
- ii) Basket Ball
  - (1) Now a Senior Girls and Boys team
  - (2) Senior girls started a week late due to lack of coaches
  - (3) Interest from students is lacking - We have great athletes in our school, but gym time and other activities may be contributing to lack of interest
  - (4) Coaching seems to be a problem and it would be good to have council help ensure that coaches were lined up prior to the season beginning.
  - (5) Senior boys have 4 coaches including Mr. Skinner (6 players – just one alternate)
- iii) Banff Hockey Academy
  - (1) Now doing well so far – new team, may still need to bond
  - (2) Now on break for 3 weeks

- iv) Christmas Concert
  - (1) Senior high students involved in almost every part of performance
- v) Lockers
  - (1) Problem with size and people sharing – too small
- vi) Lunch Room
  - (1) Students don't feel as though they have space to sit
  - (2) Possibly more long tables needed
  - (3) Connie M. asked students to discuss this further and let Council know if there is a way that we might be able to help.
- vii) Class Schedules
  - (1) Senior students find that it is hard to stay focused for 82 minutes
  - (2) Want to investigate possibility of going back to 5 classes/day
  - (3) Dave B. – scheduling changes due to need for phys ed daily for Junior High – very difficult to accommodate everything needed in a small school with teachers that teach overlapping subjects - a lot of work was done by Brian O. to schedule.
  - (4) Dale M. – in January, there is a possibility of scheduling changes to address challenges.

## 6) Committee Reports

- a) Future's Committee Report
  - i) Reviewed input from sessions this fall
  - ii) Meetings in February and speaker series in 2008 – dates can be view on the web
  - iii) Have now joined OECD – international group - allows for access to information from other countries as well as adds additional credibility to the committee
  - iv) Additional funding from the government has been received to pay for membership to OECD – additional \$ may also be available for the committee activities
- b) Treasurer's Report
  - i) Updated Budget presented
- c) Advocacy
  - i) Please see Trustee Meeting below
- d) Fundraising
  - i) Mary Brewster brought a check for \$2,100 from TOB Community Services. Karen Sorenson wrote a grant proposal for music software, comtech equipment and art frames.
    - (1) Money can now be leveraged for more money through grants
    - (2) Also brought an honorarium for grads – worth \$300
    - (3) She looks forward to student art for the Art Show
    - (4) Also welcomes students to play music at special events
    - (5) Graphics department looks forward to student art for their new website
  - ii) Banff Community Foundation has given a cheque for \$5,000 for 12 new microscopes. – 8 old microscopes were given to the Elementary School that will work well for elementary school lessons.
  - iii) \$6,200 left in BBB money will be used for technology such as ripple tank, LCD panels, etc. (detailed list due after Karen S. and Dave B. meet)

## 7) New Business

- a) Trustee Meeting

- i) Kim Bater reported that they were encouraged by the Minister's actions to support the pension and aid in getting a teachers contact signed for the next 5 years.
- ii) They continue to advocate for funding the grid and \$ for mild to moderate funding. The minister commented that the \$ for mild to moderate funding was a fairly universal request from all school divisions.
- iii) All divisions have till the end of January to get a deal signed for teachers.
- b) Fundraising – Mary Brewster (letter will be forward by David B.)
  - i) Could we consider a “graduation fee” to cover annual costs of the Grad class rather than have a handful of Grad students raise funds to subsidize the expenses of an entire class?
  - ii) Should we look at setting some guidelines in place for fundraising for the school? Even if the fundraising is led by parents, it still reflects on the school. We need to be clear about what the funding is for as we go out to the community. Mary has offered to help if we decide to proceed.

**8) Correspondence**

- a) none

**9) Newsletter input**

- a) Chris M. wanted us to encourage participation in the Mountain Madness Race in January

10) Questions

11) Next Meeting – January 21, 2008

12) Adjournment – 6:30 PM