

Banff Community High School – Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2007

Present:

1. Dave Brazeau (Principal)
2. Chris Macdonald (Member-at-large)
3. Deb Hornsby (Voting member)
4. Connie MacDonald (Voting member)
5. Dale Martin (Teacher)
6. Alison Milroy
7. Sharon Oakley
8. Linda Schultz (Voting member)
9. Stephanie Kuxdorf (Secretary)
10. Margarette Moar Bell (Chairperson)
11. Patty Glover (Treasurer)
12. Tanya Bouchard
13. Kim Bater (School Board Trustee)

Absent:

1. Roy Goulet
2. Sharon Phillips (Voting member)
3. Lynn Calvert (Member-at-large)
4. Lorraine Widmer-Carson (Member-at-large)
5. Karen Sorensen (Voting member)

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1. **Call to order at 4:07 pm**
  2. **Approval of agenda with additions**
  3. **Minutes from last meeting approved**
  4. **Old Business**
    - a) Education Plan Review
      - Page by page review
      - Dave pointed out that sometimes the stats can be skewed
      - Question of volunteerism: CRPS suggests 25 hours, but it's not a requirement
      - Dave will do a final copy
      - Draft approved by Council (moved by Deb and seconded by Patty)
  5. **Reports**
    - a) Principal
      - Bullying at the Junior High level is a big concern (racist and sexist)
        - There has been an increase in suspensions as a result
      - The Quebec Trip has been well accepted

- Fund-raising is underway (run by parent committee) with some funds being personally allocated by those raising the funds, and also funds going into a big pot for all

Habitat for Humanity in Honduras has been approved by Brian Callaghan

- Determining how to select students (maximum 15 students and teachers)
- Cost is \$2100 (tax deductible)
- Criteria for students selected: must be in good academic standing and behaviourally
- Alison asked if they would need to fundraise as well
- There's the possibility of finding corporate donors for the \$600 portion that goes to Habitat for Humanity

Heroes Program is being piloted in Dale's class

- 15 periods are built into Grade 9 L.A.
- they want to get into the Bow Valley

IT – The World Robotics Forum will be held at the Banff Springs Hotel- they will teach kids programming involving the whole school

- Senior Highs (10 – 12 of them) will go to the hotel to hear the prof speak

Music Program – class sizes have been managed

- The school is working with the teacher and students
- Dave will be more vigilant in the future to avoid the same problems
- The class can possibly be split if it grows again in the future
- Linda asked if there will be an effort to put the Senior High Music Program back into the curriculum and Dave promised to do what he can

School Dance

- The first dance was very successful
- Kids were well-behaved overall and the Grad class did a good job
- The school values should be addressed
- The school was providing a venue for students who were drinking prior to the dance
- Dave is uncomfortable with supporting such a venue
- Being asked to turn a blind eye
- Maybe the dances should be a community event and not held at the school
- The attire of the students is not appropriate nor is the style of dancing
- Why are we exposing the Junior Highs to this?
- It shouldn't be sanctioned by the school
- Alison pointed out that historically the Junior and Senior High dances were separated
- Dale pointed out that the numbers are too low

- This dance was chaperoned only by parents, no teachers
  - There was no police presence
  - No consequences for drinking alcohol
  - There are liability issues
  - Kim Bater pointed out that Canmore stopped doing dances
  - Some schools use breathalyzers
  - Sharon suggested we throw it back at the students to see if they have any suggestions
- b) Junior High
- No representatives present, but Dave shared a letter from a student concerned about travel time between classes, and microwaves not working
- c) Senior High
- No representatives present

## 6. Committee Reports

### a) Futures Committee Report

- Kim reported that 28 people participated in Banff last Wednesday in the Public Forum and 55 in Canmore
- There's also an on-line survey option for those that couldn't attend (deadline is Nov. 28)
- It was emailed to all the parents in the district
- There will also be teacher and student forums
- They've been invited by the OECD - International Futures Planning to participate
- Meeting with the Minister of Education next week regarding funding, cost grid and futures planning
- They want the department's support
- Margarete asked about funding for text books but Kim said it won't be dealt with at this meeting

### b) Treasurer's Report

#### Budget

- Presented by Patty – we have some money leftover
- Margarete said that some school teams are in need of jerseys: Jr Boys Volleyball, Sr Girls Basketball, and Jr Girls Basketball
- Cost would be \$360 - \$500 per team
- Patty suggested we ask parents for a deposit so that uniforms are returned
- Sharon said that Benefit Ball money is a legacy fund which could be allocated as well
- We have \$2600 – Sharon brought up that Lindsey Williams asked for a Smart Board which would be a good use of this money
- We already have 2 in the school
- Dave is still waiting for news on the microscopes
- Patty motioned to buy uniforms and spend up to \$1500

- Next purchase after that could be Smart Board
- We'd need to decide which teacher to give it to since they need to know how to use it and teach with it
- \$2400 - \$2500 is the fine art budget – Patty will allocate funds for an art/music program
- seconded by Deb and Linda
- Dave will follow up with Brian Callaghan regarding the golf tournament money

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Music Program**

- A contract was signed by students and parents
- Also professional development issues for the teacher are being provided

### **b) School Dance**

- Another one is scheduled for Dec. 15
- Students need to have a solution
- It must be parent/student run
- It could be booked as a community event, even at the school

### **c) Basketball coaches are still needed for the Jr boys and Sr girls' teams**

## **8. Correspondence – none**

## **9. Newsletter Input**

- It will go out this week
- Need to add some items
- Light a tree and bring a twoonie

## **10. Questions – none**

## **11. Next Meeting**

- Next meeting: Monday, Dec. 17 at 4:00 pm

## **12. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.