

# MINUTES

BANFF COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / MONTHLY

### MEETING

November 23rd, 4:15 pm digital [Hangout](#):

- **Call to Order 4:27 pm**

**Present: Jenna Villemaire, Joanne Geyer, Arlene Rheume, Chris Rogers, Anne-Marie Puccini, Cathay Geisler, Sue Blonski**

- **Additions/Approval of Agenda**

- **Reports:**

- **Student Council Report**

The Student Council has some Christmas ideas. They might support some activities in the community.

Grad fundraiser is currently going with Purdy's Chocolate and is also selling coffee from a local retailer.

- **Treasurer Report**

No changes to the financials.

- Approval Financial Statements

Approved by Jenna Villemaire.

- **Principal's Report**

- **AGM Notes** for 2019/2020 School year

## **November AGM 23rd, 2020 review - (note this was not done in June)**

- 1) Student numbers we began the 2019/20 school year with**
  - a) 217 students
  - b) 37 BHA
- 2) New Look Committee**
  - a) Learning commons space has been redesigned to include working space for our Inreach teachers and Librarian
  - b) New floors
  - c) Stand up counter spaces
  - d) Spaces for collaborative student learning
- 3) New Staffing Roles**
  - a) School and Family Wellness Worker - Allyson VanImpe
  - b) New Guidance Counsellor - Myka Breymann is taking on the role of our guidance counselor and Learning Support Teacher
  - c) Administrative Changes were announced in April:
    - i) New principal Chris Rogers
    - ii) Assistant principal Mike Shoemaker
- 4) New programs offered**
  - a) Wild - in conjunction with our CROLC Staff
  - b) Innovation and Design
  - c) Social Sciences Courses - Social Sciences -Philosophy, Anthropology, World Religions
- 5) Teachers professional developments**
  - a) District focuses on improving formative assessment practices in the classroom. Teachers focused on
    - i) Creating clear learning expectations for students
    - ii) Gathering evidence of student learning
    - iii) Providing students feedback
    - iv) Using peers as resources for one another
    - v) Supporting students in monitoring their growth and learning
- 6) March 16th School Closures**
  - a) The focus on the remainder of the school year was for students to learn key curricular outcomes required to move onto the next grade level.
  - b) Teachers sent students weekly tasks to complete
  - c) Students and teachers learned to work together using new modes of communication for learning.

- d) Numerous school events were cancelled due to school closures including
  - i) Science Fair
  - ii) Senior Band Trip
- e) **Graduation**
  - i) Alternate graduation ceremony was planned that involved small ratio outdoor celebrations over the course of three days. The celebration was professionally recorded and shared with all families.

## **Principal's report** - for Month of October

### **1) Quarter 1 Exams**

- a) Our first exam period went well. Grade 9 and 10 students participated in Quarter 1 assessments and Grade 11 and 12 students wrote final assessments. Our grade12 learners had the option to choose from either a teachers written summative assessment or a government written diploma. These assessments were equally weighted towards student final grades.
- b) AT Home Learners came and wrote their exams in the gymnasium. Students were provided with an alternative exit. It was highlighted that our At Home Learners were working through the new re entry rules and our schedule. (8:10)

- 2) **Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony** - created by Moncia Bulas and Shane Nizinkevich

### **3) Caribou Kids**

We are fortunate at Banff Community High School to have strong community partnerships that support access to sports and healthy activities for all of our students. Banff Lodging Co and Banff Ski Norquay are again, supporting Banff Community High School students with a year of skiing through the Caribou Kids Season Pass Program.

### **4) WILD for grade 10 students**

- a) Change was made to offer WILD to all grade 10 students. The initial demand from grade 11 and 12 students was too low to offer this course. Students will be earning credits in
  - i) Leadership Fundamentals 1(1 credit)
  - ii) Outdoor Survival Skills (1 credit)

- iii) Wilderness First Aid (2 credits) - students will have the opportunity to receive a Red Cross certification in this section of the course.

#### **5) Parent Conferences**

- a) Majority of conferences requested Virtual Google Hangouts.
- b) Teachers reported that the technology went pretty smoothly

- 6) **24 Hours for BiPolar** - we received a donation from Scott Walker who has donated to the BCHS athletics community for three years through his work through the [24 hours for Bipolar](#) initiative. This year, he has donated over \$2400 to our school to support athletic initiatives.

#### **7) Reentry Information**

- a) Cases are on the rise here in Banff. We continue to remind students around key elements of our Re Entry plan that include
  - i) Regularly cleaning hands
  - ii) Wearing face masks
  - iii) Remaining within cohorts
  - iv) Following the rules of the road for movement in the building
  - v) Maintaining a “closed campus” from 8:30 - 3:15
- b) Classes may be shut down in coordination with the board office and AHS services. This maybe the result of
  - i) Close contact with a Covid case
  - ii) Lack of teachers - when staff are sick.
- c) When classes are closed, students will move to AT Home live learning with a supported live teacher (at home).
- d) Central Board office continues to share information with us as it changes.

#### **• Teacher’s Report (Ms. Capel)**

- 1) Teachers have noted how respectful students have been around our re entry rules. There are demonstrating good resiliency and a positive attitude.
- 2) Remind that we have Myka Breyman available.
- 3) Marc Geestman (Educational Assistant) is available to support students virtually with their work
- 4) Individual Students may need to isolate and can use live stream we had a students stay home if they were sick, however with increases in COVID cases, we are inviting students to our At Home streams.
- 5) Allyson VanImpe has been connecting with our At Home

Learners to support them.

- 6) Email updates - teachers are providing email updates to clarify student progress.
- 7) Remembrance Days Ceremony - we had strong representation from our students two students MCing, Student singers, Student recorded performance.
- 8) Reminder to make sure that we are using sanitizer and washing often.
- 9) Breaks - we are trying to get kids outside during break time. Please encourage your students to dress appropriately.

- **Chair Report**

- **Questions**

- **Next meeting :**

Monday December 14th, 2020 - short meeting to update where we are at in the community. A virtual meeting will be shared on our website calendar.

- **Adjournment**

**5:14 pm.**