

Banff Elementary School Council Agenda

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Google Hangout <https://meet.google.com/rut-mevh-dfd?authuser=0>

1. Call to order 3:30 pm. Welcome to New Members.  
In attendance: David Shackleton, Samantha Frey, Jody Keon, Holly Wilkinson,  
Anne-Marie Puccini, Ruth Pryor, Brad Morrison, Sue Hughes, Patti Secord, Deb  
Cavanaugh, Debbie McKibbin  
Regrets: Allyson Van Impe

2. Approval of Agenda for this Regular Meeting

3. Approval of minutes from previous Regular Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Holly  
Wilkinson.

4. **Ruth Pryor, Community Services Town of Banff** - BES can apply for grant  
funding, deadline this monday. 2 pots of funds available - one is 10 k community  
grants open to formal groups and organizations registered as a society or  
non-profit. Need to attach financials. Max ask is 5 k. Criteria are on the Town  
website. Can be used for payment or purchases. 2nd pot is building bridges, 6 k  
total, max ask 2 k. Aimed at informal groups, small community ideas to happen,  
application is less complicated. Deadline to spend is Dec 2021.

## 5. Reports

a. **Chair Report – David.** No report.

b. **Principal Report - Jody.**

We are so happy to have students back in the building and had a lot of  
positive feedback around the staggered start, which allowed staff and  
students time to become acquainted with all of the new protocols.

- 426 students are registered at BES- 49 AT HOME learners and 377 IN SCHOOL
- The beginning of the school year was like no other, we had 15 new registrations and as a result- of all of the changes some classroom configurations had to happen.
- Before School Care Program - continuing to support families and students and address before school childcare needs- registration is on our website.
- BES re-entry plan, outlines all of our safety protocols and guidelines from AHS
- The Terry Fox Run will happen on Mon. Sept. 21- Students will run around our brand new field- during their Physical Education blocks. Ms. Hunt and her grade 8 students have done an informative video that they shared with the school.
- Jr. High teachers- have been working on positivity posters to support students with all of the changes at school.
- The Food For Learning program will commence Sept. 21
- Hot lunch is suspended for now and will be revisited next month - see discussion below
- At this time all Right From the Start Support is online.

- Virtual Open House (Sept. 21) - The staff will share a video of each classroom and the best way to communicate with teachers and the school. Facebook, Twitter, Enews
- School professional development has been focused on grade partnerships across the district collaborating with one another with long range plans and sharing resources. As well, a continued focus on formative and summative assessment practices will occur.
- We are thrilled to have the Elk field open- playgrounds at this time remained closed (CRPS district regulation)
- Safety is of most importance and following the CUBS code of conduct

Dave voiced a parent question received via email from parent Lily Reid regarding playground access after school hours. Jody advises she will seek clarification from Amanda Arbuckle as to current regulations as the playgrounds were closed in June and signage is still there. JAs a district the playgrounds are closed for now however after school hours the Town had made the decision to open community playgrounds (but not the school ones). Clarification will be sought and posted in the weekly E-news.

c. **Teacher Report - Deb C.** Teachers are up and running! Kindie is all about sharing *but* this year not so much. She has made individual play bags for each student. Today they worked on CUBS code and drawing cubs. The staff has been helping each other out a lot. Sue is asking how are the teachers feeling about having no parents in the class? In the past few years parent volunteering in class has dropped down a lot, and now they cannot have any so it's been a slow decrease. Deb is trying to connect at the start and end of day through the field fence.

d. Right From The Start Report - Allyson could not attend but Jody has an update from her team.

- Allyson VanImpe is working at BES 4 days a week, Thursdays being a full day at BCHS.
- She has reached out to all our at home learning students and families to offer social emotional support to them while learning at home. This has been well received and will be revisited on an ongoing basis.
- Parents now need to make an appointment to see Ms. VanImpe
- Ms. VanImpe schedules appointments with students to limit the traffic in the office. Ms. VanImpe is up to the challenge this year is presenting and hopes to remain a positive asset to our school community.

e. **Treasurer Report – Holly.** Financials will be sent to Kristen McCutcheon for auditing. No changes since covid apart from credits for Hot Lunch. Deb C asked about the teacher funds (\$100 per for additional classroom purchases). Sam to look into applying with the community grants through TOB for this item. Holly advises we do keep available ops costs for our usual items for one year so financially the council can contribute to our usual recipients.

f. **Hot Lunch Report – Sue H.** Currently suspended to limit volunteers in the school. The 1st session usually runs to the end of January. Holly

prefers to wait until Feb before sending a ton of cheques in case we start the program again. Sam has asked what requirements need to be met for administration to feel comfortable starting this program up again? Jody is preferring to slow everything down to facilitate contact tracing etc... Concerned about # of different volunteers entering school, might need volunteers to do a 2 hour online food safety course through Alberta Health. Sue is asking if they came to a small number of consistent volunteers that had taken this course, and only serve individually portioned lunches (spag factory, edo japan, subway) would this perhaps meet the criteria? As well as delivering to individual classrooms so students stay in cohorts. Jody to consider.

6. Elections for

- a. Vice-Chair - no nominees
- b. Grade/Division Representatives - no nominees
- c. Fundraising Liaison - no nominees

7. Projects and Fundraising for this year

A discussion of projects, and requirements for fundraising for this academic year. Avenues for fundraising include: Town of Banff ([www.banff.ca/grants](http://www.banff.ca/grants)) Community Grants, FCSS Building Bridges Grants (deadline Sept. 21!), BCCF, Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (\$31M)

<https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/chci-iccs/index-eng.html> etc.

Perhaps focus on our usual large funding requirements with ID9 etc... to continue to support our usual recipients of funds, rather than attempting to tap into families and local businesses.

8. Other Items:

- a. Sue Hughes asks what is the future of Nature Explorers? Jody advises that Cristin G just signed a contract yesterday and will be starting next week.
- b. Gaga pit #2 is not on site at this time, but Jody will inquire. Bike racks are still being relocated and installed.

8. Next meeting: Regular Meeting October 21st, 3:30 pm, Google Meet

Action item	Assigned person	Due back
Apply for TOB grants	Sam Frey	Application due monday
Find gaga pit #2	Jody Keon	next meeting
Sports equipment option	Jody Keon	next meeting
Playground access	Jody Keon	next meeting

9. Adjourned 4:45