

Banff Elementary School Council
Regular Meeting
3:32pm Wednesday, November 18th, 2020



Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/rut-mevh-dfd> **Minutes**

1. Call to order. Welcome Members. In attendance: Dave Shackleton, Samantha Frey, Nadine Trottier, Jody Keon, Deb Cavanaugh, Anne-Marie Puccini, Linda Scaravelli, Sue Hughes
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda. Motion forwarded by Anne-Marie to approve, Dave 2nd
3. Approval of minutes from previous Regular Meeting October 21st, 2020. Motion to approve Anne-Marie. 2nd Dave
4. Reports
 - a. **Chair Report** – David. Just over \$1000 profit made by the Purdy's fundraiser and also 4 x \$20 GC.
 - b. **Principal Report** – Nadine. If home learning is mandated again, hope would be that science and ss are also part of the home learning requirements, not only math and literacy. In May, Jody and Nadine will present a new 3 year plan, not including provincial test results (covid prevented them). Updates to the 3 year plan are noted in green text. 10 families left BES, all were ESL families. EA 2 less. RFTS increased by 0.5 to support additional needs due to covid.

1) Three Year Ed Plan:

The deadlines, content and presentation deadlines are different this year, reflecting school having to close back in the Spring. These changes are a directive from Alberta Education, for all School Districts across the province. We normally present the plan to PC in December and present it to the Board of Trustees and School Board early January, using the data from the PAT results and Accountability Pillar Surveys done in February of the previous year, which are shared with school boards in October.

This year, we are presenting our PC only edits from the 2019-2020 plan, including our

School-Entry Plan, and the data remains the same, from the collected reports of October 2019. We will need to present and complete the new 2020-2021 plan to the Board of Trustees and School Board in May, using the reports from October 2020, without PAT results as these were cancelled last spring.

The BES Three-Year Ed. Plan will appear on the CRPS website shortly.

- 2) **School Fees:** for this school year only, in order to alleviate some of the financial challenges due to COVID, we will only charge parents lunchroom fees for in-school learners. Message appeared in the e-news last week with more details.
- 3) **Gym Reopening:** our students and teachers are over the moon about phys.ed classes being held in the gym once again, with a schedule embedded to ensure equipment is only shared by one cohort at a time.
- 4) **BES Mask Apparel:** this was also in the e-news. Along with ordering hoodies, t-shirts and buffs, this year BES families will be able to select BES masks.
- 5) **Field Trips (Outdoor Pursuits):** Although we can now approve some field trips, provided the venue aligns with our CRPS COVID Protocols, we are still limited as we cannot invite parent volunteers to support our student-teacher ratio. However, we are in the process of creating a grade schedule for Outdoor Pursuits as CRPS employees from the Outdoor Learning Centre can assist us with programming and meeting our ratios. More news to come as the plan unfolds.
- 6) **AM Routines Shifting:** Teachers are currently greeting their students on the field every morning. With the shift in weather and the slower process of students having to change their outdoor shoes upon entrance, while physically distancing, we have decided to allow for students to trickle in between 8:15 to 8:25 and go straight to homerooms until Spring Break, for Gr. 1 to 8. This change will be communicated to parents this week in the e-news.
- 7) **Right From the Start:** they may now work with small groups inside from the same cohort, choose to work with the whole class outside, or work with the whole cohort via google meet.
- 8) **At Home-Learners:** 16 students came back to face to face learning, while 3 switch over to at home learning. We did not need to proceed with classroom reconfigurations.

9) Plan should schools need to shut-down: The Health Minister and Minister of Education have planned for 3 scenarios, dependent on the COVID situation: face to face with safety measures in place, blended schedules to include both face to face and online learning, and online learning only. Our teachers are prepared to quickly move from face to face to online learning as they have experienced it last year and they are currently using online platforms with students already in class to make this potential transition as smooth as possible. These platforms include SeeSaw and Google Classroom.

c. **Teacher Report** - Deb C. RFTS program is going well virtually. Kids can sign on whenever they need to chat (on a chromebook). Gym access is very much appreciated. Starting to get working on a virtual Christmas concert. Deb feels the teachers are all managing well, and making the best adjustments to their classroom as possible.

d. **Right From The Start Report** - Megan/Kat. No report.

E. **School & Family Wellness** - Allyson VanImpe. Absent. No report.

e. **Treasurer Report** – Holly. No report.

f. **Hot Lunch Report** – Sue. No report. Awaiting approval to start up hot lunch services again.

g. **At-home learning liaison** - Anne Marie. 50 kids left the at home learning to return to classes. As such, kids have been grouped into mixed grade groups with some teacher changes (ie. 4/5/6 combined). Ms. Cavanaugh has just received 2 at home learners back into the classroom and it is going well, she advises.

5. Nominations open for the following positions: No nominations at this time

a. Vice-Chair

b. Grade/Division Reps

c. Fundraising Liaison

6. Other items

a. Address concern from parents on whether messaging on COVID precautions is adequate. Samatha suggested a flowchart be sent home with each family to summarize steps to take. Nadine will look into it. Sue questions if perhaps there is a language barrier to following the covid protocols - are these families being supported? Nadine is using Stephanie from settlement services and arranging for translators as needed to ensure policy is followed.

B. Purdy's distribution. Den doors on the 25th. Anne-marie will receive and sort it for her volunteers.

c. Update on the School Farm project. Patti will provide more information to us at the next BES council meeting.

D. is 3:30 the best time for our meetings? Yes for now.

7. Next meeting: Regular Meeting December 16th, 3:30 pm, Google Meet.

Adjourn 4:25