

Banff Elementary School Council
Regular Meeting
3:30pm Wednesday, February 24th, 2021
Google Meet - <https://meet.google.com/rut-mevh-dfd>



MINUTES

1. Call to order. Welcome Members. In attendance: Samantha Frey, David Shackleton, Deb Cavanaugh, Jody Keon, Nadine Trottier, Sue Hughes. Regrets: Holly Wilkinson, Anne-Marie Puccini.
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda – all approve
3. Approval of minutes from previous Regular Meetings November 18th, 2020 and Jan 20th 2021. Motion to approve past minutes put forward by Sue Hughes, 2nd Dave Shackleton.
4. Reports
 - a. Chair's Report – David. Kristen from NE has signed up for advanced 1st aid certification in May, with our \$400 support. Dave has registered for AB school council AGM in April.
 - b. Principal's Report – Nadine.
 1. **COVID Update:** Nothing new to report, other than the fact no positive COVID cases have been reported and no classes have had to be sent home for virtual learning, good news!
 2. **Outdoor Pursuit Update:** Grade 4-5 students started the snowshoeing program, in collaboration with our teachers from the Outdoor Learning Centre. Grade 3 students started their downhill program this week. Grade 6s went skating the week of Feb. 12th and the other class will do some Geocaching activities in May.
 3. **New Ministerial Order:** The Government released its new Ministerial Order. Here is the link: [digital copy of the MO](#) Both the admin team and teachers were asked to review it collectively and reflect on the following: What excites us as a staff, what do we wonder or worry about, how does it align with our current pedagogy?
 4. **March Parent-Teacher Interviews:** We will send interview times to parents starting March 1st for you to choose a time on March 17 from 4 to 7, March 18th from 5 to 8, and March 19 from 8h30 to 12h00. Successes, challenges, goals, and next steps until June will be discussed at that time.
 5. **Student Council:** Since Div. 3 students have been back, I have been meeting with them to get them involved with school-wide activities. For Valentine's Day, they have shared recipes and crafts with teachers as suggestions for them to share with their students and families. For Pink Shirt Day, they have created a slideshow to inform our students about why we celebrate this day in schools.
 6. **Teacher Convention:** Last week, all teachers were required to attend the two-day annual Teacher Convention, but the format was all online. We had the opportunity to attend a session with Jane Goodall. Our music teacher, Erin Emro, decided to

implement [Roots & Shoots](#) program where kids improve their local community! She will devote half an hour of her music time to achieve this. She will still be able to cover her music curriculum and kids will be given some leadership roles, independence, and responsibilities.

- c. Teacher Report – Deb. Teachers are all refreshed and welcoming the warmer weather for outdoor time. All inspired by Goodall’s speech, speaking about inspirational people in her own life. From the teacher’s convention, many sessions were offered on Indigenous learning with a speaker discussing the medicine wheel and its meanings which, was new information to her. The face to face was missed by all, but sessions were recorded so more could be enjoyed after hours. Anti-bullying day today, supported by right from the start programming. Students wore pink shirts in support. A few teachers (Deb included) were approved for a grant through Canadian Rockies public school to support day to day work between teachers.
 - d. School and Family Wellness Worker Report – Allyson. No report. Moving away from the valley, and will be replaced by a new counsellor on March 15th. Canmore school has hired an additional EA through the Pauw foundation for special needs students that were unsupported.
 - e. Treasurer Report – Holly. No report.
 - f. Hot Lunch Report – Sue. Email sent out to all vendors to thank them for their support, and express our regret that the Hot Lunch program cannot run this year. Sue will be in touch in August with vendors to hopefully run the fall session. Sam suggested a tasting day with food reviews in June for a few students from each of the senior classes to develop new menu items brought in from Patti’s Pantry.
 - g. Home School Learning Liaison Report – Anne-Marie. Could not attend but sent an email reporting no news from the home school perspective. Has contacted Brad from kindie parents and he will try to join our next meeting.
 - h. Fundraising – Purdy’s fundraiser is available for Easter. Are we interested in running it? Sam will write up what the funds have been used for so far this year (back country safety, classroom play equipment, 1st aid certification for NE...) for fund transparency and we will touch base with Anne-Marie to see if she’d like to head this up again.
5. Nominations open for the following positions: none made
- a. Vice-Chair
 - b. Grade/Division Reps
6. Other items – nothing to add
7. Next meeting: Regular Meeting Wednesday March 17th, 3:30 pm, Google Meet
8. Adjourn 4:15 pm