

Banff Elementary School Council
Regular Meeting
3:30pm Wednesday, April 21st, 2021
Google Meet (from 3:20pm) - <https://meet.google.com/rut-mevh-dtd>



MINUTES

1. Call to order 3:32. Welcome Members. In attendance, Samantha Frey, Dave Shackleton, Ashley Butenschon, Jody Keon, Holly Wilkinson, Nadine Trottier, Deborah Cavanaugh, Anne-Marie Puccini, Sue Hughes, Kristen McCutcheon.
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda. No corrections needed, agenda approved as written.
3. Approval of minutes from previous Regular Meetings March 17th, 2021. Anne-marie motion to approve. Sue 2nd.
4. Reports
 - a. Chair's Report – David. Received communication from McTaggart 3rd fund to donate \$1000 to school council in support of the NE program. This has been done by Joanne. Dave will thank them. Deb has volunteered to have her kindie kids create a thank-you for Dave to use.
 - b. Principal's Report – Nadine, Jody. Grades 4-8 have spike ball available now for recess and lunch.
 - **COVID Update:** a child tested positive in Gr. 1-2 and March 26th was considered a contagious period according to AHS. Families were informed to get tested and self-isolate for 14 days. We were not informed of further positive test results following these tests. On April 18th, another class moved to online learning, as a precautionary measure for a child in that class being a close contact. Test results came back really quickly and the class was able to resume to in-class learning the next day. This was not announced by AHS to families because technically, the class could have stayed face to face on the Monday, but the notification did not come in soon enough for us to change our planning for the day from online to in school again. Given cases on the rise in the Valley, we have highlighted our protocols in the e-news as a reminder to families to do the self-screening daily and to keep their children home when they are sick.
 - Our **condolences** go out to Chantal Leclerc's family and friends who passed away last Monday. Chantal was a former FSL teacher at BES.
 - **District 4 year ed plan** Sharing CRPS's 4 year education plan, highlighting areas of focus, which are: Health and Wellness, Engaged Learning and Student Supports. Our school version of the Education Plan will be ready in June to ask PC for input at that time.
 - **Field:** Not mentioned in my report, but Ken Riordon followed up regarding the field situation that was brought up: "As the warranty for the Elk St field is not over until

August of this year, CRPS would like a site review of the field as we have had many complaints of drainage issues, irrigation boxes needing to be reset and now holes appearing in the turf. Something is not quite right with the field.”

- **New Curriculum Update:** Not mentioned during my report, but during the Board meeting last night. Mr. Macphee announced that CRPS will not be piloting the new curriculum. For more details, you may refer to the Board Meeting Minutes on the CRPS website.
- c. **Teacher Report – Deb.** Gear up for Kindergarten 4 week series where parents can come online to get more info about joining our school. Teachers are working towards their teacher professional growth plan that they create in the fall. They now need to reflect on their goals. Train station parking lot is open which helps teachers park close to school. So happy the snow has melted and the field is ready for play. Earth day tomorrow, which is discussed in most classes with their teachers as well as with NE. Tomorrow is Kristen’s birthday reminder.
- d. **School and Family Wellness Worker Report – Ashley.** Has taken over for Allyson and feels supported in the transition. Very busy with students and families.
- e. **Treasurer Report – Holly.** No excitement. Fundraisers and donations have kept us in the black despite limited abilities to raise money. We may slip into the red slightly once teachers all submit their classroom enhancement items. GIC has matured and up for renewal. Motion to move the 25K variable rate GIC into a 5 year long term GIC made by Anne-Marie, seconded by Holly Wilkinson. Motion approved.
- f. **Hot Lunch Report – Sue, Gabby.** Sue discussed with Patti for next year possibilities for menus etc... but feels she is still unsure due to covid. No rush and no guarantees we can run the program. Nadine commented that healthy eating is in our 4 year plan so we need to ensure the meals reflect this priority.
- g. **Home School Learning Liaison Report – Anne-Marie.** Another parent in a similar situation with 2 children in home learning one in elementary and one in high school. No one has reached out from elementary. Same for Anne-Marie. There are a lot more options to decide on in BCHS but communication would be appreciated from BES. It was originally Deb McKibbon however as her position has changed, no one filled her place. Where should she go for any concerns? Nadine is asking what sort of communication they are looking for as all in class learners communicate directly with their instructor and then through the weekly e-news. Any particular concerns can be brought to Nadine.
- h. **Fundraising Update - none**

5. Nominations open for the following positions:

- a. Vice-Chair
- b. Grade/Division Reps

6. Other items

- a. What can we do to increase meeting attendance/participation in School Council/fill above positions. David to attend new parent Kindy meeting. Table this item until next meeting.

- b. Update Council website – Principal. Joanne Geyer has updated already.
- c. State of field – drainage and irrigation. Ken is still on contract and has been contacted about this already. See above in principal's report.

7. Next meeting: Regular Meeting and AGM Wednesday May 19th, 3:30 pm, Google Meet

8. Adjourn 4:33