

**Banff Elementary School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes December 15, 2021**

**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to order** at 3.35. In attendance : Nadine, Jody, Deb, Ashley, Sue, Alex

**2. Apologies** : Dave, Hollie, Brooke

**3.** Alex to take minutes. Minutes from last meeting to be approved when more board members present.

**4. Reports**

**a. Chair/Vice Chair Report : Alex** – feedback from the Council of Councils Meeting  
Alex reported that the meeting went well and it was really nice to meet some new people involved in our school boards. Her two stars for the meeting were that we have continued to run our outdoor education and nature explorers programs throughout the pandemic. Interestingly, two of the other schools had also chosen this as one of their stars. Secondly Alex mentioned the creation of grade representatives at BES which was received with interest from the other schools. The wish Alex gave was to create some outdoor structures using natural wood and logs to add to the options for outdoor play. Brooke will also look into some more inclusive pieces to add to our existing playground. Chris McPhee asked that we contact him when we're ready to move forward in the early spring with the log structures and inclusive pieces as they have some funds to give to us for these.

**b. Principals Report : Nadine**

**Team Sports Update:**

We can now extend our mini-tournaments with OLS, but not leave the District. The reason is that under the current AHS restrictions, currently, our gym can only operate under the 1/3 occupancy rule for spectators. The other issue is that monitors will not be hired until January. Once hired, they will be tasked to ask for proof of vaccination and ensure the 1/3 capacity restriction is applied. Until then we will not have spectators attend practices or games.

**Mountain Readers**

We have started a schedule for volunteers to come in January.

**New Wellness Coach**

Kat Wiebe is now working at ERS and Michelle Skingle is replacing her until the end of the year. Michelle is highly qualified for the position and has shadowed Megan Jenniex for the last two weeks to gain experience in her role. She has already made connections with students and has led some classroom presentations too.

### Grade 8 Student council

It is now Ms. Sunderland's class' turn to be part of Student Council. They have selected some Xmas tunes playing in the morning as students enter the building. They are also organizing the door decoration contest and purchasing prizes for the winning classes. They spent some of their lunch hours helping younger grades decorate their door. They made announcements for Winter Spirit Week.

### Music News

Our school is a finalist in the CBC Music Class Challenge! The winners will be announced this week. The grade 5s were featured on CBC radio for their performance on Dec. 7th!

Concert: you will be receiving our school's online Xmas concert on Friday. BES staff have decided to postpone their own performance before the Feb. week break to surprise students.

### Kindergarten Visiting Senior Residents.K

Kindy classes will be walking by the long-term care (Covenant Health) at Mineral Springs. They will be waving at residents in the window and then pause to sing them a song. Students will also drop off some holiday artwork at the same time for the staff to display and make the surroundings feel more festive.

### Grade 6 Fundraiser

A group of Grade 6 students organized a fundraiser for the floods in B. C. Students were invited to bring donations this week, such as used books and used toys to school and drop them at the office. Students also made some bracelets and origami for sale. The sale will take place for students on December 14th on a rotating schedule. The money raised will be tripled by the Federal Government and the provincial Government. They raised \$1, 300!

### MANDT Training

From now to the end of January, 5 BES staff members will be attending a program called MANDT Training, offered District-wide. The recertification occurs yearly. "The Mandt System helps you develop a culture that provides for the emotional, psychological, and physical safety for everyone involved." A big focus is on building relationships with our students, but there is also a technical piece on how to support students in full crisis, to keep everyone safe, which may include physical restraint, as a very last resort.

### Half-Day Fridays

During these PDs, our focus has been on differentiation strategies in literacy.

### Inclusive Playground Features:

District audits are now complete and as such, CRPS has some BES playground funds remaining in our budget line. PC will have access to \$16,700 (that remains in our budget) as we continue to plan!

The BCCF has [Community Grants](#) available. Sport and Belonging is one of the four grant priorities.

### **c. Teachers Report : Deb**

Deb commented that goodies had been provided to staff from the Home Ec program. Teachers and parents have been bringing in treats for staff. These were very much enjoyed by staff. There was great spirit at school this week with dressing up. Kindergarten students did a visit to the hospital. The three classes walked over and shared Christmas cheer and bubbles through the windows. The children sang, jingled bells and showed art to the residents of the continuing care wing of the hospital. This was facilitated by a kindergarten parent. Deb said it really reinforced the feeling of being a community member.

### **d. Right From The Start Report : Ashley**

Ashley reported that the goal for right from the start was to keep the children regulated until the end of school as the energy levels are very high.

### **e. Treasurer Report : Hollie**

Nothing to report.

### **f. Hot Lunch Report : Sue**

Sue is looking at Wildflower, Spaghetti Factory, Aardvarks, Edo as potential vendors. Chris Lamothe has agreed to do the data/computer side of hot lunches for us. The plan is to start on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Sue will talk to vendors and try to organize volunteers. Volunteers will need to provide proof of vaccination, letter of attestation, and a criminal record check before they can come into school to help with lunches. Joanne will help with volunteers.

### **g. Fundraising : Sue**

Nothing to report

### **h. Grade Representatives**

Nothing to report

### **5. Other Items**

b. Inclusivity

Brooke to investigate further.

c. In person meeting in January

Consensus was to remain online at this time.

6. Next Meeting Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 3.30pm

7. Adjourned at 4.03pm