

Banff Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes January 19th, 2022

Draft Minutes

1. Call to order at 3.30. In attendance : Nadine, Jody, Deb, Ashley, Sue, Alex, Holly

2. Apologies : Dave

3. Alex to take minutes. Minutes from last 2 meetings to be approved when more board members present.

4. Reports

a. Chair/Vice Chair Report : Alex – Nothing to report.

b. Principals Report : Nadine

January Report

Report is short as we only have had two weeks of in-person learning since we last met in December:

COVID Update - same info shared with families from both CRPS and BES: See CRPS letter for the details re: Enhanced Protocols

Masks: mandatory to wear them all the time, except during eating times and outside.

Team sports and intramurals: on hold for the time being to avoid cross-cohorting and honour community coaches and teachers not comfortable supervising students from different cohorts.

Downtown for Gr. 7-8 students: on hold until cases numbers go down in the community.

Hot Lunch Program: postponed until first week for Feb.

Mountain Readers: on hold, but ready to go.

Outside agencies and essential volunteers can still come in by appointment and proof of vaccinations to support student needs.

Music Singing: no singing or wind instruments for now, but our music teacher has prepared other engaging activities in the meantime (focus on percussions, rhythm, music theory for wind instruments, tech programs such as; electronic music compositions using an online program

called Incredibox, Isle of Tune and Chrome Music Lab to minimize blowing, singing. With band, focussing on theory and note reading at this time.

Since coming back to school, we have had 19 students who tested positive and 3 staff members. We have been sending emails to these classes to inform them of the reported positive cases. Our absent rate was averaging at 20% last week, due to many families choosing to keep their child home as a precautionary measure. Absences were not all COVID-related. Since providing families with rapid tests last Thursday, our absence rate is averaging at 16%.** The decision to move a class from in-person to online is dependent upon factors such as the contagious period and general absenteeism within the classroom. AHS has not provided School District with specific thresholds in this matter. We are in contact with CBO when a class is on alert.

c. Teachers Report : Deb

Deb has noticed that there is some fatigue among students but that in general they are happy to be in school. Deb also reported that she will have an EA on practicum in her class.

d. Right From The Start Report : Ashley

Ashley reported that they are helping the students get back into the swing of school. She also wanted to note what a great job Nadine and Jody are doing.

e. Treasurer Report : Hollie

Nothing to report.

f. Hot Lunch Report : Sue

Hot lunch is on hold until after spring break. Sue would need a few weeks notice to get things started up again. At the moment we have Spaghetti Factory, Wildflower and Aardvarks.

g. Fundraising : Sue

Purdy's fundraiser brought in \$1,440. We could do Purdy's again for Easter or possibly Valbella.

h. Grade Representatives

Nothing to report

5. Other Items

- a. Jody to find out whether BES has HEPA air filters or equivalent.

6. Next Meeting Feb 16th 2022 at 3.30pm

7. Adjourned at 4.00pm