

Banff Elementary School Council
Regular Meeting
4:00pm Wednesday, September 15th, 2021



Google Meet (from 3:20pm) <https://meet.google.com/rut-mevh-dfd>

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MINUTES

1. Call to order at 3:32. In attendance: David Shackleton, Holly Wilkinson, Anne-Marie Puccini, Nadine Trottier, Jody Keon, Sue Hughes, Ashley Butenschon, Alex Eaton, Alex Day, Ocean Reid, Brooke Wilson

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda. David motion to approve, Holly 2nd.

3. Approval of minutes from previous Regular Meetings June 16th, 2021. Holly motion to approve, Alex Eaton 2nd.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report – David

- AB School Council Assoc-sent letter with a link to their website-their re-entry plan survey results had many responses but complaints from parents as to the setup of the survey

b. Principal's Report – Nadine

We are thrilled to start our second year with the BES community! It feels as though we are getting closer to normal routines, yet the 4th wave brings other challenges too and as you know, some safety measures will remain in place until we meet with our Senior Administrators at CBO. We have had 3 reported positive cases of COVID since the beginning of the school year. We were informed that AHS will not investigate an outbreak unless there is 10% of absenteeism in a school. We are monitoring our absent report daily and will promptly phone AHS should we ever reach this threshold.

Extra-curricular Sports Teams:

Ms. Elissa Sunderland is offering cross country running twice during lunchtime to our gr. 7-8 students.

Mr. Callahan Weller is our Athletic Director and is organizing BES volleyball teams. Anne-Marie stated that she was not in favour of using Roam Transit for transportation to school games when that is restarted.

Orange Shirt Day will be recognized at BES on Wednesday, September 29th. The following day, Thursday, September 30th will be a statutory holiday honoring National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

In recognition of Orange Shirt Day, the drama class is preparing a beautiful performance to “Be the Light” by Thomas Rhett. The themes in the song perfectly align with truth and reconciliation: the importance of empathy, compassion and peace to create a better world for all of humanity. The video will be shared with the school on Orange Shirt Day and with our BES community through the weekly enews.

Ms. Gadon, our music teacher, will teach our students some indigenous songs. Homeroom teachers will design tasks focused around Truth and Reconciliation on the 29th too.

Change of Dismissal Times

To ensure that the number of instructional hours meets Alberta Education requirements with the addition of the Thursday, September 30th, 2021 school closure to honor the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the school day will be lengthened by 2 minutes and the bell will ring at 3:04 pm.

CTF (Career and Technology Foundations) Courses Announcement:

This week our students began their CTF course rotation. This is a great opportunity for students to try many different options and find their passions. Students will participate in two CTF courses

at once for two hours each per week. The CTF course rotation is as follows:

Sept 7th-Nov 26th = Foods with Ms Peart and Drama with Ms Sunderland

Nov 29th-Mar 11th = Outdoor Education and Entrepreneurship with Mr Weller

Mar 14th to June 17th = Computer Science and Art with Mr. Conniff

Grade 7 and 8 Extracurricular Sport Teams

Field Trips Homeroom teachers will let families know if they need parent volunteer for outdoor field trips.

School Enrolment: 390 students are registered at BES. With several new kindy registrations over the summer and a decline in our gr. 7-8 student enrolment, we have needed to change some classroom configurations (from 2 to now 3 kindy classes for class sizes of 18-19 and a combined 7-8 for class sizes of 28, 27, 23).

Before School Care Program - continuing to support families and students and address before school childcare needs- registration is on our website. Program runs from 7:45 to 8:15.

The Terry Fox run will happen on Friday, Sept. 24th- Students will run around the Moose Field or around the block during their Physical Education blocks.

The Food For Learning program has started Sept. 13th.

Hot lunch is suspended for now in order to avoid large indoor gatherings and cross-cohorting and will be revisited next month.

The Right from the Start Team is back working in classes this year, focusing on building relationships, taking into consideration many AHL students returning to us this fall! They have designed specific activities to create a sense of belonging.

Virtual Open House (Sept. 13th) - The staff has shared a video of each classroom and the best way to communicate with teachers and the school. We encourage parents to connect with their child's teacher and invite them to schedule an appointment early in the year should they need to share important information about their child.

School professional development has been focused on formative and summative assessment practices, as per our education plan. Teachers took part in online sessions entitled: *Assessments, Diagnostics and a Class Profile and Differentiation Through a Classroom Support.*

Both **playgrounds** are opened, but the **Elk field** needs to remain closed:

Guenther's Landscaping has been working hard over the summer to get the turf at BES Elk St field back to the condition it was in last fall before we opened the field to use. In hindsight, they admitted the field was opened too early and the field was further damaged this spring.

Having said that, the field is coming along remarkably well but it won't stay that way if it's opened too soon again.

As a result:

- The construction fencing will remain in place until the fall of 2022.
- The field will remain closed until freeze-up, then we will open a couple of sections of the construction fencing to allow access.
- The field will be closed off if a chinook blows in over the winter and starts thawing the turf.
- The field be closed off in the spring when the snow/ice melts from the turf and remains closed until the fall of 2022, then remove the construction fencing. This will allow the turf to mature and be able to handle the amount of traffic it sees in future years.

- Alex Eaton has offered to assist with playground situation

AHL Transition: We have continued with our transition plan started back in the Spring of greeting our AHL students at BES prior to the start of the year to ease their transition back. Tours for Gr.1-2-3 students occurred on August 23rd and 24th.

3 cases of Covid so far at BES.

c. Teacher Report – Jody. Teachers are excited for this new year. Nice to know some faces now. Jr. High grades going downtown at lunch will be revisited at the Sept. 27th CRPS meeting.

d. School and Family Wellness Worker Report – Ashley. We are back in the classrooms targeting former At Home learners as they readjust. Also nice to know some faces this year. Keeping an eye on Kindy/Grade 1 and their social skills building this year.

e. Treasurer Report – Holly. Financial report emailed today. **Motion to donate \$500 for**

sports equipment-moved by David, seconded by Alex. Jody will check on status of equipment for each class.

f. Hot Lunch Report – Sue. No report, still on hold. Holly will email website to let them know.

g. Home School Learning Liaison Report – At Home Learning ended last June.

5. Election of Officers. At the AGM in June, David Shackleton was voted in as Chair, Alex Eaton as Vice Chair, and Holly Wilkinson as Treasurer. We are looking to fill the following positions:

- Secretary (Executive)
- Grade Representatives
 - KG -
 - 1 – Kristen McCutchen
 - 2 -
 - 3 – Brooke Wilson
 - 4 – Alex Eaton
 - 5 -
 - 6 - Alex Eaton
 - 7 – Laura Ouellette
 - 8 – Sue Hughes
- Fundraising Lead-(This position is still vacant)Anne-Marie has received the Purdy's information for Christmas to be discussed next meeting.
- Members at Large

6. Other items

a. Inclusivity on the playground – Brooke attended today to speak to this need for her son Jack. **She will draft a document to start the process for grant writing and involve Rocky Mountain Adaptive.**

6. Regular Meetings for next year: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3:20 for 3:30 pm start, Google Meet and hopefully in-person:

Sept. 15th 2021

Oct. 20th

Nov. 17th

Dec. 15th

Jan. 19th 2022

Feb. 16th

March-23rd (to avoid parent-teacher interviews)

April 20th

May 18th

June 15th

7. Adjourn 4:44. Motion by David. Alex Eaton 2nd.