

Banff Elementary School Council

Regular Meeting

3:30pm Wednesday, October 19th, 2022

Location: Banff Elementary School, 325 Squirrel St, Banff, AB T1L 1K1

Virtual option - Google Meet (from 3:20pm) <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>

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Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022

1. Call to order 3.31. In attendance: Craig Kestle, Jennifer Beecroft, Satu Tzotzos, Alex Eaton, David Shackleton, Deb Cavanaugh, Luke Sunderland, Erin Emro, Raylene Anderson, Theresa Daffern. Apologies: Brooke Wilson, Sue Hughes, Ashley Butenschon.

2. Today's Agenda approved

3. Regular Meeting minutes from June 15th, September 21st were approved. Motion proposed by Alex, seconded by Satu.

4. Invited Presentations

a. Teacher presentation on school supplies. Erin and Rayleen came to talk to Parent Council to discuss the possibility of teachers ordering school supplies, especially for Div 1, as the individual packages cause chaos on day 1 of school when it is more important to be getting to know the students and setting routines. Each class would then receive 1 big box for the teacher to distribute which would make the first days easier and save money for parents. Also some items could be reusable year to year such as scissors thus having a class set rather than individual pairs. Parent council supports this idea particularly for Div 1 students.

5. Reports

a. CRPS Board Update – Luke. School tours have begun to give insight into what is going on in schools. Carol Pickard is being awarded the Queens Jubilee Award at tonight's meeting.

b. Chair/Vice Chair's Report – David. David will look into google for non profits. This is a free service to help streamline communication/minutes. Deb asked that meeting protocols be outlined at the start of meetings and that action items are added to minutes.

Alex – The onus of the outdoor classroom is being moved onto BES/CRPS as the TOB can't build it for us. Alex to meet with Colin next week to review next steps.

The adaptive playground is being done by Escape Park and Play Design who did the original playground. Tim Aylesworth will look at the playground and see what adaptive elements can be added. This should happen within the next 6 weeks.

c. Principal's Report – Craig / Jennifer

d. Teacher Report – Deb. Deb questioned the timing of the Halloween parade so that parents could possibly extend their lunch hour to attend. Parents are not being invited into the classrooms after the parade as was done in pre covid years.

e. School and Family Wellness Worker Report – Ashley. Nothing to report.

f. Treasurer Report – Satu (new email address: treasurer.besc@gmail.com). Most families have paid for their school lunches and we will raise slightly more than expected. The cost remained the same in order to help out families.

g. Hot Lunch Report – Sue. Hot lunch is off to a good start. It is well supported with plenty of volunteers. The school has purchased 10 hot lunches per week to allow new families to the division to sign up.

h. Grade Representatives

No updates until we have decided on the role.

6. Other items

a. Setting up new virtual meeting link / series

- b. Document management – copies of agenda / minutes, etc. and meeting administration, etc.
- c.

7. Next Regular Meeting 3:20 for 3:30 pm start (3rd Wednesday of the month):

- Nov. 16th in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- Dec. 21st in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- Jan. 18th in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- Feb. 15th in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- March ~~15th~~ 22nd in person at BES (15th is Parent-Teacher-Student interviews) and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- April 19th in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- May 17th + AGM in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- June 21st in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>

8. Adjourn 4.20

BES October Highlights: Principals Report

Magandang Umaga / Hapon
Ohayou Gozaimasu / Kon'nichiwa
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Elders working in CRPS Schools

- Education Service Agreement between CRPS and Stoney Education Authority to further the understanding, appreciation and learning of all students in regards to indigenous culture, history and reconciliation
- Elders began working with our students during Truth and Reconciliation week focusing on language and the unique history of Banff from an indigenous perspective (grade 7 and grade 4)
- Grade 4 visit with Elders - Smudge: At the beginning of the day on 6th one of the grade 4 classes invited the Elders outside to greet them with the Land Acknowledgement that the class begins each day with. The Elders proceeded to begin a Smudge to “remember, connect and be grounded in the event” with the class. There was no prior knowledge that this would be happening and, in respect for the Elders and ceremony/tradition, the Smudge was not stopped and the teacher, ESA coordinator and myself did not intervene. The adults did work in haste to support students to understand that their participation was voluntary but in a manner that would not interfere with the Smudge. BES administration recognizes this mistake and apologizes to students/families who were concerned or affected. Mistakes are integral to learning and BES/CRPS along with the Elders are working to implement processes and procedures whereby families are aware of these cultural opportunities in a timely manner. This will allow families to make informed decisions around participation in the event and any possible traditional ceremonies that may occur.

Staffing:

- Addition to our Lunchroom supervision team - School fees for lunch time cover the cost of this position

Highlights From the Last Month:

- Terry Fox Run: River Trail and New Bridge loop was a great success and students/teachers have asked to lengthen the distance as most kids wanted to keep going for Terry!
- Truth and Reconciliation Week/Orange Shirt Day: Thanks to Ms Sunderland and Ms Gadon for organizing our assembly on Orange Shirt Day (September 29). Students from grades 1, 4,6 and 8 contributed through song, dance and oral performances. The assembly was MC'd by grade 8 students and the BES Tech Team took care of all the audio/visual requirements!
- Professional Learning Networks @ BES where teachers have focussed their learning on Task Design while incorporating further understanding around differentiation, formative assessment, reconciliation, authentic worthwhile work and evidence of student learning.
- Volleyball season is in full swing and BES teams are part of an expanding Bow Valley league competing against all schools that reside in the valley. We have hosted two mini tournaments so far and thank the student volunteers for helping with scoring and lines and to all the families that came to cheer on the Cubs!
- Library: Ms Fumie continues to research and purchase books a through a Rotary grant with a focus on indigenous history and culture to add to our expanding collection
- Lunch Program has started and we have approximately 200 families and staff enjoying a locally made meal every thursday.

Upcoming Events:

- Halloween Celebration: School parade in the afternoon and we anticipate a big turnout as this is historically well attended by families
- Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences: Wednesday November 2 4:00-7:00 pm, Thursday November 3 5:00-8:00 pm, Friday November 4 8:30-11:45 am. Virtual option for parents continues and [booking for appointments](#) runs from October 21 - 30.
- Remembrance Day Assembly, November 9: Ms Sunderland is currently working with staff and students to organize and run our Remembrance Day assembly. More information will

come out to families through the BES E-news and classroom communications