

## Banff Elementary School Council

### Regular Meeting

3:30pm Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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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1. Call to order and welcome to the first Regular Meeting of the 2023.  
In attendance, Brooke, Satu, Craig, Sue, Megan, Deb, Jen, Lynx, David,  
Apologies, Alex, Luke
2. Establish quorum 3 out of 4, we have quorum.
3. Presentations:
  - a) **Lynx's Earth Day Project 2.0 Proposal**- has changed a lot since first proposal. Lynx would like to start implementing in March. Questions to consider; will the native plants flourish and grow? 5x5 garden at the front 5 feet of both. The plan is to transplant the existing grass. She has ordered the river rocks on Amazon using all natural products. Satu will ask her husband about the rocks to place in the garden. Lynx to ask about local options. In April the students will grow plants from seeds for the garden. Lynx has native seeds already. Satu to ask to donate the seeds. Anything Lynx does will get approval for it all by the school board. Craig has been in touch. Last resort the kids go home with a plant and a rock.
  - b) Megan Jennix on plan to create a sensory space at BES and grant application to the Community Foundation. Brooke to email Megan about the grant availabilities.  
The council unanimously is in favour of supporting the sensory room with a commitment from council up to 5K to support the fundraising.
4. Reports
  - a. CRPS Board Update – Luke away
  - b. Chair/Vice Chair's Report – David / Alex – feedback from Council of Councils meeting, Brooke attended the council meeting and brought up the request for the funding for our park endeavour.
  - c. Principal's Report – Craig / Jennifer- the ipads have arrived. Lots of exciting things coming up including a curling rink will be inside the school gym.
  - d. Teacher Report – Deb- March 2, the kindergarten open house. If Alex is interested Ben and Dan could participate in the kids room. Childcare is available.
  - e. Treasurer Report – Satu (new email address: [treasurer.besc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.besc@gmail.com))- The first session for hot lunch ends tomorrow, some invoices never paid from last session. Hot lunch is no longer a big fundraiser due to rising costs and tighter margins. Satu will adjust the next budget for post covid pricing. Support for busy families rather than make money. The school is working on building more community post covid and less stress about the fundraising.
  - f. Hot Lunch Report – Sue – to talk to Satu about the costs for next year, looking at raising rates even by .50 so that we can make a little to put towards other initiatives.  
Craig to bring the earthscape playgroup rep to the next meeting.
6. Next Regular Meeting 3:20 for 3:30 pm start (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month):
  - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
  - March 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> in person at BES (15<sup>th</sup> is Parent-Teacher-Student interviews) and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
  - April 19<sup>th</sup> in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>

- May 17<sup>th</sup> + AGM in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>
- June 21<sup>st</sup> in person at BES and virtual Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ngs-yopi-oms>

7. Adjourn

Dear Caregivers,

On January 23rd, grades 7 and 8's attended an important presentation by Tara Koenig from the Bow Valley Harmony Project (YWCA) and Right from the Start (RFTS). The lesson is designed to educate our students about the importance of being an upstander. An **upstander**, or an engaged bystander, recognizes actions, attitudes, and beliefs that normalize violence and stands up or speaks up against them. The students also learned about and had discussions around the pyramid of violence, and ways to respond to these issues when they arise.

**Some important facts:**

- Students explored issues coming up for them and brainstormed ways that they can intervene safely and creatively using our 6 D's of bystander intervention.
- This session was a lead-up to Pink Shirt Day (recognized on February 17th for CRPS students and Staff), giving students the tools and language needed to support those experiencing bullying, and act as everyday upstanders. **Some grade 7s will be facilitating our Pink Shirt Day Assembly at BES on February 17th!**
- These sessions also educated students on how to handle situations where inappropriate comments, jokes, stereotypes, or teasing (gone too far) have occurred which help to create a culture of violence

**What you as a parent can do:**

- Attend our parent session in Banff or Canmore to learn more about how you can be an upstander:

**Banff: February 15, 2023: 3:30-4:30 pm at Banff Elementary School**

**Canmore: February 16 2023: 5:30-6:30 pm at Lawrence Grassi Middle School**

**Food and beverages will be provided. The workshop is FREE but you must register so we know how much food to provide and if you require child care.**

**[Registration Link HERE](#)**

- Discuss the issues of bullying and violence with your child and become more informed about ways to respond to this prevalent issue in our world.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact Mary Weighell, Program Manager with Right from the Start, at [mary.weighell@crps.ca](mailto:mary.weighell@crps.ca) or call 403-678-6192

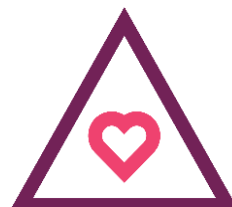
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