

BHS Council Meeting Minutes – Sept 12, 2022

1. Call to order: Shay called meeting to order at 7:06pm
2. Attendance: Mirjam Rasmussen, Shay Sheaves, Jayna Prusko, Kathie-Jo Hoffarth, Mae Tryon, Shannon Johnson, Jane Bend, Darla Kurylo, Bonnie Fisher, Deanne Meadhurst
3. Minutes from May meeting: Change the spelling of Diane to Deanne from FCSS. Shannon adopts with change from Diane to Deanne.
4. Approval of Agenda: Shannon adopted as presented.
5. Principal Report:

Welcome back! There are a few new staff members. Sylvia Trzaska is a new addition as Learning Commons Facilitator (she is not quite full-time, with school for 5 1/2 hours a day). Adrian Patty from HW Pickup is a temporary transfer to take over 0.5 from Ms. Monts (she is doing her practicum) and 0.5 from Ms. Gallant (away on maternity leave) in the first semester, covering ELA 7 &8, Math 7, and SSF. He will remain with the school for the second semester, but will be there for less hours. Another addition is Orvitte Adie as custodian (the entire division is facing custodian staffing shortages).

Few changes in division office: Kathy Murch has retired from her previous role and is now indigenous lead, so Leah Odyński has moved into her role as student support services. Dave Elwood, director of human resources, has resigned. There is no replacement for him yet, so other members of the senior leadership team are filling in.

Student enrollment as of September 6th was 151, which is down a few (some transfers within the school; 15 new students but 5 left) No new students from outside the division. There are large class sizes, including 35 grade 9 students, so the decision was made to not take any students in from outside of the school division.

PAC meeting schedules: Due to personal reasons/another commitment, Jayna is hoping to change the Monday meetings to another day. The

elementary school has moved to the first Wednesday of every month. Due to various scheduling conflicts, council decided on the second Thursday of each month. Mae can't make the October and November meetings, otherwise she can make it. She will send in a report for those two months. Decided on staying with the 7pm time. Discussed whether to stay virtual or go in person, or both. Shay suggested trying it as both for the next meeting to see if more people are brought in.

Timetables: being a small school with limited staff it is hard to accommodate all the students, especially those who have to repeat classes. There were a few conflicts so they are working with the Drayton Valley Outreach school in order to accommodate them. The students are given a flex block which means a teacher is there in the classroom. The teacher isn't instructing, but the students are expected to attend. There are at least 15 currently enrolled.

Family wellness worker is Jen Ross again. She is there on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Friday. She does a lot of one on one support, but will continue to look into doing more universal programs (group based). Chantell Holmgren is the family wellness support, shared with elementary school as well. She will be more responsible for club like activities such as café brew haha. Also looking at both having some training from Drayton Valley.

GSA: Looking into getting it set up. 2 out of 3 of the students who wanted it have switched schools. Still going to set it up, looking into what to call it, whether that be GSA or diverse club, etc

Upcoming events: Terry Fox Run is at 9am on September 16. The Foods team will be doing a pancake breakfast. On September 22 the Honoring Indigenous Spirit awards ceremony will be held, with the elementary school joining in at the ceremony. The awards ceremony will be held on September 29th at 2pm. It will extend after school for recipients and their family for tea/snacks, etc

Student Union leadership: Much like diversity club, will be offering that once school is settled. The plan is to piggy back off of the leadership club. For 25 hours of participating in leadership students can receive 1 credit. The

leadership meeting will probably be scheduled at the end of September. Hoping for at least one rep from every grade.

Clubs and extracurricular have started up, with football practices already being held and games starting this week. Drama and junior volleyball are starting up this week.

6. Trustee Report: Had a board meeting in June, where they decided on the committee, ending up with the same chair and vice chair. There are eight zones in Alberta for school boards. Central zone has eight school boards. Meetings were held over 2 days in Red Deer with the minister of education, Adriana LaGrange, so ours was today. Mae said they don't get enough money for plants, etc in the building. They are trying to get AHS to do changes in accessing certain services, such as speech therapy. Our school is within the David Thompson health area, so if a child needs speech therapy, etc., they need to go to Red Deer. Wondering if something can be done about that. Mae said there was conversation around what's working and what they need. Shay mentioned the cost of busing is so high, imagine if that was covered and what that money could be used for. There is also the issue of not having enough bus drivers. In the Wildrose division it costs approximately \$30000/day for busing. Jayna said with the changes in the school calendar, students now have 3 extra days off to reduce expenses, as they were over the required number of teaching days. This will save money with busing.

7. Old business:

- a. Jayna addressed having student/staff rep already in principal report
- b. This was also addressed: GSA is being worked on

8. New business:

- a. Need a one page write up sent off to the division about what the council did during this school year, due on September 30. Kathie Jo will take care of it. Jayna also needs names for who's who on the council, but will do that next meeting.

b. Survey: Shay wondering if we can send out a survey about what students and parents would like regarding PAC meetings; try to attract more people to the committee. Kathie Jo suggested google form sent by Jayna. Should we send out before next meeting? Kathie Jo and Shay will work on that

c. One parent had asked if minutes would get sent out to all parents, as she can't attend the meeting, but would still like to be informed. Jayna said she can post the minutes on the school website. It was suggested both minutes and the agenda for the upcoming meeting be posted. It was also brought up that ASCA has different presentations online or in person for free. Take a look at the website.

d. Dress code: No bra straps should be showing, which is why they have the 3 finger strap rule. However, it was clarified that a bra strap accidentally showing isn't the issue; this refers mainly to if the bra/straps are purposely being revealed (such as with an off the shoulder shirt). With crop tops, it was said that they tell the kids this is a government building, so dress accordingly. Wear those things elsewhere. You wouldn't wear a crop top to court, so the same goes with school. It was mentioned that the dress code goes for both genders (ie. underwear exposed, etc), but unfortunately girls do have more variety so it does appear to be geared towards them)

e. Front doors locked: Just let parents know they're locked. Jayna said it was a rule that's been in for quite some time. With only one custodian, it's especially necessary in order to keep the mess down. They want to encourage students to go through side doors. Those doors are open at specific times. The front door will be unlocked at 8:35 and locked during lunch time. There is a door bell for visitors. Bonnie did suggest putting up signage for the doorbell. Also mentioned if those doors can't be supervised they need to be locked.

9. Next meeting: October 13, 2022

10. Meeting adjourned: 8:06pm

BHS PAC Society Meeting Minutes –
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1. Called to order: Shay called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm
2. Attendance: Darla Kurylo, Mirjam Rasmussen, Shayanne Sheaves, Jane Bend, Jayna Prusko, Kathie-Jo Hoffarth, Mae Tyron, Shannon Johnson, Bonnie Fisher
3. Minutes from May 16, 2022: Kathie Jo approved minutes.
4. Approval of Agenda: Kathie Jo approved.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - i) New Balance General Account: \$960.63
 - ii) Outstanding Cheques or Expenses: 0
 - iii) New Balance Casino Amount: \$4031.56

Same as June 1st, no income or expenses. Kathie Jo adopted the treasurer's report as presented. Shannon seconded.

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 - b. Continued discussion around if sports donations could be distributed among all students. Jayna didn't get a chance to discuss with staff but will add it in on September 23, but does feel it would be best to share it among the teams (versus one single player being compensated). For this school year all fees must be paid before playing on a team. There will be some students that will require assistance despite fees reduced,

but there's an expectation that they would volunteer at the school, etc. This should be decided consistently, not by each individual coach. Donations go to a designated GL. Everything needs to go through the division and they all have their own GLs. The issue was that the kids would put in the effort to get donations but then they didn't see any results from that. Bonnie suggested the staff would inform in the newsletters what they did with that money such as new uniforms purchased, etc. Parents just want to know what difference the money raised is making. Previous years they used the money for those who can't afford to pay. However, there needs to be more balance that way. It was also asked how they can be discreet when the student "pays" it off? Don't want them to have a sense of entitlement, but also don't want to embarrass or shame them.

7. New business:

a. Casino funds: It is in process. Some receipts are missing but Kathie Jo is still working on it. There was a cheque that was written to a specific person, which we now know wasn't allowed, so we're being penalized for that. Going forward cheques will be written to the school instead. We are in a draw for the casino but will discuss next time.

b. Discussed using the \$500 given to school councils to enhance council attendance/meetings. Will continue the discussion on what to use it for (gift cards, etc). Mae said to use the money up quickly as there is a rumor that they'll ask for unused money back.

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9. Correspondence: none

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm