

## BHS Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2023

1. Call to order: Kathie Jo called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. Attendance: Mirjam Rasmussen, Shay Sheaves, Jayna Prusko, Kathie Jo Hoffarth, Tina Badgerow, Shannon Johnson, Tahra Drebert, Bonnie Fisher, Mae Tryon, Darla Kurylo, Kristeena Meade, Lisa Bell, Jane Bend, Christine Burton
3. Correspondence from Alberta School Council Association. There are workshops, self directed learning modules, tools for effective school councils, etc, available. Dawn Beeman from WRSD asked councils to discuss and do a survey for ASCA.
4. Minutes from December meeting: Kathie Jo read the minutes and approved as read.

1. Principal Report:

Last time: Dates for grade 9 PATs have been confirmed; June 26 for social and June 27 for science. Buses are running so kids can take buses.

Ms. Gallant will be back on January 23. Jayna will take on Student Support Facilitator role and teaching Social 20.

PAC request for funds: New volleyball posts. A new range is needed. The Brick in Drayton would sell one for sale price and deliver. Discussed whether current one can be fixed. BES needed one and put a post on Facebook, which resulted in a donation of a brand new one. Lisa said she submitted a proposal for the new stove to be covered by one of the businesses in Drayton Valley. She will present new info to them and update us. Hot dog cooker was requested to use for tournaments, concessions, fundraisers, etc. A roller one would be about \$250, while steam one is a bit more expensive. Awards budget has dwindled over the years and lost some sponsors. Would be nice to have money to give with awards like in previous years. Shay could ask Deanne from FCSS for grants. Ms. Fisher will check who used to sponsor and

who is still sponsoring. Library can use funds. Band needs \$450, also needs to replace some instruments which would be more money. Will ask Mr. Farrow to present a bit more info. Will continue this discussion next meeting and include the student's union as well.

New items: Cell phone use in school. Staff member questioned if students' access to social media is detracting from their interactions at school. Looked into ability to restrict social media from school wifi, however it's difficult to do one school vs entire district. For some kids school wifi is only wifi they have access to. Decided to rather than limit cell use, do some presentations/education, such as positive use, social media effects on mental health, etc.

Other events: Senior high exam week is Jan 23-27. Last day is Fri 20 for classes. No exams on Thurs/Fri. Junior high have regular classes during this time.

Semester 2 diploma courses are Bio, math, science, and social 30. Senior options include band, food, cosmetology, Phys Ed. Discussed lack of options; was brought up a tradesperson can come in to teach a course as long as as they are paired with a teacher

Athletics: Basketball underway. Senior teams are going to Westlock this week for zoning tournaments.

2. Trustee Report: Last board meeting was Dec 13. Not much to report due to concerts, etc. all canceled/postponed. Powerschool has new logins since School Messenger broke down. Will do school tours again, hopefully with the students as that went really well last time - nice to get their perspective. Normally trustees at Christmas time give schools cake, but the cold weather prevented it, so will bring in tomorrow. She is On a new committee, Rural Caucus Board, where rural schools come together to have a voice. Transportation; trying to get the government to give funding for busing field trips etc.

3. Student Council Report: Jayna presented on their behalf. They've looked at more theme days and having the winter formal in February after finals. Also talked about just having our own students for this first formal. Next meeting is Thursday.
6. Approval of Agenda: Kathie Jo added new business a. ASCA. Kathie Jo moved that we approve the agenda with the additions.
7. Old business:
  - a. Bylaws. Still working on fixing them
8. New business:
  - a. ASCA survey. Short facilitated discussions at council meetings: "What are the solutions you'd like to see the Alberta government implement to improve education for your children or your school?" Our responses: recognition of rural needs, bus funding for rural schools to ensure access to education and extra curricular. "In general, how would your school council say they feel about the state of public education in Alberta?" Hard to say because we're in a small community. Rated it as somewhat unhappy.
9. Next meeting: February 23, 2023 at 7pm, in person and virtual
10. Meeting adjourned: 8:33 pm

BHS PAC Society Meeting Minutes –  
January 12, 2023

1. Called to order: Kathie Jo called the meeting to order at 8:33pm
2. Attendance: Mirjam Rasmussen, Shayann Sheaves, Jayna Prusko, Jane Bend, Kathie Jo Hoffarth, Tina Badgerow, Bonnie Fisher, Darla Kurylo, Kristeena Meade, Shannon Johnson, Christine Burton, Tahra Drebert
3. Minutes from December 1, 2022: Shannon moved that minutes are approved as read.
4. Approval of Agenda: Shannon approved agenda with addition New Business a. Casino
5. Treasurer's Report: No changes. Year end for Casino is done.
  - i) New balance General Account: \$960.63
  - ii) Outstanding Cheques or Expenses: 0
  - iii) New Balance Casino Account: \$4031.56
6. Old Business:
  - a. Bylaws: ongoing.
  - b. Use casino fund ideas: Lots of ideas/requests from the school. Will decide at next meeting after seeing breakdown of the awards/sponsorship (former and current). Look at each organization and why they are no longer supporting the awards. If we don't use all the funds we will lose them.
7. New business:
  - a. Casino: we are earmarked for 3rd quarter (July-Sept) 2024. We have until February 2024 to say yes or no. Discussed several alternatives to doing Casino: Do a large fundraiser once a year like BES (which allows students to be involved and see the effort required to raise money), disband the society portion of council and have student council take over, or just no longer do casinos (gives community more opportunity to support the school). Discussed student's union taking over Casino. They would need to be approved for society status (not clear if they

can) before we disband. Also, they would need a teacher to help, but teachers are already stretched, creating another burden on staff. Will research and vote at the next meeting.

8. Next meeting: February 23, 2023, in person and virtual

9. Correspondence: none

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm