



BANDED PEAK SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2025

SC Executive Members Present:

- Rebecca Parzen, Chair
- Ainslee Campbell, Vice Chair (remote)
- Tova Schaefer, Volunteer Coordinator
- Elaine Greene, Treasurer (remote)
- Willow Carriere, Secretary

School Administration Members Present:

- Jody Moore, Principal
- Richard Dupre, Asst Principal

School Trustee

- Judi Hunter (remote)

Also, In Attendance: Svenje Duffield

Absent:

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Call to Order & Welcome/Participant Introduction** – Rebecca Parzen > Called the meeting to order at 6:36PM
- **Approval of Agenda** – Rebecca Parzen > Approved by unanimous consent
- **Approval of Minutes from last meeting** – Rebecca Parzen > Approved by unanimous consent
- **Teacher Report - Grade 3/4 Representatives**
 - Kelsey Wicktor Neumeister
 - Outdoor school (Y1. Spring, Y2 Fall, (3 afternoons) + Spring full week, Y3 Fall + Spring 6 Afternoons. Focus on curriculum that can be done outdoors. Active living, math, science, social all incorporated. No time indoors. Stool was built and was used as a table in mouse heaven. Kids love the experience.
 - Fine Arts - looking into artists/experts to rotate through the classes
 - Sarah MacFarquhar-Sudar
 - Curriculum – New LA and math curriculum is being applied and there have been more challenging concepts being introduced in earlier grades. This has been a challenge due to some of the gaps from COVID and with the new curriculum. Grade 3's are coming in with 2 years of the new curriculum in place. Science is pulling from some other grade ¾ years but there is much newer content. New supplies and manipulatives have been needed. Staff needing to pull from other resources to create the outcomes.
 - Assessments are happening throughout the year from AB Education and RVS. One of the complications is that there are different assessments for each grade which is difficult to facilitate in split grade groups like 3/4. Stacey has been a big support for these assessments. It is the structure and timing of the assessment that are the most challenging.
 - Andrew Spelrem

- New curriculum has some resources available online. None of those previous resources are working. RVS has offered only a few PD days to support staff familiarizing themselves with the new curriculum.
 - School Council funding – Appreciative of the fundraising going on throughout the year. Classes are needing to access these funds more often for things that have been previously funded through other sources and now needing extra funding. Field trips are a big spend to get the students to and from. Several field trips have already happened from CPO, to a walk in Inglewood and SLS is coming up as well.
 - School supplies: Some of the funds from School Council had to be used for school supplies. Budgets have been cut drastically and staff are not able to pay for what they need for the classroom with the allotted funds from AB Education.
 - Some funds have been used for tech and gym resources. Platforms such as Raz-Kids.
 - Costs have been increasing and budgets have been cut so any funds that can be allocated towards supplies and field trips has been greatly appreciated.
 - Bottle drive has been helpful as a fundraiser for bigger projects but now these funds are being used for more everyday costs.
- **Trustee Report** – January 2025 Newsletter > Trustee Judi Hunter, Ward 5
 - **ELECTION OCTOBER 2025**
 - It will be four years in October since the last election. The Provincial government passed The Local Authorities Election Act, which will be in force for the upcoming elections. Related to Trustees candidates, the current Board of Trustees has made the following bylaws:
 - a one-hundred-dollar deposit will be required with the candidate’s application
 - the application must have 20 resident signatures
 - Candidate applications open January 1, 2025.
 - I encourage any person who has a passion for young people, education, and community service to consider serving in this important role. I am happy to discuss trusteeship with any interested party. Further information will be posted on the Rocky View Schools website.
 - There continue to be 8 trustees serving on the Board. The Boundary for Ward 5 remains the same. However, in redefining boundaries, Ward 5 will be known as Ward 4.
 - **Artificial Intelligence in Education**
 - As we watch AI adoption and progress in the broader world, we see AI being used in classrooms. Our teachers recognize that AI can be a powerful tool to assist learning. Many high school teachers are exploring ways in which AI helps students improve their learning and demonstrate their outcomes. Companies are developing AI software that helps students progress as they are ready to learn the next concept.
 - With every technology, there are benefits and hazards. A not-for-profit organization, AI for Education, (<https://www.aiforeducation.io/>) offers free information and learning on the topic of AI. Its recent video called “Anthropomorphizing AI” provides an interesting view on some of the pitfalls. They caution that the public did not see the adverse effects of social media on children and feel that AI impacts could be worse, if we don’t get ahead of it.
 - The video talks about the mental models our youngest learners create while using AI. Young learners give human characteristics to robot such as this is my friend, he/she thinks. These

researchers say is not to be encouraged. Robots are machines and should be viewed as such. Research shows that robots are very good at getting information from children because of this trust factor.

- Adults are encouraged to use language that identifies AI as a tool created by people and not refer to robots as having human characteristics. Netflix has a movie, *Subservience*, that demonstrates anthropomorphism. The researchers suggest that no person under the age of 13 should be using AI without adult supervision.
- AI adoption is happening very quickly. Governments are racing to keep up. Currently, guidelines are being created to ensure student data privacy, safety, ethical use and practice. Organizations such as the Canadian Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute (CAISI) are also engaged in this process.
- We can expect to see the speed of innovation increase with the advancement in new quantum computing chips and mechanical I qubits operating with light and gravity, not to mention the advancement in space technologies.
- One of the budget consequences of technology adoption is cost. Board costs for cybersecurity, internet access, and software licensing are increasing.
- **Our Schools**
 - Kudos to Springbank High School Robotics team, currently ranked first in Canada.
 - Banded Peak held a wonderful outside Christmas Market in December. Grade 7 and 8 started businesses. Students then sold the products they created at the market.
 - One of the goals of the Board's strategic plan is to develop future-ready students.
 - To this end, Bearspaw School hosted Lunch and Learn sessions where students ate their lunches while listening to parents in the community talk about their jobs.
 - Springbank High School hosted a successful Showcase of Learning in December.
- **Road Changes**
 - As a result of the Bingham Crossing development, Alberta Infrastructure will be making some changes on Range Road 33. One of the impacts is the change in access to Calaway Park. Calaway is extending Range Road 245 to create a new access point to the park. This will change access to Springbank Middle School. Updates will be provided as information is known.

▪ **Administration's Report** – Jody Moore

Thank you to Gr 3/4 Team for their presentation

Building/Renovation Update

- Rooms look great – bright and clean
- We have 5 rooms in the school that will have old carpet removed and new flooring will be place in over the February Break

Indigenous Learning Update

- Smudge Teachings – Jan 20 and 21 – Open Smudge Tuesdays at Lunch beginning Jan 28th
- Tipi – Laying to rest old poles and canvas
Process: Poles will be cut and used in the sacred fire of a sweat & the canvas will be used in the construction of a sweat lodge which is rebuilt with the spring and fall equinox. Hal Eagletail
- Staff are completing a Book Study – Wahi Wah! as professional reading

Fine Arts Celebration

Banded Peak is excited to announce our upcoming celebration of the arts with a schoolwide Fine Arts Celebration. Throughout the month, students will engage in various artistic activities that may include sketching, drumming, mixed media, and construction projects.

PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports) PEAK –

- What it is?
- Introduction/ Roll out of Matrix



Technology

Evergreening Progress:

- Our 2017/20 MacBooks as well as iPads have been evergreened. We are awaiting 30 MacBooks and 30 iPads as replacements.
- 3 Projectors – are being updated in our classrooms

Parent Council: Requested Support of Technology

Detailed Item Description	Source	Cost
20 - PB4J2C/A – 10.9 iPad 10th Gen Wifi 64 GB 4 year Apple Care	Apple	\$ 12,220.00
32 - USB-C Apple Pencil	Apple	\$ 3,040.00
Recycling Apple	Apple	\$ 5.00
20 - Chromebooks 64 GB	PC Corp	\$ 7,240.00
Google Chrome OS Management License	PC Corp	\$ 900.00
Disposal Surcharge	PC Corp	\$ 16.00
25 - SPARIN Screen Protector Compatible with iPad 10th Generation 10.9 inch	Amazon.ca	\$ 374.75
50- Grifobes Case for iPad 10th Generation 2022(10.9 inch),	Amazon.ca	\$ 1,599.50
3 - Tech Tubs @ 560.99 each	Evolution AV	\$ 1,767.12
4 BENFEI 11-in-1 USB C Hub Triple Display Docking Station Dual HDMI, VGA, 3*	Amazon.ca	\$ 168.00
		\$ 27,330.37

Upcoming Events

- **Chair’s Report** – Rebecca Parzen
 - ASCE Grant, 2024-2025
 - Funds need to be spend this year. Tabled until February 2025 meeting.
 - Seniors Organization
 - We were unable to meet with the representatives during the winter market
 - RVS School Councils Survey
 - Link: <https://rvsengage.com/school-council-survey-2025>
 - Deadline: February 10, 2025
 - AGM Meeting
 - Rebecca is unavailable May 21
 - AGM moved to Tuesday, May 20th

- **Treasurer’s Report** – Elaine Greene
 - School Council - Treasurer report January 15, 2025
 - Not much to report. Grade groups are spending money on art supplies, busing and library services.
 - Jody requested all grade groups spend their allocated funds by May 15th, 2025

Grade group spending: 2024-2025 School Year

		9	10	11	2			
Month		September	October	November	February	Total Allocation	Total Spent (To Date from September 1st)	Remaining Allocation
	Spent SC						\$0.00	
	Allocation SC					\$0.00		\$0.00
Kindergarten	Spent SC	\$123.92	\$101.88	\$108.59			\$334.39	
	Allocation SC	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00		\$1,165.61
Grade 1/2	Spent SC		\$660.95				\$660.95	
	Allocation SC	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00		\$2,339.05
Grade 3/4	Spent SC		\$116.44		\$278.25		\$394.69	
	Allocation SC	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00		\$2,605.31
Grade 5/6	Spent SC	\$1,373.03	\$358.23	\$59.39			\$1,790.65	
	Allocation SC	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00		\$1,209.35
Grade 7/8	Spent SC	\$270.98					\$270.98	
	Allocation SC	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00		\$2,729.02
Grade 8 Graduation Gift	Spent SC						\$0.00	
	Allocation SC					\$0.00		\$0.00
	Spent SC						\$0.00	
	Allocation SC					\$0.00		\$0.00
	Spent FOBPS						\$0.00	
	Allocation FOBPS					\$0.00		\$0.00
	Spent FOBPS Casino						\$0.00	
	Allocation FOBPS Casino					\$0.00		\$0.00
	Allocation SC					\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Expenditures							\$3,451.66	\$10,048.34

- **Volunteer Coordinator’s Report** – Tova Schaefer > N/A

- **School Community Input** – Floor

- **New or Other Business**

- **Motion to Adjourn** – Rebecca Parzen > Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.

UPCOMING CALENDAR & NEXT MEETINGS:

- School Council Meeting - February 12, 2025 @ 6:30PM
- February 24 – Steve Harmer. “Kindness and Gratitude” Your Superpowers – Magic show