



Achieving Excellence

Bawlf School Council AGM

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

6:00 pm, Commons Area, Bawlf School

* indicates written report/attachment provided

Attendance: Craig Dimond, Mark Chanasyk, Christee Langkamp, Kendall Severson, Michelle Van Petten, Terry-Lynn Sereda, Miriam Rookmaker, Erin Reimer, Trudi Duheme

1. **Call to order-** Christee called the meeting to order at 6:03pm, showing respect and acknowledging that Battle River School Division is located on Treaty 6 Territory and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

Introductions- Welcome to the admin team, Craig Dimond, who is the new Principal for Bawlf School, and to Mark Chanasyk, Vice Principal. Welcome to Kendall Severson, Camrose County South BRSD Trustee. Council members and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Verification of Quorum- In order to make any decisions this evening or to pass a motion, we need to confirm that we have quorum. Our operating procedures state "Quorum" will be attained when the majority of the voting Members are present at any School Council meeting and the Principal or designate is present. In reviewing members present, Christee asked to please let the minutes show that quorum has been met.

BSC Mission Statement, Purpose, and Structure Summary- reviewed by all in attendance

- **Mission Statement:** Bawlf School Council is committed to *Achieving Excellence*; our mission is to act as an advocacy and support system for our Children, School, School Division and Alberta Education regarding the education of our children. Through the contributions and involvement of the School Council, Bawlf School will continue to promote pride, success and wellness in every student.
- **School Council Purpose:** Bawlf school council is a structured group of parents, school administration, staff representative(s), community representatives and secondary student(s) whose purpose is to advise the Principal and the School Board on matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning and wellness.
- **Structure Summary:** The positions of the Executive of the School Council shall consist of: Chair, Vice Chair (or Co-Chair), Secretary and Past Chair (optional). There are four non-officer parent positions as well. The terms of office are the Annual General Meeting to the following Annual General Meeting. Except for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary; these are two year terms. These terms will be on a rotating basis. Realizing that there could be a potential commitment of 5 years to council, it is not expected that the Vice Chair will have to move into the Chair role. All executive positions must be filled by parents who have a child enrolled in the school. (In special circumstances the Principal can approve that a community member sit on council) The council is composed of Bawlf School Parents, the school admin team, one high school student, a teacher representative and a representative from the BEST Foundation. Bawlf School Council uses a Representative model of governance. The School Council elects or appoints individuals to specific positions. Only parents that are designated have a vote. All other attendees are welcome to participate at meetings but are not eligible to vote. General council meetings are open to all parents of the school. From time to time, invitations will be extended to teachers, students, community organizations and community members, etc to attend for information or to make a presentation.

2. **Approval of the Agenda-** motion made by Michelle to approve the agenda presented.

3. **Approval of the Minutes-** motion made by Erin to approve the minutes from last year's AGM

4. Annual Reports-

- i. **Administration Team Report (Craig and Mark):** School Generated Funds were discussed. If anyone would like to see or discuss this report, please contact one of the admin team.

A few new teachers this year; Mrs. Conrad who will be teaching the Grade ½ split and the Grade 4s, Mrs. Gjesdal has returned from her maternity leave. There are two student teachers working alongside a couple of our teachers until December this year.

Junior High and High School girls and boys athletics are all currently practicing skill building as games are not happening at this time. Grade 5 and 6 are practicing separately to adhere to the provincial cohort guidelines. Cross country running was missed this fall, however maybe it can happen in the spring if things change.

Enrollment numbers for this school year. 287 this year enrolled (combo of in school and online learning). This is down quite a bit from 339 last school year. Budget is now based on a 3 year enrollment number model. Overall, kids are doing great following the new guidelines. Thanks to the Bawlf School Community for compliance. Changes are being made to the staggered end of day bussing. Staff is working on the second quarter timetable for high school students. There will be no travel to Daysland for optional classes. November 10 is the cut off to decide whether students will be learning in school or online. 31 students are currently online right now. Changes have been made and emailed out on the re-entry plan self assessment chart.

Mental health services will be offered at each class' request. The Terry Fox run was completed this year, but a little differently than usual. Collaboration Day went well. Still waiting to hear about if student photos can be done this year. Halloween will be celebrated on October 29 by students wearing costumes all day and with a video being made that will be shared to each class at the end of the day. Remembrance Day will be celebrated by watching a video from the Daysland Legion (Bawlf Legion now closed). Classes will record a video to show what they all do and it will be shared with the other classes. Parent-Teacher Interviews were held a little earlier this year. High School was done half way through the quarter. All other grades were done October 15. Phone interviews were able to reach more parents. Report cards come out on November 10.

- ii. ***School Council Chair Report (Christee):** [SC Chair Report](#)

- iii. **BRSD Trustees Report (Kendall and Karen):** Kendall welcomed Craig Dimond and thanked the Bawlf admin, the parents, and the students. Karen was elected as Chair for BRSD. BRSD has suspended all international travel for the 2020/2021 school year. Enrollment is down 501 in BRSD. Prior to COVID-19, BRSD voted to close the Hardisty School, as well as the school building in Holden. Round Hill school remains open with a proposal to make it an agricultural school. This will be voted on later in the school year, with possible implementation in September 2021. Round Hill school enrollment numbers have increased this year. BRSD meetings will continue to be livestreamed. Kendall mentioned his concern with mental health being a big problem/worry.

- iv. ***Breakfast Program (Terry-Lynn):** [Breakfast Program Report](#) Christee received a grant from President's Choice for \$3000, as well 2 grants from last year have been carried over.

- v. ***Hot Lunch Program (Christee):** [Hot Lunch Report](#)

5. Standing Business-

- i. **Review of Council Yearly Action Plan:** Will discuss at first council meeting.

6. Elections-

- i. **New Executive Members:** Vice Chair- remains open, no nominations made.

- ii. **Non-Officer Parent Reps:** Chelsea Bergstrom, Michelle Van Petten, Stephanie Enright, and Erin Reimer to remain on council, no new nominations made.

7. New Business-

- i. **2020-2021 School Year Meeting Dates:** November 18, January 20, March 17, and the AGM on June 16. All meetings commence at 6:00pm.
- ii. **Review and Approval of Council Operating Procedures:** Completed and signed.

8. **Next Meeting-** November 18, 2020 at 6:00pm

9. **Adjourn-** 7:40pm