



MINUTES

Bowness High School Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 26

In-Person Meeting LOCATION - **first classroom on the right after entering the building through the main yellow pillar doors**

Meeting Facilitator: Leeanne Morrow, Chair (bownesshighparents@gmail.com)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Welcome to all attendees
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Lisa M., seconded by Santana, all in favour.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (Wednesday, September 10, 2025): Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2025 meeting was moved by Lisa M., seconded by Santana, all in favour.
5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:
 - a. Thank you and staff update
 - Thank you for bringing treats and snacks for the teachers after the strike
 - Moral with teachers is very low so having a small lift from the parents makes a difference
 - b. Future meeting dates
 - Do we want to change any dates with the cancellation of the October meeting?
 - This November meeting will serve as the meeting for both November and December
 - Add in January 14, 2026 online; will use that meeting date for the School Development Plan (SDP)
 - c. Fall Athletic Update
 - Very successful fall sports season (girls soccer, jr boys volleyball, football all had big successes)
 - Basketball, wrestling and swimming is starting
 - d. Open House
 - January 15; grade 9s in the morning and evening is open house (6-8pm)
 - School council table available for a few council members to represent
 - e. Questions?
 - Will there be any finals in January? No finals for any grade; all grades treated the same in the school for learning and testing
 - Still unsure if the government will bring back diplomas for June but they are planning them for April



- Are the teachers changing the weighting on assignments and tests? Yes, the final allocation will have to be adjusted to accommodate the lack of final; updates should be reflected on D2L

6. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

a. Election of new board of directors

- Pam nominated Lisa McGregor for casino coordinator, Leeanne seconded, all in favour
- Lisa M nominated Leeanne Morrow for chair, Lisa Turner for treasurer and Heather Janett for secretary, Shan seconded, all in favour
- Will try to recruit at open house as Leeanne, Lisa and Heather will all leave BHS as their students graduate this June; Jana will send a school-wide email (requested a short write-up on what is needed, expectations, time, etc)
- No fundraising coordinator at this time

b. Merchandise

- Volunteer from September meeting was interested in working on merchandise (not able to attend this meeting)
- Sent catalogue and asked to pick items; far too many items to go through at the meeting; needs to go back to this volunteer so she can assess what items might be appropriate for merchandising this year;
- This initiative also needs to coordinate with the school (athletics, marketing teacher)
- Will ask the volunteer to come to the January meeting for further discussion

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. No new business

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the school council meeting was moved by Lisa T., seconded by Santana, all in favour 7:16pm

Attendance: Jana M., Leeanne M., Lisa T., Lisa M., Pam C., Alesia M. (non-voting), Santana C., Maureen A., Shan R., Marla R., Nkechi S. (non-voting), Nindy B.