

Minutes Bowness High School Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:30pm

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

Meeting Facilitator: Leeanne Morrow, Bowness Council

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER-6:31 pm
- 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS- Welcome to new parents!
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Lisa and Cheryl
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (Wednesday June 11, 2025)-Lisa and Pam
- 5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:
 - a. General school start up information
 - different start to the school year due to a variety reasons
 - -new main office has taken some work to unpack and organize
 - -office deficiencies are being dealt with
 - -pending labour disruption causing some unease. Strike action to begin on October 6th, 2025 unless a settlement can be reached.
 - b. Theatre update
 - -will be discussed in the Bowness Parent Advisory Council Meeting
 - c. New office tour
 - -tour at the end of the meeting
 - d. Meet the Teacher
 - will be held on September 11th, 2025
 - -not a parent teacher conference
 - -parent teacher conferences will be held online as it is election date
 - e. Possible Playhouse fundraiser
 - -will be discussed in the Bowness Parent Advisory Council Meeting
 - f. Q and A

Discussion and comments

-teachers are ready to walk out

- -Contact MLA if concerned
- -Lots of complex situations at Bowness with large class sizes
- -School Council to write letter in support of Teachers

Pam motioned that a letter be written by Council to the Education Minister, Finance Minister and Premier expressing our support for the teachers, asking for adequate funding to reduce class size, provide sufficient educational supports and fair compensation to teachers. A copy of this letter should also be sent to the Alberta Teacher and Association. Lisa seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favour. No abstains. Motion passed.

Question:

Why was the decision made to limit attendance to the Football games at Shouldice? Answer

The decision was made from the Calgary Senior High School Association. Games will be limited to students and parents/immediate family from the schools playing only. The decision was made due to safety concerns. Not a particular concern for Bowness School

-School Numbers are 1417 students, last year 1430 students, right where we thought would be

6. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

a. Positions to fill - Casino Chair and shadow for Treasurer

-ask Karin for Casino Chair

7. NEW BUSINESS

-Parent passed on information regarding a possible donation from another parent who wants to donate a Jumbo Tron. Unfortunately the school does not have the infrastructure to support it.

- 8. NEXT MEETING DATE -October 8th, 2025
- 9. ADJOURNMENT 7:15 Cheryl and Pam

Attendance: Heather J., Jana M., Sarah-Jane S., Lisa M., Santana C., Kelsey S., Susannah T., Cheryl A., Marla R., Pam C., Elaine A., Brenda D., Shan R., Stacey P., Natasha S., Leanne M., Alesia M.