

Barnwell School Council Minutes  
September 8, 2025

In attendance: Chelsie B. (Chair), Graz B. (Vice-Chair), Mandy W. (Past Chair), Barb A. (Principal), Angela J. (Secretary), Cari N., Jodi C., Lori F., Kim A., Elly R., Tristie W., Paige B., Joan C.

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Chelsie 6 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda: Mandy motioned; carried.
3. Review of Minutes: Not Applicable
4. New Business: Chelsie
  - a) Meeting Times: Next Meeting Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. The rest of this school year's meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6 pm in the art room. Please note that we will not hold meetings in December or June. There was some discussion on the speakers school council hosted at their meetings last year. Some commented that they made the meetings quite long, some appreciated the information, and it was suggested that we may want to hold the session right before or after the meeting to make it feel more optional.
  - b) Future School Start & End Dates: Horizon decides
  - c) Call for Position of Secretary (to be filled no later than November): BSC executive has been asking for a volunteer throughout the summer via minutes and our WhatsApp group. Kim volunteered. We will vote in a new secretary at our next meeting, and anyone is welcome to run.
  - d) Chair to Strike Document Update Committee: Mandy, Chelsie, Graz, and Angela will form the committee to read through BSC's documents and present recommendations to parents before the end of the school year.
  - e) ASCA Resolutions: First call for resolutions to be put forward for the ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) AGM this spring.
  - f) Invite Superintendent Dr. Adam Browning to Our October Meeting: Angela will reach out to invite Dr. Adam Browning to our next meeting.
  - g) Increasing Engagement: The Chair appreciated how many parents were in attendance.

## 7. **Principal Report**

Barb

Barb discussed some of the items that were emailed to parents such as staffing, timetable adjustments, end of day homeroom blocks, agendas. All parents should have received an email about these items. If you have questions, please call or email the school.

Barb spoke about the budget being \$80,270.00 with the possibility of some adjustment due to the projected enrollment being 6 students short. 50% of the budget will cover staffing including keeping all EAs eligible for benefits. That will leave \$18,000.00 to run the program plus any SGFs and potential support from Society.

Barb reminded BSC that they have the \$500.00 ASCE grant available for this school year.

Barb asked parents at the meeting how they would feel if the school did not spend the money raised for the outdoor running track on said project. The school was quoted at approximately \$100,000.00. School staff felt like it would take too long even with matching grants to cover that cost and would prefer to provide something of benefit to the current school community such as new projectors. Some parents saw the value in this perspective but wondered how some other parents may feel after having specifically donated for that project. Last year's Cake Auction fundraiser was advertised as 50% of proceeds going to the track. Barb will ask the division office for guidance. Some parents suggested reaching out to the village to see if there could be some collaboration on this project.

The school put all events into the calendar for the year so parents and staff can plan accordingly. Parents are very appreciative of this!

As you will recall, Darrel Croft, a former Barnwell School band teacher, passed away last September, and the family requested that memorial tributes be made to our school band program. A friend of Darrel's donated \$5,000.00 to which the school community is grateful.

Questions for Barb:

- Do you have any information on the strike? Not yet.
- Are the yearbooks still coming? Links will be sent out soon.

**Next council meeting: 6:00 PM Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, in the Art Room.**

