Big Rock Parent Council Meeting

November 18 2026

Call to order at 1805 ABT

In attendance: Sarah Landmark (Chair), Krysta Babcock (Co-Chair/Treasurer), Chelsea Taylor (Secretary), Sharon Nichols (Trustee), Tammi Andrew (Interim Principal), Leah Powell (Teacher), Parents; Melissa, Brittany, Krista, Sara, Kim.

1. Report from School Board Trustee - Sharon Nichols

- ***Fast Forward to a Flourishing CommUNITY*** meeting - Partnership discussions surrounding building on a sense of belonging.
- Big Rock's Classroom Grandparents program highlighted as a meaningful community connection.
- Online survey ongoing, until December 18 - regarding the role of technology in classrooms. Community insight will help inform strategic school plans.
- Alberta School Board Association presented Foothills School Division a Community Engagement award - celebrating the unique and valuable relationships between schools and community partnerships.

2. Principal Report - Tammi Andrew

- Local partnerships have had a positive impact within the school. Jazz dance instructor, retired art teacher, and Indigenous leaders have taught students in recent weeks, with more visitors scheduled.
- School **Winter Festival** in planning stages for Friday December 3. Activities, vendors and in-classroom markets to be finalized.
- Analysis of *Annual Education Results Report* for 2025-2026 school year will help guide future education plans.
- Student Matters leadership group recently provided suggestions for school improvement and development. Ideas were organized into main categories of discussion; Ways to Help, Ways to Improve our Building, and Ways to Build Character.

3. Council Report - Sarah Landmark

- SPARK grant was awarded to Big Rock School for *Sensory Room* funding.
- Use of ASCA parent engagement grant being discussed - to be determined at later date.
- Sign-up for teacher potluck is now open and spaces are filling. Meals to be provided for staff during 2 days of learner conferences.
- Cash Calendar tickets for sale online through Friends of Foothills Society.

Community & Upcoming Events

- Parent / Teacher learner conferences - November 25 & 26.
- Family Winter Festival - December 3.

Council Action Items

- Provide cookie decorating ingredients & supplies for Winter Festival.
- Launch sign-up for lunchtime classroom supervision.