

2024 – 2025 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

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Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Banff Trail School and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members:	Committee Chairs/Coordinators:	Other members:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley L. (Co-Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Erin R. (Vice Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy K. (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason A. (Casino Coordinator) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development) <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy D. (Social Media) <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. (Fundraising)	Shahin Ang Lucy G. S. Carmen L. Alex (Bike to School) Lindsay M. Marni
Staff:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick (Acting Principal)• Nancy T.• Mme. Nicole• M. Matthieu		

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Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order		Ashley L.	Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.
2. Confirm Quorum / Adoption of Minutes from April 9, 2025		Ashley L.	Adopted
3. Kindergarten Teacher Presentation	3.1 A Kindergarten Day	M. Matthieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French and Math are the bulk of teaching in Kindergarten
	3.2 French Language Development	Mme. Nicole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters of the alphabet - not in alphabetical order Phonological awareness Aligned with the science of reading and leads into grade 1 Lots of songs - simple, repetition, practicing sounds that we may not hear in English Games Routines - predictability and repetition
	3.3 Numeracy	M. Matthieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of hands-on stuff in math - games, new material - keeping interest high for learning size, shape, height, surface area numbers 1-10 concept of what a number means, how to count, how to stop at a certain number to identify how many objects, etc comparisons patterning card games for number sense
	3.4 Centre Time - learning through play	Mme Nicole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> free play, free choice time - opportunity to build, create, unstructured play helps develop foundation of social emotional skills that students will need for life Dr Robin Gibb - play-based learning: "play to learn but also learn to play"

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	3.5 Physical Education in the gym	M. Matthieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortunate to have residencies and also Mme Elizabeth • Rollerblading, dancing, etc • in the gym twice a week
	3.6 Intensive French with Mme Sophie	Mme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • once per week for a 30 minute period • neuro-linguistic approach • games, songs, activities to focus on oral language development
	3.7 Music with Mme Wensley	M. Matthieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • once per week • songs but also more theory of how music works, rhythm, etc
	3.8 Science	Mme Nicole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learning about the environment - 5 senses, seasonal changes, how animals move and adapt in their surroundings • West Confederation Park on Fridays - students given a focus or a question to guide their outdoor learning, to be mindful of the surroundings • 7 sacred teachings, importance of making connections to the earth and our responsibility to protect it • visual journals, sit-spots
4. Principal's Report	4.1 RAM	Rick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAM approved for next year - a big thing to get the ball rolling for next year, including staffing etc
	4.2 Walk-Zones		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emails from the system re changes to walk-zones • not anticipating many issues at BTS • walk-zones are now calculated to the school's front door and only using roads (no longer using alleyways, etc) • different walk zones for different ages - may cause issues for K-9 schools (younger students riding the bus but older students not eligible)
	4.3 Classroom additions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • constructing 2 classrooms at BTS over the summer in anticipation of growth in school population

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	4.4 Kickball		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many enthusiastic kickball players - can be problematic some days • staff have come up with a set of rules to help manage and stay consistent with
	4.5 Busy at BTS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathilde • Grade 1 concert/assembly • Soccer residency • Mental Health Awareness Week this week • Teachers Pet on-site field-trips • First outdoor lunch today • Bow Habitat off-site field trip • K-Grade 1 presentation tomorrow evening • Grade 5 orientation at Branton on Friday (walking field trip) • School Dance May 15 • May 16 - common system PD Day • Volunteer Tea May 27 • School Patrol Picnic in June at Heritage Park
	4.6 Grade 5 Used Book Sale		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 used book sale - looking for gently used books for donation
5. Committee Reports	5.1 Jacket Racket Coordinator	Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
	5.2 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P. Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
	5.3 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.

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	5.4 Bike to School Coordinator	Alexandra C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 20 - date confirmed tattoo handouts music school equipment question re: food trucks - perhaps skip them this year? looking for feedback will be needing volunteers to watch the bikes during the day - bring lawn chairs, might have a tent for shade can email Alex with ideas/suggestions/volunteer: alexandra.contreras1@gmail.com
	5.5 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators	Robyn A. Leah W. Shann R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.
6. Discussion Forum	6.1 Connecting with parents / families and improving engagement	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connecting with parents/families and improving engagement - <i>Please contact banfftrailchair@gmail.com if you have anything you would like to discuss in the upcoming forum portion of our meetings</i> Kindergarten teachers present next month
7. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourned until next meeting June 4, 2025 at 6:30pm Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.
8. Upcoming meetings			Upcoming meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4th - voting for executive and budget

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