

# 2022 – 2023 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 7:16 pm

**Location:** Banff Trail School and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

**Attendees:**

Executive Committee Members:	Committee Chairs/Coordinators:	Other members:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley L. (Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Erin R. (Vice Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy K. (Secretary) (online)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole R. (Casino Chair, Schoolyard development) <input type="checkbox"/> Franny F. (Volunteer Coordinator) <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy D. (Social Media) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna L-W. (Teacher Appreciation) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah W. (Grade 5 Farewell) <input type="checkbox"/> Robyn A. (Grade 5 Farewell)	Lindsay M. (online) Sonia C. (online) Shahin (online) Saeed F. (online) Taryn (online) KJ (online) Laura J. (online) Thomas Tanner
<b>Staff:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan T.</li><li>• Nancy T.</li><li>• Mme Myriam (online)</li><li>• Mme Stafford (online)</li><li>• Mme Erika (online)</li></ul>		

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Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
<b>1. Call to Order</b>		Erin R.	Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.
<b>2. Confirm Quorum</b>		Erin R.	Quorum confirmed.
<b>3. Adoption of Minutes from April 19, 2023</b>		Erin R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted by consensus.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Welcome and Recap</b>	4.1 Engagement & Advocacy	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please contact <a href="mailto:banfftrailchair@gmail.com">banfftrailchair@gmail.com</a> if you have any issues or items you would like to discuss in the upcoming forum portion of our meetings</li> </ul>
<b>5. Vote for 2023-24 School Council Executive</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Executive Council Slate for 2023-24: Chair: Ashley L. Vice-Chair: Erin R. Secretary: Tracy K.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vote on the basis of a slate, no objections</li> <li>• Motion to elect the slate</li> <li>• Motioned by Nicole; seconded by Robyn</li> <li>• Motion passed unanimously</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>6. Teacher Presentation</b>	6.1 Grade 4 Teachers Presentation	Mme Myriam Mme Stafford Mme Erika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mme Myriam (Room 4)</li> <li>• Mme Stafford (Room 17)</li> <li>• Mme Erika (Room 3)</li> <li>• <b>FLA:</b> opinion text writing (hamburger paragraph), story writing continuity FLA &amp; ELA (showing vs telling, strong verbs, relevant details), Pen Pals (in Quebec) (letters &amp; cards design and writing), poetry, biography in 5 parts (write a biography of another person), Daily 5 (5 au quotidien) - grammar &amp; spelling, reading intervention (Gov. Funding), daily reading in French and English, novel reading and study, daily discussions, sharing circles</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ELA:</b> Story writing, research (Alberta Provincial Park, got feedback and then applied that feedback to another topic), Words Their Way (spelling, patterns in spelling to improve their spelling) and grammar, Writing (informative texts, fiction and poetry), novel study</li> <li>• <b>Math:</b> patterns and number patterns, numbers sense (up to 10, 000), statistics and probability (graph building and interpretation), measurement (time, length, area), addition &amp; subtraction, multiplication and division, long division and long multiplication, fractions &amp; decimals, shapes and forms, 2D shapes and 3D objects – big focus on different strategies/approaches to problems, work with different surfaces – main focus is through problem solving (reading in french, try to understand what is important, what is being asked, and then figure out how to solve it)</li> <li>• <b>Social Studies:</b> Exploring and representing the history and characteristics of the land (why does alberta have its topography, climate, vegetation, animals, lakes/rivers), understanding the ways of life of First Nations populations in Alberta prior to colonization, Applying historical thinking to understand changes in Alberta over the past 250 years, examining different populations that make up the fabric of Alberta's population, la francophonie in Alberta</li> <li>• <b>Science:</b> Waste and our World, Light and Shadow, Wheels and Levers, Building Devices and Vehicles, Plants – curriculum emphasizes teamwork, cooperation, encourages students to ask good questions and work together in curiosity</li> </ul>
7. Principal's Report	7.1 Thank you for teacher presentations	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to all the teachers throughout the year for taking the time to put together their presentations to give parent council an insight into their classrooms</li> </ul>
	7.2 Musical		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to M. Jones, Mme Erika, Mme Heather, Mme Wensley</li> <li>• musical is really targeted to grades 4 and 5 audiences every year</li> <li>• many audience members came from near and far to see the musical</li> </ul>
	7.3 Library Exchange		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mme Chelsea (library assistant) is weeding out older/unused/damaged books in preparation for inventory and rejuvenation</li> <li>• Non-fiction until May 12</li> <li>• all books due June 9</li> </ul>

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	7.4 School Declaration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bell times, school days, etc, all being worked on in May, June</li> <li>• likely no big changes, but may have some small changes (recess tweaks, lunch etc by minutes here or there)</li> </ul>
	7.5 Spring RAM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passed, as a 'best guess', to be adjusted as needed in the fall</li> <li>• 359 on count day (maybe 8-10 more new students, good healthy number)</li> </ul>
	7.6 Residencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• working on residencies for next year: Anita Crowshoe, field hockey, and more</li> <li>• Anita Crowshoe will be coming to work with us on an upcoming PD day, anticipate more collaboration from there (she is the main Indigenous person for Heritage Park, she and her family are well-known and sought after)</li> </ul>
	7.7 Board Game afternoon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you Games People Play again!</li> <li>• sent out a request for grade 5's to help with this, will be asking them to take a game home to play with their family, become familiar with it and be able to teach it</li> <li>• details will be coming in Friday's Principal's Message</li> <li>• June 11, 12-3pm</li> </ul>
	7.8 Election upcoming		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we are hosting at BTS (voting venue)</li> <li>• during the campaigns, please bring up Education as an important issue</li> </ul>
	7.9 Thank you		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to School Council and Society for 2022-23</li> <li>• the attendance, support, volunteering here at this school is very appreciated</li> </ul>
	7.10 Additional Q&A		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- yes, still accepting Lego donations for kindergarten</li> <li>- this year's three grade 4 classes will likely collapse into two grade 5 classes next year</li> </ul>
8. Committee Reports	8.1 Thank you	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to our 2022-23 Committee Chairs and welcome to our new 2023-24 Chairs!</li> <li>• Please contact <a href="mailto:banfftrailchair@gmail.com">banfftrailchair@gmail.com</a> if you would like to be involved with any of the committees</li> </ul>

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8.2 Volunteer Coordinator	Franny F.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com">banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• casino signup coming soon (Casino date October 6-7, 2023 - Thanksgiving weekend)</li> <li>• hoping to get signup out in June for planning purposes</li> <li>• 42 shifts = approx \$67,000 in funds raised (this is our main source of funds for school council/ability to support the school)</li> </ul>
8.3 Events Coordinator	Polly S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year 2023-24, we plan to divide the work in this very large Committee portfolio. Our currently planned Committees/events are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Welcome BBQ (Erin R. and Polly S.)</li> <li>○ Bike to School in September and June – Seeking a Committee Chair</li> <li>○ Winter Event (Arvind P-R and Polly S.)</li> <li>○ Dance Committee (Polly S. and Cathy D.) – Seeking additional volunteers</li> <li>○ End of Year Event (Ashley L. and Polly S.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.4 Schoolyard Development Coordinators	Colleen C. Nicole R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:ebtschoolyarddevelopment@gmail.com">ebtschoolyarddevelopment@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• still working on a grant to help fund a seating area outside the school (would like it to act as an outdoor classroom, and sharing space)</li> <li>• Schoolyard Development is now a separate society that can apply for different grants</li> <li>• will do a call-out in June for clean-up, always looking for new members</li> </ul>
8.5 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no updates</li> <li>• one last teacher appreciation in June</li> </ul>
8.6 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no updates</li> </ul>
8.7 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinator	Leah W. Robyn A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year: Nicole R., Arvind P-R, Erin R. – Any additional volunteers?</li> <li>• one last call-out for volunteers</li> <li>• t-shirts arriving next week</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thanks to parents for quick turnaround with food requests</li> <li>• snow cones will be available for purchase!</li> </ul>
	8.8 Traffic Coordinator	Kathryn D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:kathryn.davies@banfftrailcommunity.ca">kathryn.davies@banfftrailcommunity.ca</a></li> <li>• no updates</li> </ul>
9. Discussion Forum	8.1 Events and Fundraisers	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Flowers success (77-78 orders! way more than winter plants) - raised just over \$2000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ idea for next year, promote in the community or have some extra plants on hand to sell (people in the community stopped in wondering if they could buy plants!)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bike to School/End of Year Event on June 16th noon-3pm - will have more food trucks than we had at the Welcome BBQ so hopefully no long lines!</li> </ul>
10. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjourned until next year – Have a lovely summer, looking forward to seeing everyone in September!</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.</li> </ul>
11. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 2023 - TBD</li> </ul>

### Contact Information

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