

2023 – 2024 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes NOVEMBER

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Time: 6:30 pm – 7:19 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"/> Arvind P-R. (Treasurer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole R. (Casino Chair, Schoolyard development) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy J. (Social Media) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna L-W. (Teacher Appreciation) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah S. (Fundraising) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Christina H. (Dance) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Tanner R. (Bike to School)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ang (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Sonia C. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Taryn (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Shahin M. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Christina D. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Matt R. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Erin S. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Venus (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Albert V. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Sara J. (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay M. (online)
Staff:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan T. <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy T. <input type="checkbox"/> Mme. Andrea (online) <input type="checkbox"/> M. Jeremy (online)		

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Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order		Ashley L.	Meeting called to order at 6:34pm
2. Confirm Quorum / Adoption of Minutes from November 29, 2023		Ashley L.	Motioned by Anna
3. Grade 5 Teacher Presentation	4.1 Introduction	Mme. Andrea M. Jeremy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 5 team: Mme. Andrea and M. Jeremy ● 25 students in each class
	4.2 Social Studies	Mme. Andrea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social studies includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ iGroup research projects on Canadian topics geography regions, climate, weather, resources, ○ small and large group debates, formulate and present ideas to explain reasoning ○ Canadian national parks and protected areas ○ How all these things shape the country today ○ How newcomers shape Canadian identity ○ Storytelling to learn about others and retelling them in our own ways
	4.3 Science	M. Jeremy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Items of note for science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Experimenting with classroom chemistry ○ Observations of West confed park and weather ○ Will be making instruments to measure the weather ○ Simple electrical circuits with mechanical features, an alarm, and ○ Field trips coming up for TELUS Spark and pond dipping ○ Teacher's pet about renewable resources, making a windmill, hydroelectricity ○ Lots of engaging activities to encourage a scientific approach

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	4.4 FLA and ELA	Mme. Andrea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key points for French and English Language Arts and Fine Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guided reading ○ Debates and opinion writing ○ Guided reading groups to think critically about what they are reading ○ Using Canada as a background to learn about artists from all six regions of the country ○ Viewing activities and songs and stories by Canadian artists ○ Oral and written journals to share personal stories in French and English ○ Mentoring younger students in the school ○ Penpals in France
	4.5 Other	M. Jeremy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An overview of general activities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leadership opportunities as the oldest students in the school ○ Helping with supervision in the school, ○ Calgary food drive ○ Laying the groundwork for transition to middle school (Branton) ○ Organizing and running the sports day ○ Board game day ○ Volunteer appreciation ○ Dance planning and volunteering ○ Reading buddies ○ Food marketing presentation ○ Indigenous elders ○ Finding Nemo jr musical presentation with grad 5s and some grade 4s

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4. Principal's Report	4.1 Thank you Grade 5 Team	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	4.2 School Conferences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for attending School Conferences - there were great opportunities to receive feedback and build relationships. If there are any other questions or requests for resources, parents are encouraged to touch base with their respective teachers. Big thanks to those who offered food for the potluck! Everything was very well received. • The book fair that took place concurrent to the conferences was also a success - expecting to receive \$2,000 of funding from approximately \$5,000 in sales.
	4.3 Ken Stewart Photography	Nancy T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy will be meeting with Ken Stewart Photography to review a portfolio and collect information as an alternative for future school photos.
	4.4 Residencies	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FitSet Ninja coming from 22-29 January with a portable obstacle course suitable for K-5 students • Sound Kreations May residency, Elev8 Lacrosse June residency (2 weeks each) • French possibility for Sound Kreations • Trabadour (French Canadian folklore) a possibility for Carnevale - waiting to find out if enough schools sign up (at least 10 required)
	4.5 RAZ-Kids		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAZ-Kids - will renew for 1 year, then chat again in August with teachers about whether it will be pursued for additional years • Exploring Boukili, which was a suggestion from the Languages Team (though not as robust, it does have better leveling and is not 'translated' from English)
	4.6 SIRR document & SDP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting of SIRR document to our website under the "About Us" section, reviewing SDP past and present • will have presentation at the Feb 28th 2024 council meeting

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	4.7 Kindergarten Report Card		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten report card last year was canceled for January ● it has been partially reinstated – will report on FIL and Math in January, then the full report card (as usual) in June ● Report Cards scheduled to be visible on January 30th
	4.8 Teacher training	Nancy T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● teachers to receive training from AHS and CBE, supported by ATA funds – “Go-To” Educator, to support with mental health ● educators are not trained counselors, and will work within their scope of practice, but this offers some training from AHS about how to support and approach mental health situation ● the presentation was about “mental health literacy” and gave a broad overview of the range of emotions, that all emotions are acceptable, how to support and work with them in a school environment, and that even stress can be a motivator not just a negative ● all high schools had a representative last year, and CBE aim is to have one per school ● we will be amongst the very first elementary schools to receive this training
	4.9 November Break & Indigenous Professional Learning Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November Break & Indigenous Professional Learning Day (prepared by Mme Rachel and Mme Pascale) ● Seeking curricular connections, watching and discussing videos from local Elders, and hearing from students about the experiences of Indigenous students in the CBE
	4.10 Transportation Signage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spoke with CBE representative (Shivpal) in Transportation about some signage around the school, which will likely be shifting somewhat ● this would not be a significant impact for anyone using the roadways or signage as designed - the main intent is to help facilitate crossings and movement of buses during peak times ● Sandwich boards coming as well
	4.11 K/1 Open House		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday, January 11th 2024 at 5:45-7:15pm ● only for prospective families, not intended for existing families at our school

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	4.12 Lost & Found		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be donated Friday December 15th
	4.13 New CBE websites		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of a change of providers, there will be new school websites across the CBE in February - the changes should only be to the look and feel and existing information should remain
5. Committee Reports	7.1 Request for volunteers	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Committee Chairs Please contact banfftrailchair@gmail.com if you would like to be involved with any of the committees
	7.2 Volunteer Coordinator	Franny F.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com
	7.3 Traffic Safety Coordinator	Kathryn D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report
	7.4 Events Coordinator	Polly S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking into a skating party in December
	7.5 School Dance Coordinators	Polly P. Kathy J. Cathy D. Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for volunteers for the dance on November 30th Set-up will be at 5:30 with the dance taking place from 6:30-8:30 153 families sent in slips for advance tickets Tickets will be available at the door Cash-only for tickets and concession at the event itself
	7.6 Jacket Racket Coordinators	Christina H. Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for all the donations and volunteers. Well done!
	7.7 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas gifts are being finalized with the intent of distributing them during the last week of school before the break

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	7.8 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for our Facebook and Instagram groups
	7.9 Bike to School Coordinator	Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
	7.10 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinator	Nicole R. Arvind P-R. Franny F. Erin R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be involved with the dance • Starting to discuss what will be done for the farewell • More than happy to have additional volunteers
8. Discussion Forum	8.1 Connecting with parents / families and improving engagement	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah raised a point of concern about traffic in the back alley including unsafe driving as some parents using the alley as a pick-up/drop-off location rush through in the morning as well as concerns from residents about garages being blocked. From the school community perspective, there is a concern that we are not being good neighbours. It is a recurring problem that seems to come back each year and, aside from asking parents to be more considerate, there are not a lot of options especially since there are no school resource officers and some drivers have been very rude when approached by teachers. Some ideas included contacting the local MLA (Dr. Metz) or contacting 311 using the app. Kathryn, the traffic safety, can be contacted at banfftrailchair@gmail.com if there are other ideas. • 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>
9. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned until next meeting January 31, 2024 at 6:30pm • Meeting adjourned at 7:19
10. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 31st – Grade 1 Teachers Presentation • February 28th – Grade 2 Teachers Presentation

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<p>Email: banfftrailchair@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook: Banff Trail School Parents (this is a closed group, accessible by request / invitation only)</p> <p>Twitter:</p> <p>Instagram: banfftrailschoolcouncil</p> <p>Volunteers: banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com</p> <p>Schoolyard Development: ebtschoolyarddevelopment@gmail.com</p>