

2024 – 2025 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Banff Trail School and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members:	Committee Chairs/Coordinators:	Other members:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashley L. (Chair)• Tracy K. (Secretary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason A. (Casino Coordinator)• Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development)• Kathy J. (Social Media)• Cathy D. (Social Media)• Thomas L. (Fundraising)• Leah W. (Fundraising)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brooke• Christine B.• Jacqueline F.• Mary L.• Kevin L.• Lindsay M.• Micheal• Michelle H.• Pam• Richard• Robyn• Sara May• Erin M.
Staff:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryan T.• Nancy T.• M. Jones• Mme. Mysyk		

Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order		Ashley L.	Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm
2. Confirm Quorum / Adoption of Minutes from October 23, 2024		Erin R.	Adopted by consensus
3. Grade 5 Teacher Presentation	3.1 Social Studies	Mme Mysyk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This curriculum has not changed yet but gives a lot of direction to Language Arts • Looking at Canada geographically and historically • Group research projects and presentations on Canadian geography, climate and resources • Examining current weather, climate and climate events throughout Canada in shaping experience and identity • Exploring events and people who have shaped history of Canada • Share indigenous and historical perspectives through legend, video, and storytelling • Indigenous ways of living and knowing in 6 geographic regions of Canada • Small and large group debate about aspects of 6 regions which helped indigenous peoples to thrive • Examining role of Canadian national parks, historic sites and protected areas •
	3.2 Science	M. Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand new curriculum this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Matter and Energy ◦ Biological processes and systems ◦ Space ◦ Weather ◦ Coding • Scientific Method • Conducting personal research on climate through weather observation in park

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure and observe aspects of weather in local park and throughout Canada • Hands-on experiments at Telus Spark • Examining aspects of climate change and renewable energy options
	3.3 French & English Language Arts and Fine Arts	Mme Mysyk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many aspects of science and social studies learning objectives support our reading, writing, listening, viewing and representing activities that develop language skills and vocabulary • Debates and opinion writing • Group guided reading • Oral and written personal journals • Viewing activities • Legends and storytelling • Book projects • Canadian artist studies • Buddy reading • Penpals from France
	3.4 Grade 5 Activities	M. Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Opportunities: class supervision, community engagement (Calgary Food Drive), visit to Branton, Sports Day, volunteer appreciation, dance planning and volunteering • Class visits both virtual and in person: food marketing, Anita Crowshoe, Teacher's Pet, Telus Spark • Remembrance Day Assembly • Patrols • Reading buddies • Musical Presentation in April • Visits to West Confederation Park
4. Principal's Report	4.1 Thank you Grade 5 Team	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you Grade 5 Team; next up is Grade 3 in January
	4.2 School Conferences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookings open Friday at 4pm for upcoming conferences (happening Nov 28-29th)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken Stewart will have a Family Photo Day set up during conferences for interested BTS families Reminder to sign up for commercial messages from the school
4.3 Book Fair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6000 just spent on resources from the last book fairs
4.4 Lost & Found		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items in Lost and Found will be donated Friday, December 13th – please visit the Lost and Found while you're here during conferences
4.5 Mme Sophie		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mme Sophie profile and award on main CBE and Banff Trail websites Sophie will have a French Languages booth set up Ceintures Flechees (sashes) will be available for purchase as well
4.6 Residencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound Kreations June residency Curling on now
4.7 RAZ-Kids		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> renewed; \$3,300 USD; thank you for Parent Council's support for this!
4.8 SIRR document		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posting of our SIRR document to our website, reviewing SDP past and present Fees report (how fees were used last year) Technology Admirable Use policy Will have a presentation in the new year (Feb or April)
4.9 K/1 Open House		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, January 9th, 2025, 5:45pm-7:15pm (only for prospective families, not intended for existing families at our school)
4.10 Enrolment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projections for enrolment- anticipated numbers still unknown 387 this year
4.11 SSAP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates from Director Martine Sawatzky
4.12 Subs in CBE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement! Have been fortunate to have subs when needed
4.13 Field Trips		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trips so far include the Zoo, Waste Facility
4.14 Spirit Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Spirit Day: Sports Team/Club Day, Wednesday Nov 27

	4.15 Lates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please try to minimize late arrivals as much as possible
	4.16 Hug and Go		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to please not leave vehicle in Hug and Go zone
	4.17 Patrols		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrols doing a great job!
	4.18 Remembrance Day ceremony		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Captain Richard McKenty (father of a grade 2 student)
	4.19 School Swag		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed now; orders should be received well in advance of Winter Break
	4.20 Art Cards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to parent volunteers for helping organize/distribute
	4.21	Nancy T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowshoes are being used spontaneously as the weather allows; please remind students to be prepared to go outside!
5. Committee Reports	5.1	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
	5.2 Jacket Racket Coordinator	Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-offs still occurring, deadline is SOON!
	5.3 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P. Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing teacher gifts for Christmas
	5.4 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no updates
	5.5 Bike to School Coordinators	Alexandra C. Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no updates
	5.6 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators	Robyn A. Leah W. Shann R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee met today; will be sending an email in January looking for volunteers

	5.7 Traffic Update	Lindsay M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay described the myriad of safety concerns with traffic along 24th Ave and detailed a proposal to be delivered to City Council asking for 3 things to help reduce risk to pedestrians • Hoping to inform parents/school community of the situation, ask for support and ensure there isn't any opposition – Lindsay offered to engage with parents at drop-off, at KCF, and potentially setup something at conferences
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>
7. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned until next meeting January 15, 2024 at 6:30pm • Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm
8. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 15 • February 19 • April 9 • May 7 • June 4 (tentative)

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