

2025 – 2026 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

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Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:26 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) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Tanner R. (Co-Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Erin R. (Vice Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy K. (Secretary) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Arvind P-R. (Treasurer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy J. (Social Media) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy D. (Social Media) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna L-W. (Teacher Appreciation) (online) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah W. (Fundraising)	Jennifer B Carolyn S Sarah K Shahin (online) Jenn B (online) Gabriela W (online) Christine O (online) Ang (online) Amber (online) Alison S (online)
Staff:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan T. • Nancy T. • Andrea Mysyk • Jeremy Jones • James Smith 		

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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 September 24, 2025		Ashley L.	Adopted by consensus
3. Grade 5 Teacher Presentation Mme Mysyk M. Jones M. Smith	3.1 Social Studies	Mme Mysyk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group research projects and presentations on the geography, climate and resources and their impact on the location of ancient civilizations • Examining topography and geopositioning using characteristics of maps • Individual research and presentations about the history and innovations of ancient civilizations and their relevance today • Identifying current issues and creating ways to take action • Use of podcasts to learn about ancient civilizations through stories • Identifying varied viewpoints, supporting opinions with supporting facts in debate and opinion paragraphs • Examining and practicing aspects of the governments and economies of ancient civilizations and their impact today
	3.2 Science	M. Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New science curriculum: matter and energy; biological processes and systems; space; weather; coding • Scientific Method • Tracking observations of astronomical phenomenon • Conducting personal research on climate through weather observation in parks • Creating tools to measure and observe aspects of weather in local parks and throughout Canada
	3.3 French and English Language Arts and Fine Arts	M. Smith	<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.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debates and opinion writing, group guided reading, oral and written personal journals, viewing activities, legends and storytelling, book projects, Canadian artist studies, budding reading, penpals from France
	3.4 Grade 5 Activities	M. Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership opportunities: patrols, class supervision, community engagement – Calgary Food Drive, visit to Branton, sports day, dance planning and volunteering Class visits both virtual and in-person: food marketing, Teachers' Pet, Telus Spark Remembrance Day Assembly Farewell activities and assembly Reading buddies Musical presentation in April (Madagascar) Visits to West Confederation Park
4. Principal's Report	4.1 Thank you Grade 5 Team	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	4.2 Return from labour action		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routines, ongoing advocacy, parental support – thank you for the parental support and care that students have shown
	4.3 Financial support of teachers & BTS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual cheque writing or connect with council
	4.4 SDP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing actionable feedback; how we can improve practice to improve student learning Formative assessment - last year we focused on design task that elicited evidence and making sure learning intentions were clear, this year will focus on actionable feedback
	4.5 Conferences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming conferences Nov. 27-28, booking opens Friday at 4pm Lost and found available in the hall (donated Thursday, Dec 11) Book fair all next week but also during conferences Thank you council for providing food for teachers

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	4.6 Safety on our streets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearby construction impacts, communications Can bring issues/concerns to Parent Council or Ryan
	4.7 Musical		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madagascar - auditions currently happening
	4.8 K/1 Open House		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Thursday, January 15, 2026 Not for current BTS families; only for families who have not been at BTS before
	4.9 Enrolment for 2025-26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquiries have begun! Enrolment this year is at 409 students
	4.10 Staffing Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mme Vicky started maternity leave, Mme Tara taking over for her until at least June 30 Mme Kaye in the office, has also taken on lunchroom supervisor M. Gerry (evening caretaker) off on medical leave, M. Abdulsalam Mohamed taking over
	4.11 Spirit/Theme Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Spirit/Theme Day: Sport Team/Club Day – Wed, Nov 26
	4.12 Patrols		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up and running - thank you to patrols for being keen to get to school early and doing good work
	4.13 Remembrance Day Ceremony		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to Captain Richard McKenty (father of a grade 2 student) Hosted by grade 5 students
	4.14 Art Cards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great keepsakes and fundraiser for BTS
	4.15 FitSet Ninja		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 12-16
	4.16 Report Cards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report cards timelines have shifted; report cards will be visible in February (rather than January) in order to give teachers more time to gather information (due to labour action disruption)

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	4.17 Questions		Student teachers this year? – Ryan asks teachers who are eligible if anyone would like to host a student teacher; he then sends names to universities who fill spaces from there
5. Committee Reports	5.1 Jacket Racket Coordinator	Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to those who donated!
	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
	5.4 Bike to School Coordinator	Alexandra C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm date of June 20th
	5.5 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators	Erin R. Arvind P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting to get organized Will participate in dance and musical
	5.6 Transportation	Erin R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have been doing some advocating for safety, chatting with parents Have noticed some improvements Concerned voiced about the corner directly in front of the school's front doors (vehicles parked on the corner making it unsafe for traffic and pedestrians) Plan to create a handout to put into students' agendas with a map of the school areas and marking out areas of concerns, drop-and-go areas, reminders for traffic safety
	5.7 Winter Events	Arvind P. Christina D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skating Triwood and/or Holiday Hoedown Discussion around running one or both Decided Holiday Hoedown Dec 18
	5.8 Volunteers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers for upcoming roles

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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> Erin expressed collective feelings of parent community around sadness and compassion for the teachers and what they are going through with the labour dispute Discussion around how to support teachers (giving money etc) – parents can donate to cheque writing campaign, or gift directly to teachers (Ryan recommended gift cards instead of cash)
7. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourned until next meeting January 7, 2025 at 6:30pm Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.
8. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 7 February 4 April 15 May 6 June 10

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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: banfftrailsschoolcouncil</p> <p>Volunteers: banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com</p> <p>Schoolyard Development: ebtschoolyarddevelopment@gmail.com</p>