

2023 – 2024 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

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Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:34 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Arvind P-R. (Treasurer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Franny F. (Volunteer Coordinator) <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole R. (Casino Chair, Schoolyard development) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna L-W. (Teacher Appreciation) <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah W. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Christina H. (Dance) <input type="checkbox"/> Tanner R. (Bike to School)	Andrea B. Ang Bhavneet Christina D. Ellen N. Amanda M.-S. Melanie Micheal M. Nitasha G. Richard C. Sara J. Shahin
Staff:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryan T.• Nancy T.• Mme Nicole• M. Mattieu		

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Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order		Erin R.	Meeting called to order at 6:33pm
2. Adoption of Minutes from February 28, 2024		Erin R.	Adopted, no questions.
3. Kindergarten Teacher Presentation "A Day in the Life of Kindergarten"	3.1 Literary	M. Mattieu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Language Development • Scaffolding, constantly building vocabulary, building sentences • Seasonal changes, working through the alphabet (how letters look, the sounds they make) • Library - thanks to parents for ready at home with their students, French or English, it is all helping develop their literacy skills • French question per week (eg, "As-tu un frère?") - speaking to each other in french, socializing in french • Songs - geared towards french sounds to engage specific muscles that work with french sounds
	3.2 Numeracy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numeracy/Math • numbers 1-10, counting forwards and backwards, different ways to make numbers (4+6, 5+5 = 10), size, weight, surface area, capacity, length, patterns
	3.3 Centres & unstructured time	Mme Nicole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre Time – Learning through play (unstructured time) • opportunity to learn, build, create, socialize • Centres aim to extend learning through inquiry, extending subjects introduced in class lessons through exploring on their own • Open opportunity to engage in using the language • Dr Robin Gibb, Play-based learning - developing relationships between students and teachers

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	3.4 Physical Education, Intensive French, Music, Excursions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the gym at least once per week (2/wk if students have Friday school) Intensive French with Mme Sophie Music with Mme Wensley Excursions: have had the opportunity to go outside, explore nature, into confederation park, doing sketching, making connections with outdoor learning – possible with the help of parent volunteers, many opportunities for parents to come help, thank you!
	3.5 Questions	Ryan T.	<p>Question - will there be similar kindergarten numbers next year? 3 classes like this year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...schools in the immediate vicinity are full, some families may look to come to BTS instead. Currently, kindergarten numbers look the same for next year (2 morning classes, 1 afternoon) with a little space for Kindergarten, grade 3 and grade 4 (grades 1,2,5 are pretty much full). There are no “overflow schools” for alternative programs like french immersion. Difficult to allow out of boundary students to attend BTS one year with the likely possibility that they will not be allowed to attend the following year due to capacity
4. Principal's Report	4.1 Thank you Kindergarten Team	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	4.2 Solar Eclipse Indoors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everything went smoothly, some families chose to keep students at home to observe partial eclipse
	4.3 Clubs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs ended at Spring Break Great feedback from kids, good to have kids explore different things
	4.4 Finding Nemo Junior	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding Nemo Junior upcoming for those families (grades 4-5 students who are participating) lots of rehearsals, excitement building

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	4.5 Residencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many upcoming residencies (Dance, Lacrosse, Evergreen Theatre) • very busy last couple months of school • thanks to parent council and fundraising to help provide these opportunities
	4.6 Enrolment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of years ago, we were below enrolment levels; now, we are approaching a full school • School enrolment is on the rise, here and across the CBE; needing more space/schools • Our school is nearing capacity, and is full for some grades next year
	4.7 RAM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working through RAM (Resource Allocation Model) right now, budgeting for next year • Anticipating keeping straight-grade classes, but anticipate slightly larger than what has been typical for class sizing for next year, with some exceptions – hard to fully anticipate though, like in any year, due to move-in/move-out, full schools surrounding our school, etc. • French Immersion in high demand, and not all desire is being met at this point (no overflow schools in French Immersion)
	4.8 Substitute teacher shortage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some days with unfilled jobs – Sophie, Jocelyn, admin filling roles • New grads coming in May
	4.9 SDF/Fees		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for feedback about SDP/fees from last meeting • Ryan has posted the results on our webpage (click on Get Involved–Community Engagement)
	4.10 Time Capsule		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 22: Grade 3's (along with those from Varsity and King George) collaborating with Aberhart High School, going on a walking trip for time-capsule event (and other festivities, in recognition of the 50th year of French Immersion in the CBE)
	4.11 School Requests for Funds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of school requests for funds (teachers feedback on what they could use for the school, asked to make a wishlist) • Ryan presented a list of items, including cost and description (Folklofolie, Isabelle Cliché, Sugar Shack, Trickster, Active Living Residencies,

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			<p>Indigenous Residency, Teachers classroom support (~\$150/teacher, misc items), Indigenous resources, PiQ Student Planners, Patrols Picnic, year end, whistles, Raz Kids, Science/Art Supplies, Staff Memory Books, Epic (school subscription reading program instead of Raz Kids English), Nemath subscription, Facile à lire (decodable books), 1 broom for each classroom, 1 folding wagon, Alien In-line)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin explained how it would work to discuss/decide on what council can fund from the list - next month we would have a smaller group meeting in-person to discuss, combined with thank-you celebration for committees/volunteers. If interested, please email banfftrailchair@gmail.com –vote will occur at May meeting
5. Committee Reports	7.1 Volunteer Coordinator	Franny F.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com Dance volunteers needed, volunteer signup has been sent out to the parent community NEW Volunteer Coordinator needed for next year role involves organization of volunteers for school council events, or any other events needed by the school
	7.2 Traffic Safety Coordinator	Kathryn D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.
	7.3 School Dance Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D. Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Dance Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30-8:30pm tickets and volunteers needed Theme: Red Carpet WestJet raffle is live, please share, should be a great fundraiser Information sent home to families, no paper tickets
	7.4 Jacket Racket Coordinators	Christina H. Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.
	7.5 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.

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	7.6 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up for our Facebook and Instagram groups
	7.7 Bike to School Coordinator	Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike to School Friday June 14th – Save the Date! Combined with End of Year celebration (yard games, bike safety) will need parent volunteers to watch bikes throughout the day
	7.8 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinator	Nicole R. Arvind P-R. Franny F. Erin R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farewell Celebration June 25th – Grade 5 families Save the Date! Grade 5's will run concession table at the dance to raise funds email will be sent to Grade 5 parents
8. Discussion Forum	8.1 Anita Crowshoe	Ashley L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anita Crowshoe presentation proposal for use of \$500 grant - looking into an outdoor, land-based presentation
	8.2 Thank you Committee Chairs & Volunteers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to hard-working Committee Chairs and volunteers! Ryan commented on the robustness of volunteers - May 30th during the day Volunteer Tea hosted by the school
	8.3 Coordinators Needed for Next Year		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need a Volunteer Coordinator and Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators for next school year
	8.4 Executive Election Next Month		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Executive election next month email banfftrailchair@gmail.com if interested or if you have any questions
	8.5 Connection & Engagement		<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 brought up discussion re: solutions for better communications, payment processes, etc - could we find an App that would work for school council groups that encompasses our needs? ASK: is there anyone who is tech savvy, has suggestions, has experiences with Konstella

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9. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourned until next meeting May 29, 2024 at 6:30pm (last meeting of the year, AGM, quorum needed)• Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm
10. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 29th – Grade 3 Teachers Presentation

Contact Information

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