

2024 – 2025 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

JANUARY

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:02 pm

Location: Banff Trail School and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

| Executive Committee Members: | Committee Chairs/Coordinators: | Other members: |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tanner R. (Co-Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy K. (Secretary) <input type="checkbox"/> Arvind P-R. (Treasurer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason A. (Casino Coordinator) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development) <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy D. (Social Media) <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah W. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Christina H. (Dance) | Shahin Erin S. Amanda Saeed Ang Brieanne D Carla H Elizabeth P Marni A Michael Lindsay Robyn A |
| Staff: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryan T.• Nancy T.• Mme Nim• Mme Erika• Mme Jessica | | |

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| Agenda Item | | Speaker | Discussion |
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| 1. Call to Order | | Tanner R. | Meeting called to order at 6:34pm |
| 2. Confirm Quorum / Adoption of Minutes from November 20, 2024 | | Tanner R. | Adopted by consensus. |
| 3. Grade 3 Teacher Presentation Mme Jessica Mme Erika Mme Nim | 3.1 Math | Mme Nim Mme Erika Mme Jessica | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing numbers • Telling time • Statistics • Addition and subtraction • Multiplication and division • Fractions • Measurement • Geometry • Algebra |
| | 3.2 French | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking – Reading – Writing • Phonics • High frequency words • alphabetical order • Nouns, adjectives and verbs • Masculine vs feminine • Plural nouns • The writing process |
| | 3.3 English | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of text (fiction vs nonfiction) • Descriptive writing • Story structure / story writing • Novel studies • Reading strategies |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figurative language • The writing process • Spelling and conventions • Phonics • Poetry |
| | 3.4 Science | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter • Energy • Earth systems • Living systems • Scientific method • Computer science |
| | 3.5 Social Studies | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps • Peru • India • Tunisia • Ukraine • Quality of life |
| | 3.6 P.E. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active living • Movement skill development • Character development • Safety • Healthy eating • Healthy relationships • Growth and development • Financial literacy |
| 4. Principal's Report | 4.1 Thank you Grade 3 Team | Ryan T. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you Grade 3 team; next up is Grade 2 |

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| | 4.2 K/1 Open House | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this past thursday - targeting prospective parents (not current families at BTS) - talk about what French Immersion looks like, chance to talk to teachers, etc • largest turnout Ryan has seen here (likely 120 people, filled the gym) - new communities designated to BTS, from other school boards, from out of province |
| | 4.3 Bell Time Changes | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell time changes (200 out of 250 schools; ours will happen, but by how much is to be seen). Our bells are off by 1min11sec at the moment, by the way – in queue for fixing • schools cannot start before 8am, or end before 2:30pm • bell times based on transportation and funding model presented by Alberta Education, varies by program therefore we have no input or power to change; however, there is potentially an opportunity to advocate afterwards |
| | 4.4 Zoning | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of 4 new communities to our school (Glacier Ridge, Nolan Hill, U of C, University District) • Impact and preparations • currently have around 30 kindergarten registrations after 2 days, which seems on track - waiting for current Varsity students/families in the rezoning communities to decide if they will come to BTS or stay at Varsity for next year |
| | 4.5 SDP, fees, feedback | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will include our annual presentation about SDP, fees, feedback – typically about 20-25 minutes • We will also have a short presentation from Sébastien Picard, Principal of Branton |
| | 4.6 Residencies | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alien Inline continues • Next residency is Folklofolie/Carnaval, next month • Thank you! |
| | 4.7 Speed skating January 24th | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole school field trip to the Olympic Oval January 24th |

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| | 4.8 Report Cards | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards become visible January 27 • Reminder that for Kindergarten, only Math and FILAL (French) are reported in January • Bullet-pointed comment structure is now standardized across the CBE for K-9 report cards, which may appear different • As always, connect with your child's teacher if you would like further information about their learning journey and/or suggestions |
| | 4.9 Clubs | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signup sheet coming home this Friday; be on the lookout – first-come, first-served for signups, so submit Monday if possible • Clubs offered by almost all teachers over lunch hours; thank you very much to them for dedicating this time to providing opportunities for students over their lunch! |
| | 4.10 Pink Shirt Day | Nancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apparel company is doing a Pink Shirt Day campaign • opportunity to order "Sois Gentil" t-shirts, all in pink • will be sent by Messenger next week sometime |
| | 5.1 Jacket Racket Coordinators | Christina H. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing to report |
| 5. Committee Reports | 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 with shift into Konstella • look for call for volunteers for Casino fundraiser |
| | 5.4 Bike to School Coordinator | Alexandra C. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will happen in conjunction with end of school event |
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| | 5.5 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators | Robyn A. Leah W. Shann R. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> met before christmas to start planning first email will go out to parents beginning of February |
| 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> Grade 2 teachers present next month |
| 7. Adjournment | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourned until next meeting February 19, 2024 at 6:30pm Meeting adjourned at [7:02pm] |
| 8. Upcoming meetings | | | <p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 19 – Grade 2 Teachers Presentation April 9 May 7 June 4 (tentative) |

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