

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:
<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
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 my Messenger next week sometime
5. Committee Reports	5.1 Jacket Racket Coordinators	Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nothing to report
	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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