

2023 – 2024 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes JANUARY

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm – 7:16 pm
Location: Banff Trail School and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
Attendees:

Executive Committee Members:	Committee Chairs/Coordinators:	Other members:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley L. (Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy K. (Secretary) <input type="checkbox"/> Arvind P-R. (Treasurer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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"/> Kathy J. (Social Media) <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy D. (Social Media) <input type="checkbox"/> Anna L-W. (Teacher Appreciation) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah W. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Christina H. (Dance) <input type="checkbox"/> Tanner R. (Bike to School) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sonia C. Ang Christina D. Erin S. Michael M. Shahin Taryn Thanita Rin Mio Albert V.
Staff:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ryan T. ● Nancy T. 		

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Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order		Erin R.	Meeting called to order at 6:34pm]
2. Confirm Quorum / Adoption of Minutes from November 29, 2023		Erin R.	Motioned by Nicole, seconded by Tanner. Nov. 29/23 Minutes adopted.
3. Grade 1 Teacher Presentation	3.1 Literacy	Mme Burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The structured literacy approach - how kids are learning to read - explicit systematic teaching of reading - blending and segmenting sounds orally, working on letters and putting them together, then reading words
	3.2 Social Studies	Mme Kalpana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Studies - urban and rural communities - what do we see in these communities (brainstorm), then making plans for these communities
	3.3 Math	Mme Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math - addition through different strategies - practicing multiple strategies to add up to 20 (number paths, drawing pictures, fingers, complements of 10, 10-frame cards, dominoes, etc) - games
4. Principal's Report	4.1 Thank you Grade 1 Team	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to the Grade 1 Team ● busy month for them: assembly, open house, etc
	4.2 Open House		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registration ongoing ● Open house to show the school - meant for those not currently attending BTS - good attendance despite the super cold day ● King George and Varsity Acres are in lottery, leads to families making BTS as a backup (if space available for out-of-boundary students) – year-to-year
	4.3 Student drop-off / safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student drop-off, safety in the cold and dark ● By-law came by and will come by again in the next couple of weeks ● Reminder to be extra careful with slippery sidewalk and roads, especially during drop-off and pick-up times at school

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	4.4 New Funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 0.5 FTE for Learning Disruption, grades 1-5, 10 weeks, plus \$2200 for increased complexity/enrolment challenges beyond Sept. 29th (used about half of this for training/schedule creation/collaboration for our new Learning Disruption teachers ● fortunate to have Mme Nicole (0.2) and Mme Wensley (0.3) taking on part of the position each ● intended for literacy support over the 10 weeks - each 0.1 intended for each grade over the 10 weeks
	4.5 FitSet Ninja Residency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to council, volunteers, those who donated to make it possible ● Feedback has been positive so far; survey put out to staff; parents encouraged to give feedback as well ● (priorities for residencies: french cultural events, PE, indigenous education); prefer not to have the same residency 2 years in a row (to keep it fresh)
	4.6 Carnaval		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● next big event, 3 days before Teacher's Convention/Family Day weekend ● committee planning for this ongoing
	4.7 Anita Visit	Nancy T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anita visit in late December - great addition to our school, ● Anita guided us through Winter Solstice, how we gather and create positive influence in our community
	4.8 Canadian Climber training		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Canadian Climber training and setup next week - Nancy and Sophie received training to train others ● good transition from FitSet Ninja
	4.9 Branton Visit, Grade 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Branton came to visit and speak with grade 5's ● enrollment is automatic from BTS to Branton ● Branton open house tomorrow night (Feb 1)
	4.10 Report Cards		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visible Tuesday, January 30 ● As always, please feel welcome to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns

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	4.11 Outdoor Learning Circle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor work is progressing, working towards a Learning Circle by Kindergarten doors/Baseball diamond (limited options, this was approved by CBE Grounds Dept)
	4.12 Field Trips		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Gr. 3 Telus Spark Teachers Pet on-site
	4.13 Clubs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs have begun! Seems to be running smoothly, with the exception of basketball (conflicted with FitSet Ninja and will conflict with Canadian Climber, so need to make some adjustments)
	4.14 Program of Studies vs Curriculum		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variance in Program of Studies vs Curriculum (reminder about new curriculum: Math, ELA Gr 4-6; Science, FLA K-3) Everything “new” rolled out from the province is “curriculum”; and curriculum that hasn’t yet been renewed is considered the legacy term “program of studies” PD continues for teachers, resources continue to be approved/available over the year - some struggles connecting and bridging gaps that exist when new curriculum is rolled out, schools are doing their best to adjust and bridge gaps during the transition years
	4.15 50th Year of French Immersion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50th Year of French Immersion in the CBE!
	4.16 SDP		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder that our next meeting (Feb 28) will include a longer section of Ryan reviewing our School Development Plan (SDP) results from last year, and our SDP for this year
	4.17 BTS Vendors	Nancy T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTS partnered with a new vendor (Fresh Brand Gear); launching new online Spirit Store to purchase BTS apparel - 15% off for BTS families between Feb 5-20 Messenger with information coming out right away (need to be signed up to receive these commercial messages, use this link: https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/policies-and-regulations/casl/Pages/default.aspx)

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			Photography - Ken Stewart - Ryan and Nancy met with Ken and agreed to partner with him for next year (more details in Principal's Message coming Friday)
5. Committee Reports	5.1 Committees Introduction	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 Volunteer Coordinator	Franny F.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com • Next Dance: March 7 @ 6/630-8 – Polly unable to take the lead on this one, others have volunteered to help plan
	5.3 Traffic Safety	Kathryn D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
	5.4 Events Coordinator	Polly P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report; discussion re: March Dance elsewhere
	5.5 School Dance Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D. Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Discussion re: March Dance elsewhere in the Minutes)
	5.6 Jacket Racket Coordinators	Christina H. Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for all the donations and volunteers. Well done!
	5.7 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We gifted teachers a wood ornament from a local artisan, chocolate and hot cocoa packs for Christmas • Next teacher appreciation will be in March
	5.8 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for our Facebook and Instagram groups • Will post re: swag/online vendor
	5.9 Bike to School Coordinator	Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 7 (Friday)
	5.10 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinator	Nicole R. Arvind P-R. Franny F. Erin R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meeting with teachers tomorrow to discuss current plans • request for volunteers for this coming shortly

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8. Discussion Forum	8.1 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>
	8.2 School Dance Planning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who are interested in planning will collaborate after this meeting
	8.3 \$500 Grant		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of \$500 Grant? - stay tuned for more information
	8.4 Request for new Vice Chair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sadly, we are losing Erin as Vice Chair due to other career obligations Please contact banfftrailchair@gmail.com if you are interested in transitioning into this position to finish the year or to begin in September
9. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourned until next meeting February 28, 2024 at 6:30pm Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm
10. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 28th – Grade 2 Teachers Presentation and Development Plan presentation April 17th – Kindergarten Teachers Presentation ***DATE CHANGE May 29th – Grade 3 Teachers Presentation

Contact Information
<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: banfftrailschoolcouncil</p> <p>Volunteers: banfftrailvolunteer@gmail.com</p> <p>Schoolyard Development: ebtschoolyarddevelopment@gmail.com</p>