

2024 – 2025 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes

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Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:31 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Tanner R. (Co-Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Erin R. (Vice 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"/> Anna L-W. (Teacher Appreciation) <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. (Fundraising) <input type="checkbox"/> Leah W. (Fundraising)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard• Elizabeth P.• Erin S.• Jeremy K.• Michael• Lindsey• Morgan J.• Shahin
Staff:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryan T.• Nancy T.• Mme Myriam• Mme Stafford• M. Jonathan		

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Agenda Item	Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order	Ashley L.	Meeting called to order at 6:33pm
2. Adoption of Minutes from September 25, 2024	Ashley L.	Adopted by consensus.
3. Grade 4 Teacher Presentation Mme Myriam Mme Stafford M. Jonathan	3.1 FLA	<p>Mme Myriam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the writing process from the new FIL curriculum: descriptive texts, opinion text, story writing continuity FIL & ELA Mini lessons on grammar concepts Cards design and writing Poetry Research connected to a Social Studies or Science topic Daily 5 (5 au quotidien) - Grammar & Spelling Daily reading in French and English Novel reading and study Daily French discussions or Sharing Circles
	3.2 ELA	<p>Mme Stafford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily reading and teaching reading strategies - Daily 5 and/or novel studies Writing workshop: personal/opinion texts, informative text, fiction and poetry Word games and activities Oral communication - Sharing Circle, oral presentations Spelling: Words Their Way
	3.3 Math	<p>Mme Myriam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequences Numbers sense (up to 99 999, place value including decimals to the hundredths) Collect and organize data (graph building and interpretation)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement (area and time) • Addition and subtraction • Factors, multiples and algebra • Division and multiplication (up to 9 999) • Fractions, decimals, and percentage • 2D Shapes and 3D objects, triangles and angles, transformation • Math talks (student participation in how they would proceed to do a math problem, leading to a bank of different strategies)
3.4 Social Studies	Mme Stafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining the physical geography of Alberta • Understanding and appreciating First Nations people's way of life in Alberta prior to colonization • Applying historical thinking to better understand Alberta's past • Examining different populations that make up the fabric of Alberta's population
3.5 Science	Mme Stafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New curriculum: • Matter: how can materials be managed safely? • Energy: how can forces affect objects from a distance? • Earth Systems: how does Earth sustain life? • Living Systems: in what ways do the structures of organisms support survival? • Space: how do objects in space impact daily life? • Computer Science: how can design meet needs? • Scientific Method: students investigate evidence and reflect on its role in science
3.6 Field Trips	M. Jonathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill (Nov 7th) • Speed Skating World Cup at Olympic Oval (Jan 2025) • Teachers Pet - in school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Coding (January 30th) ◦ Earth Systems (March 6th) • Wet Felting - in school (April 2025) • Leighton Centre (May 2025) • CPAWS – Nose Hill (June 2025)

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4. Principal's Report	4.1 Thank you Grade 4 Team	Ryan T.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Grade 4 Team; next up is Grade 5 Team
	4.2 ATA Grant		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2000 from an ATA grant for Indigenous Content (will be used towards Anita Crowshoe visits) • This grant money allows redirection of some funds from that allocation
	4.3 Residencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Dance • Curling (\$1050 cost, a reduction because we have equipment already) • Alien Inline (Jan 7-21) • Trickster (June 2-6) • Thank you! Residencies are made possible through Council's fundraising initiatives
	4.4 Student Count		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School funding based on end-of-September count • Landed at 387 students • Current capacity at 88% • 2021, we were underutilized at 67.3% (358 students) • optimal 70-85%
	4.5 School Development Plan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Development Plan (formative assessment and French writing) - posted in November • Results Reporting (excellent results, with a couple minor dips related to use of 'I don't know') • traditionally done a rotation of oral-reading-writing French that repeats itself every 3 years; new curriculum has led us to change this cycle to allow teachers time to look at the new curriculum, improve assessment practices based on the learning intentions • Collaboration with King George, -Calibration of assessment, task design, specifically looking at French writing
	4.7 Musical		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditions for 2025 musical have begun • Matilda • M. Jones, Mme Heather, Mme Wensley, Mme Elizabeth - thank you!

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	4.8 Virtue Leaf Draws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtue Leaf Draw continue - will likely need more stuffed wolf pups for next year and beyond (they are coveted!)
	4.9 Acts of Kindness Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for the Acts of Kindness Campaign, the generosity is much appreciated
	4.10 Mme Nikki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resigning from her role in the office, but keeping her role as Lead Lunch Supervisor • Somebody will be coming to replace that role, to be determined
	4.11 Mme Sophie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Reading Program continues • Volunteer Reading Program continues, always looking for more volunteers (English or French speaking)
	4.12 Student Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student teacher in M. Mathieu class, very brief observational experience • Student teacher in Mme Heather's class starting in November
	4.13 Patrols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 44 patrols, with a start date of Tuesday, October 15th • Please be patient as patrols learn their roles and responsibilities
	4.14 October 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 31 - next theme day - Black & Orange or Halloween Costume
	4.15 SSAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation about SSAP (System Student Accommodation Plan 2024-27) -Balancing Enrolment • CBE sends this out to all impacted schools (there are many), prepared every year (rolling) • Video from the presentation will be posted online • Identifies changes that will occur for the upcoming school year • Identifies anticipated student accommodation challenges over the next 3 years • BTS identified as “something that needs to be done soon” • Level of involvement of the community will depend on potential courses of action - communication to families as information becomes available

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan discussed some details and possibilities based on his experience and current knowledge of the situation • Parent question: What can we do to advocate for our school? • Parent question: Timeline for more information, decisions, etc? • Ryan/Nancy will bring questions to the CBE SSAP Team
	4.16 School Swag		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message going out tomorrow about School Store - opportunity for families to buy BTS swag (shirts, hats, etc)
5. Committee Reports	5.1 Jacket Racket Coordinators	Christina H Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box all ready to go for donation drop off - • Looking to collect winter items that will help keep Calgarians warm: new or gently used adult, youth or kids winter coats, accessories, kids/adults boots in a plastic bag • until Nov. 23 (?)
	5.2 Teacher Appreciation Coordinators	Anna W. Yuri P. Christina H.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers were gifted 12 fancy white board markers and tea on Oct 4 and support staff were gifted mini hand sanitizers, tea and chocolate on Oct 7 • Next gift is for Christmas! We are looking to continue our annual gift of a locally handmade ornament • Nancy: gifts were very well received, thank you for remembering our amazing support staff
	5.3 Social Media Coordinators	Kathy J. Cathy D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook and Instagram will likely be removed eventually to move towards only using Konstella as a means of communication with BTS community
	5.4 Bike to School Coordinator	Tanner R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike to School/End of Year Event - June 13th, 2025 • Looking for coordinator to work with or take-over; will start a committee on Konstella, anybody who is interested in helping can join there
	5.5 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators	Robyn A. Leah W. Shann R.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell Celebration June • Grade 5's doing concession at the dance to raise money for their celebration

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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>
7. Adjournment			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourned until next meeting November 20, 2024 at 6:30pm• Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.
10. Upcoming meetings			<p>Upcoming meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 20• January 15• February 19• April 9• May 7• June 4 (tentative)

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