

2024 – 2025 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes OCTOBER

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	Mme Myriam	<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	Mme Stafford	<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	Mme Myriam	<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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