

2026- 2027 Banff Trail School Council Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:15pm

Location: Banff Trail School and Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members:	Committee Chairs/Coordinators:	Other members online:
• Tanner R. (Chair) • ~~Ashley L. (Co-Chair)~~ • Christina H (Vice Chair) • Jen Bodiguel (Secretary) • ~~Arvind P.R. (Treasurer)~~	• ~~Jason A. (Casino Coordinator)~~ • Anna S-K. (Schoolyard development) • ~~Gaby W. (Konstella)~~ • ~~Yuri P. (Teacher Appreciation)~~ • Thomas L. (Fundraising) • Leah W. (School Yard Development) • Christina H. (Teacher Appreciation, Fundraising)	• Kaya • Mohand Djebra • Sheena Zimmerman • Sara Joyce • Janine Rogan • Emily Joyce • Ang • Erin Sikkes • Robyn • Stephanie Chu • Carleigh Sturge
Staff:		
• Ryan T. • Nancy T		

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Agenda Item		Speaker	Discussion
1. Call to Order		Tanner	Meeting called to order at [6:31pm]
2. Confirm Quorum / Adoption of Minutes from June 2026		Tanner	
3. Grade 3 Teacher Presentation	3.1		• Thank you for presenting!
4. Principal's Report	4.1 Staffing Updates	Ryan T.	• Becky Carscadden - Grade 2 • Krista DeCarle (for Oksana Kaye) - School Secretary • Faith O'Connor (for Mme Vicky) - Grade 3 • Tara Scaglione (for Mme Heather) - Grade 2
	4.2 Residencies		• Anita Crowshoe (yearlong) - has been invited to stay for another 3 years with Banff Trail. • Alien Inline in late November/early December • Carnaval/Folklofolie in February • Trickster in March - every 2-3 years; drama activities • 'Skating' in April at Triwood Arena • Flag Football in May - new to Banff Trail • Dance with Ajay in June - different kinds of dance; coming in from Vancouver; speaks French
	4.3 Student numbers and class configuration		• 3 of each grade 1-5; 4 Kindergarten classes • Capped by school capacity AND Branton capacity (lottery school) • Growing enrollment from recently added communities - 430 students - o Had more students in the lottery this year • Class size reduction grant for K and 2 (Mme Nicole, Mme Elizabeth) - o Banff Trail received the equivalent funding of "1 teacher". This allowed us to add one PM class in Kindergarten

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			- o Added more teaching staff to Grade 2 - no capacity for an additional Grade 2 classroom but added Mme Elizabeth to help support and manage larger class sizes. • Smaller PM Kindergarten classes • K=~17-23; 1=~23; 2=~25; 3=~23; 4=~24; 5=~20. - o Because of the caps we do not anticipate class sizes rising much more than 25 kids per class in the future • Total: 428. Estimate in Spring when creating budget: 423 (CBE was 421)
	4.4 Conferences		• Opens September 18 at 4pm for Conferences Sep 24, 25; Mme Nim will be on the Wed instead of Thurs
	4.5 K-5 Assessments		• Still working through the assessments and providing feedback to government • K-3 requires individual work with students • Grade 4-5 can be done as a whole class
	4.6 Clubs		• Starting in October • Sign up sheets coming home next week. • First come, first served • Oct 5-30 (gr 3-5); May 3-31 (gr 1-2) • Optional for teachers to offer a club and optional for kids to participate
	4.7 Reminders		• Please keep valuables at home • Please label your kids clothes and items (maybe school council could run Mabel's Labels next year)
	4.8 Assemblies		• Daytime assemblies • Parents of grade level that is presenting are invited • Space constraints mean we can't invite all parents to every assembly • We don't currently have all assembly dates at this time. Grades sign up for a month but we don't know specific dates until we know fieldtrips and events.

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	4.9 Education Matters Money		• Use of Education Matters funds for new carpets in classes; thank you!
5. School Council Executive Team Introductions	Jen Bodiguel - Secretary Christina H - Vice Chair Tanner - Chair	Tanner	- New faces on our council exec team; introductions. - School council meetings held on 2 or 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8pm - Konstella - app where meeting dates are listed - School Calendar - dates of school council meetings are there - School council portion first, fundraising (EPTPFA) after - separation is necessary for bylaws.
6. Committee Reports	6.1 Jacket Racket Coordinator	** Need new coordinator this year	• New Coordinator needed for this year • Set up box in school foyer to collect jackets and then drop off at centres ○ Any winter gear including boots • Contact the chair if you are interested - through Konstella or email (banfftrailchair@gmail.com) • Christina Heinrich has done it for years and is happy to help the new coordinator
	6.2 Transportation		• Alley on the north end of the field/playground is not a safe place to drop kids off - especially in the winter • Reminder that "Drop and Go" section is just for a quick drop off • If anyone is interested in supporting with Transportation and Safety this year
	6.3 Bike to School Coordinator	Kelsey	• New Coordinator this year - Kelsey • End of year

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	6.4 Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators	Arvind	• Parents in Grade 5 volunteer their time and we hold a ceremony in the gym for Grade 5s to walk across the stage • Good to have Grade 4 parents also support so that they know what to do the following year • Catered lunch • Full day event - activity in the field like a scavenger hunt • T-shirts for kids to sign • Fundraisers throughout the year at the dances - Grade 5s sell candy
	6.5 Konstella Update	Gaby W	• Sign up on Konstella for Potluck for the Teachers
7. Discussion Forum	Take Me Outside Day		• October • https://takemeoutside.ca/ • National initiative to get kids outside a learn • Leah to connect with Ryan about this
8. Adjournment			• Adjourned until next meeting in October (AGM) • Meeting adjourned at [7:16pm]
9. Upcoming meetings			Upcoming meeting dates: • October 14, 2026 (AGM) • November 18, 2026 • January 13, 2027 • February 17, 2027 • March 17, 2027 • April 14, 2027 • May 12, 2027

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