



# Barnwell School

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Barnwell School Advisory Council  
February Principal's Report  
February 3, 2025  
Barnwell School Art Room 6:00 pm

- 1.) First of all, THANK YOU! We are very appreciative of the support and help received by the BSC for our cake auction fundraiser last week. It was a huge undertaking and it came together because of the many hands that stepped up to help. The use of the Square debit machine at the concession brought in sales of \$946 that night. Cindy broke down the totals for the night. At our January staff meeting we discussed what our needs were in the school and what we wanted to put our funds towards. While we had previously mentioned the LED board in the gym, Matt had brought forward a consideration of a track once again. Knowing that this had also been mentioned by parents in the past and currently we had no major need, we thought now would be a good time to start saving toward having a track built. I have contacted Jake about getting me in touch with Bos Sod who is currently working on some grounds and field work in Milk River, he suggested they would be able to help with some renderings for our school. We know that this is going to be a big job and take a few years to save for. Once we have some savings, we also hope to get some grants once we have some \$ in the bank and we know how much we have to raise. I have created a line in our school generated funds account called "fundraising-track" so that we can put funds dedicated to the project into the account and separate from our other funds. With the remaining funds raised this year, we will need to purchase 50 Chromebooks because some of the ones we have are too old to be updated anymore and Horizon requires them to be retired. The funds also help with bussing costs of field trips, and we will be purchasing some more cross-beams and poles for our drama supplies, some art supplies for stained glass, and we will be doing an online art guest workshop in the near future.
- 2.) I had my staffing meeting with Karen Rancier, Assoc Superintendent, in January and requested that our current staffing remain at a minimum of 11.0 FTE. Over the last few years, we have seen a decrease in student numbers over the past few years however, we have always maintained a staff number of approximately 11.0 FTE. I have requested that Annie Leray be designated as a FT continuing teacher so that we will not be in a position to have our staffing reduced easily moving forward. Once the provincial budget is released in the spring, we will be given our staffing. (Please note that within the 11.0 FTE- there is a .8 allocation for admin and a .5 LST allocation. Kindergarten is considered a .5 position)

Barnwell School	FTE/Student #
<b>Teacher FTE by Year</b>	
21/22 (.6 LST)	11 (177.5)
22/23 (.6 LST)	11.35 (183.5)
23/24 (.6 LST)	11.1 (170.5)
24/25 (.5 LST)	11 (161.5)
25/26 Wish	11 (159.5)

Excelling in the 3 A's: Academics, Arts, Athletics!

- 3.) Provincial testing was completed for grades K-3 in January. It was felt by the staff to be an unhelpful use of time and not age appropriate. At this point, we are not sure what our government is trying to discover with testing at such young ages and at times of a year where it is difficult to measure growth. If it must be done, at the end of the year is more appropriate for these grade levels. We will see whether the testing leads to more funding or not. It is not clear at this point.
- 4.) On Thursday, February 13th our JH students will be doing their annual box lunch and Valentine dance. It is the boy's turn to prepare the meals and they have already been paired up and planning. The students in Grades K-5 will be going swimming in the afternoon. We realized that swimming for 2 hours straight is a lot for our kids, instead, we are breaking it into two groups. K-2 will swim from 1-2 pm and 3-5 will swim from 2-3 pm. Classroom teachers in K-5 will likely organize some valentine exchanges and activities on that day.
- 5.) Ski Trip packages were sent out today with students in Grades 5-9. We have a 56 passenger bus so it is open to the first students who register. The students have until February 11th to register. The costs have stayed the same as last year. Our ski trip is February 26th.
- 6.) February 26 is pink shirt day. Purple Pride will be February 27th @ 11:20.
- 7.) We've had 36 parent responses to Horizon's Assurance Survey. Alberta Ed has not yet indicated when they will be sending out their survey to parents, it was previously sent in January. Horizon's survey will be open to March so please encourage parents to respond if they haven't done so yet. The link is under quick links on our website.
- 8.) The Grade 8/9 band has fundraised close to the total needed for their trip. We have been very fortunate to have local business and family support for this initiative. The kids are gone from March 11-13.

**Upcoming Dates:**

February 13- Swimming/ Box Lunch/ Valentine Dance

February 14-24- No School (return Tuesday, Feb. 25)

February 26- Ski Trip

February 27- Purple Pride

**CAKE AUCTION NUMBERS:**

Raffle Tickets: 133 booklets= \$2660

Concession: \$1919.50

Silent Auction Cakes: \$1625

Auction Cakes + Best Seat: \$19, 750

Grand Total: \$25, 954.50

Band Cake raised: \$2500

Total - Band Cake: \$23, 454 (50% for track, 50% for school activities/items)