

Barnwell School Advisory Council
September Principal's Report
September 8, 2025
Barnwell School Art Room 6:00 pm

- 1.) This year we have a teaching staff of 11 and 6 support staff. Our student enrollment is 166, Pre-K to 9. Our current FTE is 10.85, which includes hours for administration and our learning support teachers. Ms. Flockhart is working a part-time probationary contract for grades 6-9 Language Arts. Mrs. W has taken on a shared LST role with Mr. G, and Mrs. Leray is now the Grade 3 homeroom teacher. Hailey and Alicia are returning as part of our counselling team. Callie Bonertz is a PS III student working with Ms. Forbes until Christmas.
- 2.) This year, we reverted to an 8-block, to better plan for fewer teachers and get the most out of our core subject blocks. Everyone is slowly getting used to the new bell schedule. A reminder that lunch now goes from 12:26-1:04. We have also introduced a homeroom block at the end of the day for Junior High so that students are able to plug in Chromebooks and get their homework for the day.
- 3.) We have been working hard at responding to the matter of improved communication between teachers and parents. In the JH, we have reintroduced agendas for messages and writing down assignments/information. Every teacher in grades 1-9 is offering a parent information session to give parents insights into how their classroom operates, how to contact them, and other tips. In JH, teachers are using a Google Calendar for assignments that parents can access. It will be shown during their open house.
- 4.) This year our school received a budget of \$80,270. This may change once we get the September 30th numbers. This year, nearly %0% has been allocated to increase the hours of our support staff and provide sub time for teachers to help with Alberta Ed testing and other demands that have been put upon teachers. (We are waiting to see what the new library book ministerial order will look like.)

We purchased .10 FTE of teacher time this year for intervention purposes. We were provided with funding that was designated to support students in Grades 1-3 in literacy and numeracy. By increasing Ms. Flockhart's instructional time, we've been able to provide Mrs. W with some intervention time and we are doing a targeted intervention program beginning with a phonics and letter recognition program. The plan is to put students on an 8-week rotation so that we can reach as many students as possible who need an extra boost with some of their skills.

Decentralized

Additional Staffing Hours/ Subs	\$39,864 (50%)
Classroom Expenses	\$18,962
Nutrition/Snack Program	\$4469 (We have received \$9000 from the Breakfast Club of Canada to also support this program).

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

School Council	\$500
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School-Generated Funds

We currently have \$48,000. \$12,000 has been put aside from the Cake Auction last year. We received a quote from BOS Sod indicating that it would be approximately \$100,000 for a paved track to be made. Upon having a discussion with the staff after getting the quote, it was felt that we could do a lot of really great things for our kids with \$100,000. It feels like a lot of money to spend on something that will only get used a month or two each year. Spring sports have changed over the years, and we do not have as many students train for track and field. We would like to still put in a running long jump pit still and the cost for that is much less. We would like to re-direct the \$12,000 in funds to 3 new laser projectors. 2 for the gym and 1 for the theatre. These are both areas used a lot by the school and by the community and we feel like it would be a much better use of funds.

- 5.) E-bikes/scooters: Please ensure that your child has a lock for their e-scooters. We are not in the position to be able to store everyone's vehicles indoors.
- 6.) Alberta Education still requires that all students in Grade 1-3 do their standardized testing. It must be completed by the beginning of October.
- 7.) Our Terry Fox Run will be on Friday, September 19th. Once again, families and members of the community are welcome to join us. We will start @ 11:15 am. Our Purple Pride Assembly will be on Friday, September 26 @ 11:00 am. It will also be our school Orange Shirt Day. There is no school on Monday, September 29th or Tuesday, September 30th.
- 8.) Our band program received a boost due to a generous donation from Darrell Crofts' friend, Joseph Fuoco. He donated \$5000 toward the band program in his memory. He visited the school last week and was able to watch some of our band classes before he made his donation.
- 9.) Our Volleyball Season is up and running. We are thankful for those who have volunteered to coach and help out at games. Cross-country is also coming up soon and Mr. Hawke has been training with students during gym. Our home tournament is in October and we are hoping that we can get the volunteers for them to be successful. Thank you to everyone who came to the parent meeting. We hope it offered the information that parents were looking for. Once again, this was in response to our survey results.

Upcoming Dates:

To help families plan for upcoming events, etc. Please check the [Barnwell School website calendar](#) which is regularly updated with changes. As well, a [Year-At-A-Glance Calendar](#) has been created so families can see some of the events we have planned for this year.